

# Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes



**Minutes:** *Ordinary Council Meeting*

**Date:** *Monday 10 April 2017*

**Time:** *8.00 pm.*



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## **Items Determined Under Delegated Authority by Council Committees**

**The following items were determined under Delegated Authority. To see the delegated decisions of Council please refer to the individual Committee Meeting Minutes.**

### **Community & Environment Committee held on Monday 27 March 2017**

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 13 March 2017

### **Urban Planning Committee held on Monday 27 March 2017**

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 13 March 2017

### **Development Control Committee held on Monday 03 April 2017**

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 20 March 2017

D2 DA 535/2016/1 - 20 Wunulla Road Point Piper

D4 DA2016/541 - 109 Queen Street, Woollahra (AKA 1 Dorhauer Lane)

D5 Register of current Land and Environment court matters and register for court proceedings for building control, environmental control and health control

### **Corporate & Works Committee held on Monday 03 April 2017**

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6 March 2017

D2 Disclosure of Interest Returns Submitted by Designated Employees for the Period 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017

D3 Monthly Financial Report - February 2017

D4 Closing and Sale of Road Reserve - 3 Dunara Gardens, Point Piper (in Wunulla Road) (SC3732)

D5 Closing and sale of road reserve - 8 Wunulla Road, Point Piper (SC3758)

D6 Cosmopolitan Centre Retail Lease on the Market

D7 Draft Delivery Program 2013 to 2018 and Operational Plan 2017/18 Priorities and Actions

D8 Draft 2017/18 Fees & Charges



## Ordinary Council Meeting

**Minutes of the Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council  
held at the Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on  
10 April 2017 at 8.01 pm.**

Present: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer  
 Councillors: Peter Cavanagh  
 Luise Elsing  
 Anthony Marano  
 Katherine O'Regan  
 Andrew Petrie  
 Matthew Robertson  
 Deborah Thomas  
 Susan Wynne

Staff:	Craig Bennett Allan Coker Stephen Dunshea Tom O'Hanlon Kylie Walshe	(Manager – Governance & Council Support) (Director – Planning & Development) (Acting General Manager) (Director – Technical Services) (Director – Community Services)
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Also in Attendance: Nil.

## Confirmation of Minutes

(Wynne /Elsing)

**48/17 Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 March 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

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## Leave of Absence and Apologies

(Wynne /Cavanagh)

**49/17 Resolved:**

That Leave of Absence for all meetings of the Council and its Committees be granted to Councillor Deborah Thomas for the period from Tuesday 11 April 2017 to Saturday 22 April 2017 inclusive.

Note: Leave of absence has previously been granted to :

- Councillor Greg Levenston for the period from 9 April 2017 to 10 April 2017.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors James Keulemans and Ted Bennett and leave of absence granted.

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## Declarations of Interest

Nil.

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## Late Correspondence

Note: Council resolution of 27 June 2011 to read late correspondence in conjunction with the relevant Agenda Item R1 (DCC), Item R1 (UP), NOM1 & QWN.

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## Petitions Tabled

Nil.

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## Suspension of Standing Orders

### Councillor Elsing

- 50/17** That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Councillor Elsing to advise Council of the Bondi Blitz Event.

**The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the Suspension of Standing Orders.**

**Adopted.**

### Councillor Elsing advised:

That she represented the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Susan Wynne at the Bondi Blitz Event, which was held at Bondi Beach on Sunday 9 April 2017.

It was a wonderful event. The event is directed towards participation by the youth. The performers were amazing. It was great to see the collaboration with Waverley Council. Members of the Easts Rugby Club attended the event.

Councillor Elsing thanked WAYS Youth Services for putting the event on. Councillor Elsing also thanked the Mayor for the opportunity to represent Woollahra Council at the event.

The Mayor agreed to send a letter to WAYS Youth Services congratulating them on running such a successful event.

**The Council noted the information.**

### Councillor Wynne

- 51/17** That the Suspension of Standing Orders continue to allow Councillor Wynne to advise Council of the REELise Film Festival.

**The Mayor ruled Urgency and permitted the continuation of the Suspension of Standing Orders.**

**Adopted.**

### Councillor Wynne advised:

That she attended the REELise Film Festival which was held at Event Cinemas, Bondi Junction on Saturday 8 April 2017.

