

Community & Environment Committee Minutes

Monday 25 August 2008

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**Minutes of the Meeting held on
Monday 25 August 2008 at 6.00pm**

Present: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor Geoff Rundle, ex-officio
Councillors Tanya Excell (Chair)
Anthony Boskovitz
Andrew Petrie
Fiona Sinclair King
John Walker

Staff: W Hatton (Director – Technical Services)
G James (General Manager)
D Sheils (Manager – Public Open Space)
B Rann (Manager - Parks & Street Trees)
K Walshe (Director – Community Services)
L Windle (Manager – Governance)

Also in Attendance: Councillor John Comino (Part Item R1)
Councillor Keri Huxley (Part Item R1)
Councillor Christopher Dawson (Part Item R1)
Councillor David Shoebridge (Part Item R1)
Councillor Wilhelmina Gardner (Part Item R1)
Councillor Julian Martin (Part Item R1)
Councillor Claudia Cullen (Part Item R1)

Note: Item R1 (Public Tree Management and Views) was considered the first item on the Agenda.

Note: Item D5 (Draft Bus Services Review) was considered after Item D2.

Leave of Absence

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: Nil

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Isabelle Shapiro and Leave of Absence granted.

Late Correspondence

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: R1

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D6)

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 11 August 2008**
Author: Les Windle – Manager Governance
File No: See Council Minutes
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Meeting of 11 August 2008 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

(Boskovitz/Petrie)

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Community and Environment Committee Meeting of 11 August 2008 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Traffic Committee Extraordinary Meeting Minutes 20 August 2008**
Author: Warwick Hatton, Director – Technical Services
File No: 595.G 2008
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee.

(Rundle/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

THAT the Recommendation Y11 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Traffic Committee held by phone and email on Wednesday 20 August 2008 be adopted.

Item No: Y11 Traffic Matters on Local Roads – Recommendation to C&E for Consideration
Subject: **No. 61 Manning Road, Double Bay – Development Application**
Author: Frank Rotta – Traffic Engineer
File No: DA / T300.
Reason for Report: Resolution of Council for Extraordinary Meeting of Woollahra Local Traffic Committee for further consideration of this matter.

(Rundle/Boskovitz)

Resolved:

- A. That subject to approval being granted to the Development Application for the Child Care Centre at No.61 Manning Road and the S138 Application for the construction of a recessed parking bay in front the site and this parking bay being constructed, that 15 Minute Parking, 8.00am – 10.00am, 4.00pm – 6.00pm, Mon-Fri be installed across the indented parking bay in front of the site.
- B. That it be noted that the Woollahra Traffic Committee does not recommend the approval of a Child Care Centre at No. 61 Manning Road Double Bay due to safety issues involved in the pick-up and drop-off of children and the potential traffic related conflicts caused by the additional traffic/parking generated by this use, on a busy collector road and bus route.

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes**
Author: Jo Jansyn, Cultural Development Coordinator
File No: 1160.G Public Art
Reason for Report: To table the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 August 2008.

(Sinclair King/ Boskovitz)

Resolved:

- A. That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 August 2008 be noted and endorsed.

Item No: D4 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Woollahra Bike Plan - Bicycle Working Party Minutes - 19 August 2008**
Author: Warwick Hatton – Director, Technical Services
File No: 256.G Working Party
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Bicycle Working Party.

Note: In accordance with Council's Codes and Policies this matter has been called to full Council by Councillor Petrie. (See Item R3)

Item No: D5 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Draft Bus Services Review**
Author: Lorna Oliver, Traffic & Transport Planner
File No: 255.G Workshop Part 2
Reason for Report: For the Committee to note the minutes of the forum held on 24 July 2008 and the response sent to the Ministry of Transport

Note: This Item was considered after Item D2.

(Rundle/Petrie)

Resolved:

- A. That the Committee note the minutes of the forum held on 24 July 2008
- B. That the Minutes from the forum be placed on Council's website
- C. That the Mayor write to the Minister expressing disappointment that the Ministry of Transport was not present at the forum
- D. That the Committee endorse Council's submission to the Ministry of Transport regarding the proposed bus network changes
- E. That Council's submission to the Ministry of Transport regarding the proposed bus network changes be placed on Council's website
- F. That Council write to CityRail requesting that the works required for disability access at the Edgecliff Interchange be expedited

Item No: D6 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **Disposal of Plastic Water Bottles and Investigating the Feasibility of Installing Bubblers at all Public Venues.**
Author: Paul Fraser, Parks & Recreation Coordinator
File No: 912.G
Reason for Report: Having regard for the major waste problem created by the manufacture and disposal of plastic water containers, Council investigate the feasibility of installing bubblers at all public venues where people gather.

**Motion moved by Councillor Petrie
Seconded by Councillor Rundle**

That the recommendation be adopted.

Amendment moved by Councillor Boskovitz

That the matter be deferred for a further report on what other Councils spend repairing vandalism on bubblers in their areas, including cost, time and staff hours associated with the upkeep of bubblers.

