

MINUTES OF THE COOGEE PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 pm Monday 18 June 2012

Senior Citizens Centre, Brook Street Coogee [opposite Rugby Club]

1. Welcome, acknowledgement of Country and Conflict of Interest statement.
2. Apologies – none.
3. Correspondence – Council Business Papers and Traffic Committee material, Randwick City Council Budget 2012-2013 and Operational Plan, various leaflets from Council for upcoming events and current consultations [placed on table]. Response to last Minutes and DA Lists emailed.
4. Minutes of last meeting – these were confirmed.

5. Matters arising (resolutions in bold pertain to May meeting)

5.1 Draft LEP (5/12) (6/12) (9/12) (10/12) (11/12) (12/12) – It was noted that the Draft LEP had been reported and voted on at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22nd of May and had been approved. Major items noted:

- The Chinese Market Gardens had been zoned RU4 (Primary Production), however, Council noted that the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park had lodged a planning proposal requesting they use 60% of the market gardens site for cemetery use.
- The re-zoning of properties in the eastern end of Carr Street from residential to commercial did **not** occur.
- Future development for Maroubra Beach has been restricted to a maximum height of 16 metres.

Concern was expressed about the extent of:

- Up zoning that had resulted in the Draft LEP especially on bus/transportation routes.
- Commercial re-zoning especially in Kensington and Kingsford.

5.2 Late Night Trading DCP (23/11) (41/11) (62/11) – keeping a watching brief as this will be an upcoming matter during the consultation process for the draft Comprehensive DCP.

Resolution 31/12 – The Precinct resolve to commence preparing a list of inclusions for the Comprehensive DCP in anticipation of the community consultation period.

5.3 DA 534/2011- 17 Garnet Street South Coogee (48/11) (1/12) – nothing new to report; awaiting amended plans.

5.4 CCTV installation (17/12) – A Precinct member was pursuing this matter and had spoken with a number of other Councils including Waverly, Woollahra and the Sutherland Shire and it was becoming clear that this area is not covered by any rules, controls or legislation. It was suggested that:

- The matter be raised with the local member.
- Both Councillors and State MP's need to be lobbied to have State legislation written if none currently exists.
- The matter be raised with the Privacy Commissioner.
- This item be included in the draft DCP.

Resolution 32/12 – The Precinct requests that due consideration be given during the drafting of the Comprehensive DCP for the inclusion of controls relating to CCTV installation on private property.

5.5 Flashing lights Lounge Royale (19/12) – Council's response was noted that the hotel had disabled the flashing component of the illuminated under awning sign and as such it now complies with Subdivision 36A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt & Complying Development Code) 2008, and is now considered Exempt Development. However, the Precinct noted that it had now been replaced with a larger flashing sign inside the entrance which was clearly visible from outside. Regrettably Council has advised they have no power to regulate signage that is not considered '*outdoor advertising*'.

5.6 St Basil's development (proposed for the Brigidine site) (22/12) – nothing new to report

5.7 Section 96's (23/12) (24/12) **(26/12) (27/12)** – Council's response advised that the Precinct's suggestion regarding Section 96s has been forwarded to Development Assessments for consideration.

5.8 Randwick City Council Budget 2012 -2013 and Operational Plan **(28/12)** - Council's response advised:

- That item 1.4 of the draft s94A plan refers to a proposal for a multi-purpose community facility for Coogee. This may involve the construction of a new community facility or upgrade of an existing Council facility, consistent with the needs identified in Council's Community Facilities Plan (2003). This project has been identified for investigation in the short to medium term (i.e. 2–5 years) and any investigation will be recognised and undertaken when listed in Council's draft annual operational plan and budget (as part of Council's delivery program) for that year. Note it has not been included in this years' operational plan.
- By including this item in the draft S94A plan it enables the collection of s94A contributions to fund the concept plan, design and implementation of a multi-purpose community centre in Coogee.

Resolution 32/12 – The Precinct would appreciate any information as it comes to hand regarding this item.