Woollahra Council provide funding and support to the festival. The festival allows cyber bullying to be highlighted. The festival provides a creative platform for the youth to address cyber bullying. It was very moving, very confronting and the talent in the room was absolutely extraordinary.

Councillor Wynne congratulated Karen Hamilton who is the primary driver of the festival. The event is having a significant impact on addressing cyber bullying.

The Mayor agreed to send a letter to Karen Hamilton to congratulate her on running the festival.

**The Council noted the information.**

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## Corporate & Works Committee

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### Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 3 April 2017 Submitted to the Council for Determination

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **26-28 CRANBROOK ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL - PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE AND SALE (SC3141)**  
**Author:** Anthony Sheedy, Senior Property Officer  
**Approvers:** Zubin Marolia, Manager - Property & Projects  
Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 17/39686  
**Reason for Report:** To give consideration to the closure and sale of a road reserve portion adjoining the property.

(Cavanagh/Wynne )

**52/17 Resolved without debate:**

- A. That Council proceed with closure of the road reserve portion, subject to a 10% deposit of \$45,000 being received by Council before the Application to close the road is made. This amount is to be non-refundable, except where the Minister's approval to the closure is not given.
- B. That subject to the portion of road being closed, Council proceed with the sale of the road reserve adjoining 26-28 Cranbrook Road, Bellevue Hill with the following conditions:
- (i) A purchase price of \$2,000 per square metre (plus GST) for the estimated 225 sqm road reserve portion, subject to final survey.
  - (ii) The balance of the purchase price is to be paid in full upon Gazettal of the road closure and completion of the sale.
  - (iii) The owner of 26-28 Cranbrook Road, Bellevue Hill is to pay all costs, including but not limited to GST, legal, valuation and survey fees associated with the road closure and sale.
- C. That the Seal of Council be affixed to all necessary documentation to effect the Road closure and sale, i.e. Plan of Road Closure, Transfer document etc.
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**Item No:** R2 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **TENDER SC3679 ROSEMONT AVENUE - WOOLLAHRA - ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWALS**  
**Author:** Richard Ladlow, Acting Manager - Capital Projects  
**Approver:** Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 17/30968  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend to Council the acceptance of a Tender.

(Cavanagh/Wynne )

**53/17 Resolved without debate:**

- A. That Council enter into a Contract with KK Civil Engineering Pty Ltd for Rosemont Avenue, Woollahra – Road Infrastructure Renewals – for the sum of \$329,980.00 plus any provisional costs used (excluding GST).
- B. That successful and unsuccessful tenderers be advised of the outcome of the tender process.

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**Item No:** R3 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **KENT ROAD, ROSE BAY – ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWALS SC3682**  
**Author:** Paul Sentas, Project Manager  
**Approvers:** Richard Ladlow, Acting Manager - Capital Projects  
Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services  
**File No:** 17/37508  
**Reason for Report:** To recommend to Council the acceptance of Tender.

(Cavanagh/Wynne )

**54/17 Resolved without debate:**

- A. That Council enter into a contract with Melhemcorp Pty Ltd for Kent Road, Rose Bay – Road Infrastructure Renewals Project for the sum of \$287,203.50 (excluding GST).
  - B. That successful and unsuccessful tenderers be advised accordingly.
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**Item No:** R4 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (FY255-03)**  
**Author:** Don Johnston, Chief Financial Officer  
**Approver:** Stephen Dunshea, Director Corporate Services  
**File No:** 17/33968  
**Reason for Report:** To advise Council of the new financial reporting requirement regarding related party disclosures and recommend adoption of the draft Related Party Disclosures Policy attached to this report.

(Cavanagh/Wynne )

**55/17 Resolved without debate:**

- A. That the report on Accounting Standard AASB 124 - Related Party Disclosures be received and noted.
- B. That the draft Related Party Disclosures Policy provided as **Annexure 2** to the report be adopted.

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**Item No:** R5 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **DRAFT 2017/18 BUDGET (SC2660)**  
**Author:** Don Johnston, Chief Financial Officer  
**Approvers:** Stephen Dunshea, Director Corporate Services  
Gary James, General Manager  
**File No:** 17/35603  
**Reason for Report:** To present the draft 2017/18 Budget to the Committee.