**The Amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.
The Motion was put and carried.**

(Petrie/Rundle)

Resolved:

- A. That Council install bubblers at Trumper Park and at the Double Bay Ferry Wharf as part of this years open space capital works program.
- B. That bubblers be incorporated into the landscape upgrades of Lyne Park foreshore works, Gap Park masterplan and Rushcutters Bay Park playground.
- C. That funding for bubbler installations be considered as part of the 2009/2010 budget deliberations.

**Items with Recommendations from this Committee
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R3)**

Item No: R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Public Tree Management And Views**
Author: David Sheils - Manager Public Open Space
Bruce Rann - Manager Parks and Street Trees
File No: 262.G
Reason for Report: To respond to a Council Notice of Motion

Note: This item was considered the first item on the Agenda.

Note: Late correspondence was tabled by GSA Planning, Mayne-Wilson & Associates, Australian Garden History Society, Helen Armstrong, Sydney Harbour and Foreshore Committee and Woollahra History and Heritage Society Inc.

Note: Nicholas Carson of Darling Point, Dorinda Sutherland, Jane Cleary, Ian Plater, Andrea Gordon, Tibor Barney, Pat Gunning, Victoria Mapp of Darling Point, Ian Watson of Watson Bay, Tony Zeltzer & Paul Epsie addressed the Committee.

(Petrie/Rundle)

Recommendation:

- A. That a Public Tree Management Policy for the whole of the Woollahra Municipality be prepared.
- B. That prior to the Policy being submitted to the Community and Environment Committee, that the draft policy be reviewed by appropriate consultants and that there be public consultation and working parties involving the public to enable them to have an input into the draft policy.
- C. That staff undertake a detailed assessment of each individual tree with the assistance of external consultants, along New Beach Road to determine options (if any), which may be able to be implemented which can retain the uniformity of the avenue, the health and integrity of the Figs, whilst considering the views of adjoining residents.
- D. That following preparation of the report required by Part A, a report be brought to the appropriate committee with a view to reviewing the Rushcutters Bay Park Plan of Management and in particular considering the Tree Policy, including selective view pruning and selective tree replacement and the report identify any changes required to the Rushcutters Bay Park Plan of Management arising from the review of the Tree Policy.

Item No: R2 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FPRMC) meeting held on Wednesday 30th July 2008 and Recommendations**
Author: Michael Casteleyn-Design & Investigations Engineer – Stormwater & Environment
File No: 626.G Committee
Reason for Report: To report on the outcomes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee meeting, held on Wednesday 30th July 2008, and recommend further actions.

(Petrie/Boskovitz)

Recommendation:

- A. That the minutes of the FPRMC meeting, 30th July 2008, be noted.
 - B. Re Item 3.2 of the report.
 - 1. That Council engage Bewsher Consulting to commence the Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan with the available funds
 - 2. That Council seek further funds from the DECC to complete the Double Bay Catchment Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.
 - C. Re Item 3.5 of the report
 - 1. That in regards to the Rose Bay Catchment Flood Study, Council seek further clarification from the consultant to address the issues raised, and that the draft study be amended to incorporate any changes required.
 - 2. That Council invite Waverley Council to participate in the flood plain risk management process.
 - D. Re Item 3.9 of the report
 - 1. That Council write to the Commonwealth Government and State Government stating that given the likelihood of floods occurring more frequently due to climate change it is imperative that Council takes a proactive approach to flood prevention and mitigation and that therefore, the current levels of funding need to be increased or at least maintained.
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Item No: R3 Recommendation to Council
Subject: **Woollahra Bike Plan - Bicycle Working Party Minutes - 19 August 2008**
Author: Warwick Hatton – Director, Technical Services
File No: 256.G Working Party
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Bicycle Working Party.

Note: In accordance with Council's Codes and Policies this matter has been called to full Council by Councillor Petrie.

(Petrie/Sinclair King)

Recommendation:

- A. THAT the Recommendations contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Bike Plan – Bicycle Working Party meeting held on Tuesday 19 August 2008, be adopted:.
2. Item 4.1: Celebration of Cycling Event
 - a. That the information be noted.
 3. Item 4.2: Woollahra Bicycle Strategy Review
 - a. That, in carrying out the review, the consultant take into account, and include investigations and recommendations on the issues raised in the Notice of Motion adopted 29 January 2008, namely:
 - i. Use and cost of bike lanes elsewhere
 - ii. Cost of construction and implementation of bicycle infrastructure in the Woollahra Municipality
 - iii. Estimates of stages yet to be constructed
 - iv. Estimates of number of users
 - v. Visual impacts of signage and linemarking
 - b. That the consultant also focus on key gaps on strategic routes in the existing network, which should be completed as a priority, and rationalising the extent and number of lower priority routes.
 - c. That the review also investigate and report on potential sources of funding for implementation of the revised Bike Strategy
 4. Item 4.3: Design of Bicycle Routes
 - a. That the information be noted.
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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.56pm.

We certify that the pages numbered 2852 to 2862 inclusive are the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2008 and confirmed by the Community & Environment Committee on 8 September 2008 as correct.

Chairperson

Secretary of Committee