5.9 Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting 15/5/12 **(29/12)** – Council advises:

- That the precinct's suggestion for a permanent police presence is a matter for the Eastern Beaches Local Area Command and Council will pass on precinct's concerns at the June Crime Prevention Partnership Meeting.
- As the precinct may be aware, there is a Council Resolution that currently gives Police access to the Coogee Senior Citizens Hall for special events. Given the primary purpose of the hall is to serve the community, it is important that access to the venue is not restricted, and local groups can continue to benefit from accessing the hall at all times of the year.

5.10 Coogee Bay Hotel article in Financial Review **(30/12)** – Council notes and appreciates the Precinct's resolution regarding DAs and development controls.

6. New Matters

6.1 Coogee Bay Road – road and pedestrian safety works – it was noted that a number of road and pedestrian safety works have been taking place in Coogee about which the local community has a number of concerns:

- Speed bumps in Arden Street (between Carr Street & Coogee Bay Road; between Alfreda & Dolphin Streets) – the so called “speed cushions” that had been installed are too severe, short, sharp and narrow and this severity needs to be reduced via an alternative speed bump design.
- Nothing has been done about the injury hotspot which is the Brook Street intersection caused by speeding traffic from the east down Coogee Bay Road or north and south along Brook Street.
- Works at Vicar Street and Coogee Bay Road – on the assumption that these works are aimed at slowing traffic and improving pedestrian safety there appears to be a number of issues:
 - The Vicar Street pedestrian curb has been removed and the road raised so that it and the footpaths are continuous which makes the road far less obvious and invites pedestrians to cross without looking especially children and the elderly.
 - If this raised area is a pedestrian only area it should be marked in yellow and black and cars and it should be a no standing area - motorists are stopping on the raised area while they wait to turn into Coogee Bay Rd
 - Motorists are doing u turns in Coogee Bay Rd and driving up and on the raised area.
 - Rainwater may now flow from the road over the footpath which could in heavy rain result in flooding or pooling of water which again reduces pedestrian safety and affects businesses.
 - The disabled parking spot has been removed from outside Westpac Bank.

These works have lead to a loss of about 5 or 6 parking spaces increasing the likelihood of double parking, congestion and delays especially during the peak summer months when both vehicular and pedestrian numbers are at their greatest.

Resolution (33/12) – The Precinct thanks Council for addressing safety and pedestrian issues, however, expresses concerns about the current road works and their effectiveness in achieving the desired outcome i.e. increasing pedestrian safety. It is feared that some of these changes made and others not made may result in dire consequences. Accordingly we suggest a trial be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of these works and any necessary amendments be made.

6.2 Sewerage at Coogee Beach – Precinct members expressed concerns about health issues relating to the emptying of the sewerage pit twice a month in the reserve south of the Beach Hotel. It has been noticed that during this process debris (obviously including faecal matter) contaminates the lawn and surrounding area. This is of great concern as this work is carried out in an area where there are picnic tables and grassy areas where kids play and regularly people come and have picnics.

Resolution (34/12) – The Precinct requests a Council officer come and talk to us about this issue

6.2 Upcoming Precinct event – Roger Woodward bbq – it has come to our attention that the wonderfully acclaimed pianist will be in Australia performing and will be staying in his beloved suburb of Coogee in November and we are keen to have a “soiree” of sorts – a casual byo bbq in the park. Will keep you informed as arrangements are confirmed.

6.3 Precinct Coordination Meeting 30/5/12 – this was attended by Precinct members. It was a productive meeting where a number of items were discussed including The Randwick Environment Park, upcoming local elections and the Council Meeting on 22 May that considered and accepted the draft LEP etc.

6.4 Smell and smoke – beach promenade Saturday night 9.00pm – On Saturday night of the June long weekend a number of Precinct members identified a foul charcoal smell akin to a wall of pollution along the promenade immediately opposite the Coogee Bay Hotel beer garden. Should it reoccur some investigations will need to be made to locate the source of it.

6.5 Coogee Photo Festival Event – For a while now the Precinct has been speaking about organising a cultural event and a suggestion has been made that perhaps we could have a Coogee Photo Festival Event illustrating Coogee’s culture and the changes over the years/decades through peoples photos.

Resolution (34/12) – That the Precinct ask whether Council would support and assist with a Photo Festival Event in Coogee and suggest where it could be held

The meeting was finished at 9.15 pm.

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