(Petrie/Wynne)

**56/17 Resolved:**

- A. THAT Council Receive and note the report on the Draft 2017/18 Budget.
- B. THAT Council note the \$2.7 million surplus on operations from Kiaora Place forecast in the Draft 2017/18 Budget has resulted in:
  - i. a \$1.7 million transfer to the Kiaora Place Reserve and;
  - ii. a \$1 million community dividend allocated to a number of projects
- C. THAT the identification of future community dividends from Kiaora Place be included in Council's annual budget strategy.
- D. THAT the Draft 2017/18 Budget be incorporated into the Draft Delivery Program 2013 to 2018 and 2017/18 Operational Plan for the purpose of public exhibition.
- E. THAT the Mayor issues a Press Release in relation to the Draft 2017/18 Budget and also writes to Councillor Peter Cavanagh to formally acknowledge him for his contribution in initiating the re-financing strategy, through the Corporate & Works Committee, that has resulted in the significant savings made in the Kiaora Place operations.

## Development Control Committee

### Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 3 April 2017 Submitted to the Council for Determination

<b>ITEM No.</b>	R1 Recommendation to Council
<b>FILE No.</b>	DA216/2016/1
<b>ADDRESS</b>	33 Elizabeth Street Paddington (aka the Grand National Hotel)
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Alterations & additions to the existing Grand National Hotel including restoration and reconfiguration of the existing hotel rooms to Level 1 and 2; alterations to the ground level Underwood St façade and the addition of a new third level (Level 3) with a new lift
<b>REASON FOR REPORT</b>	In accordance with Council's meeting procedures and policy this matter is referred to full Council due to a substantive change of the Committees recommendation (delete third level) & Officers recommendation (approval).

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by George Penklis & Gary Shiels.

**Motion moved by Councillor Robertson  
Seconded by Councillor Elsing**

That the Recommendation from the Development Control Committee of Monday 27 March 2017 be adopted (delete third level).

**Amendment moved by Councillor Petrie  
Seconded by Councillor O'Regan**

That Development Application No. 216/2016/1, on land at 33 Elizabeth Street Paddington (the Grand National Hotel) be **DEFERRED** to a future Development Control Committee Meeting, to allow the applicant time to assess the ramifications of the recommendations made by the Development Control Committee at the meeting held on Monday 27 March 2017.

**The Amendment was put and carried.  
The Amendment became the Motion.  
The Motion was put and carried.**

**(Petrie/O'Regan)**

**57/17 Resolved:**

That Development Application No. 216/2016/1, on land at 33 Elizabeth Street Paddington (the Grand National Hotel) be **DEFERRED** to a future Development Control Committee Meeting, to allow the applicant time to assess the ramifications of the recommendations made by the Development Control Committee at the meeting held on Monday 27 March 2017.

*Note: In accordance with section 375A of the Local Government Act a Division of votes is recorded on this planning matter.*

***For the Motion***

Councillor Cavanagh  
 Councillor O'Regan  
 Councillor Petrie  
 Councillor Thomas  
 Councillor Wynne  
 Councillor Zeltzer

***Against the Motion***

Councillor Elsing  
 Councillor Marano  
 Councillor Robertson

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## Urban Planning Committee

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### Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 27 March 2017 Submitted to the Council for Determination

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** **PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF WOOLLAHRA DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2015 (AMENDMENT NO. 2) - CHAPTER B3 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS**

**Author:** Anne White, Acting Team Leader - Strategic Planning

**Approvers:** Chris Bluett, Manager - Strategic Planning  
Allan Coker, Director - Planning & Development

**File No:** 17/26852

**Reason for Report:** To report on the public exhibition of Draft Woollahra Development Control Plan 2015 (Amendment No. 2) – Chapter B3 General Development Controls and to obtain Council’s approval of the Draft DCP.  
To seek Council’s approval to introduce floor space ratio controls and revised excavation controls.  
To seek Council’s endorsement of the working party to investigate appropriate floor space ratio controls and revised excavation controls.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by Malcolm Young.

**Motion moved by Councillor Robertson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Elsing**

That the Recommendation of the Urban Planning Committee be adopted with the following amendment:

That the minimum side setbacks be amended to 1.5 metres for sites that are less than 9 metres and up to 13 metres.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Petrie**  
**Seconded by Councillor O'Regan**

- A. THAT Council approve Draft Woollahra Development Control Plan 2015 (Amendment No. 2) – Chapter B3 General Development Controls as attached at **Annexure 1** to the report to the Urban Planning Committee of 27 March 2017.
- B. THAT Council proceed with the introduction of floor space ratio controls to apply to low density residential development.
- C. THAT in regard to Chapter B3 General Development Controls Council continue the working party process to investigate appropriate fine grained design excellence controls, floor space ratio and revised excavation controls.
- D. THAT a report be presented to the Urban Planning Committee with the findings and recommendations of the working party in relation to floor space ratio and excavation controls.
- E. THAT Council acknowledge and thank the members of the working party and the EDPPA for their contribution to the preparation of the revised Chapter B3 General Development Controls.

**The Amendment was put and carried.  
The Amendment became the Motion.  
The Motion was put and carried.**

**(Petrie/O'Regan)**

**58/17 Resolved:**

- A. THAT Council approve Draft Woollahra Development Control Plan 2015 (Amendment No. 2) – Chapter B3 General Development Controls as attached at **Annexure 1** to the report to the Urban Planning Committee of 27 March 2017.
- B. THAT Council proceed with the introduction of floor space ratio controls to apply to low density residential development.
- C. THAT in regard to Chapter B3 General Development Controls Council continue the working party process to investigate appropriate fine grained design excellence controls, floor space ratio and revised excavation controls.
- D. THAT a report be presented to the Urban Planning Committee with the findings and recommendations of the working party in relation to floor space ratio and excavation controls.
- E. THAT Council acknowledge and thank the members of the working party and the EDPPA for their contribution to the preparation of the revised Chapter B3 General Development Controls.

*Note: In accordance with section 375A of the Local Government Act a Division of votes is recorded on this planning matter.*

***For the Motion***

Councillor Cavanagh  
Councillor O'Regan  
Councillor Petrie  
Councillor Wynne  
Councillor Zeltzer

***Against the Motion***

Councillor Elsing  
Councillor Marano  
Councillor Robertson  
Councillor Thomas

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**Item No:** R2 Recommendation to Council

**Subject:** **DRAFT STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES) 2017, AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

**Author:** Jorge Alvarez, Senior Strategic Planner

**Approvers:** Chris Bluett, Manager - Strategic Planning  
Allan Coker, Director - Planning & Development

**File No:** 17/32612

**Reason for Report:** To inform Council of the Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017, and associated documents.  
To obtain Council’s endorsement of a draft submission on the Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities), and associated documents.

**(O’Regan/Robertson)**

**59/17 Resolved without debate:**

- A. That the report on the Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities), and associated documents be received and noted.
- B. That the submission on the Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities), and associated documents as contained in Annexure 1 of the report to the Urban Planning Committee meeting on 27 March 2017 be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment.

*Note: In accordance with section 375A of the Local Government Act a Division of votes is recorded on this planning matter.*

***For the Motion***

***Against the Motion***

Councillor Cavanagh  
Councillor Elsing  
Councillor Marano  
Councillor O’Regan  
Councillor Petrie  
Councillor Robertson  
Councillor Thomas  
Councillor Wynne  
Councillor Zeltzer

Nil

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## Community & Environment Committee

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### Items with Recommendations from the Committee Meeting of Monday 27 March 2017 Submitted to the Council for Determination

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **RENEWAL OF PADDINGTON LIBRARY AGREEMENT**  
**Author:** Vicki Munro, Manager - Library & Information Services  
**Approver:** Kylie Walshe, Director - Community Services  
**File No:** 17/14972  
**Reason for Report:** This report seeks Council's endorsement to finalise the negotiations for the renewal of the Paddington Library Agreement with City of Sydney Council for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019 with consideration for a further two year option.

**(Marano/Robertson)**

**60/17 Resolved without debate:**

That Council authorise the General Manager to finalise negotiations and enter into an agreement with the City of Sydney Council for the management of Paddington Library, for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019, with a two year option, under the existing conditions included in the current agreement.

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**Item No:** R2 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **CULTURAL DAY 2017/18**  
**Authors:** Romi Scodellaro, Community Development Officer  
Jacky Hony, Team Leader - Community Development Officer  
**Approver:** Kylie Walshe, Director - Community Services  
**File No:** 17/37723  
**Reason for Report:** To report on the recommendations of the Cultural Day Steering Committee.

**Motion moved by Councillor Elsing  
Seconded by Councillor Cavanagh**

- A. That Council note the minutes of the Cultural Day Steering Committee meeting of 27 February 2017.
- B. That a celebration of Italian culture in 2017/18 be held from 4.00pm to 8.00pm on Sunday 17 September, 2017, or on the first available Sunday after that date, in Glenmore Road, Paddington.



**Amendment moved by Councillor Wynne  
Seconded by Councillor Petrie**

- A. That Council note the minutes of the Cultural Day Steering Committee meeting of 27 February 2017.
- B. That a celebration of Italian culture in 2017/18 be held from 12.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday 17 September, 2017 in Lyne Park, Rose Bay.

**The Amendment was put and lost.  
The Motion was put and carried.**

**(Elsing/Cavanagh)**

**61/17 Resolved:**

- A. That Council note the minutes of the Cultural Day Steering Committee meeting of 27 February 2017.
- B. That a celebration of Italian culture in 2017/18 be held from 4.00pm to 8.00pm on Sunday 17 September, 2017, or on the first available Sunday after that date, in Glenmore Road, Paddington.

## Notices of Motion

**Item No:** 11.1  
**Subject:** NOTICE OF MOTION  
**From:** Councillors Matthew Robertson, Toni Zeltzer and Peter Cavanagh  
**Date:** 5/04/2017  
**File No:** 17/45621

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by The Paddington Society & Trevor & Esther Hayter.

**(Robertson/Elsing)**

**62/17 Resolved Unanimously:**

That Council requests staff to urgently prepare a report reviewing the Paddington HCA Development Control Plan's infill controls (C1.3.13) with a view to:

- a) formalising community expectations and council's intention that infill controls in Paddington apply:
  - i) only to the whole site or lot which is totally devoid of all existing built form and/or heritage fabric; and
  - ii) not to any other sites, including those with existing built form and/or fabric where alterations or additions are proposed (including but not limited to breezeways and backyards, and the airspace over single story garage structures).
- b) recommending a change to the DCP to introduce a definition for land to which the infill provisions will apply, including articulation of where the infill controls will not apply;
- c) fostering design excellence within the Paddington heritage conservation area;
- d) further minimizing bulk and scale permissible under the current infill control set.
- e) ensuring that the infill controls work in harmony with the DCP provisions for lofts over garages in Paddington.

**Adopted**

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## Questions for Next Meeting

**Item No:** 12.1  
**Subject:** **QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**  
**Author:** Sue O'Connor, Secretarial Support - Governance  
**Approver:** Craig Bennett, Manager Governance & Council Support  
**File No:** 17/44981  
**Reason for Report:** To provide a response to Questions for Next Meeting from Council Meeting of 27 March 2017 and for Councillors to ask Questions for Next Meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

**Note:** Late correspondence was tabled by Council's Manager Strategic Planning, Chris Bluett.

(Wynne /Robertson)

63/17 **Resolved:**

- A. That the responses to previous Questions for Next Meeting be noted.
- B. That Councillors ask Questions for Next Meeting in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

**Question Number:** 12.1 Cross Street Cinema Proposal

**Councillor O'Regan asking:**

Can you please provide an update on the cinema for Double Bay. The successful tenderer and Council may have had discussions to progress the matter and the cinema is much anticipated by the Double Bay and broader community.

**Acting General Manager in response:**

A report is being prepared for the next Corporate and Works Committee Meeting, which is being held on Monday 24 April, 2017. The report will provide an update regarding the negotiations with the Built/Axiom/Palace Cinemas Consortium in relation to the draft commercial terms as well as an update from the Director Planning and Development in relation to the discussions on the design issues.

In respect of the commercial terms, we have put a number of options back to the consortium in terms of the ownership, the structure and tenure of the various strata and CBRE are currently in the process of analysing the impacts of those suggested amendments. So we are outlining all of that to you in the report which is going to the next Corporate and Works Committee Meeting.

**Question Number:** 12.2 Council Roadside Reserve Grants

**Councillor O'Regan asking:**

Has Council considered putting in a submission for the Council Roadside Reserve programme? This is a programme of the NSW Environmental Trust to trial new frameworks for the management and long term value of roadside reserves. There are many roadside reserves in our community and this may be valuable assistance in developing and maintaining community amenity, safety and environmental outcomes.

**Director - Technical Services in response:**

On notice.

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**Question Number:** 12.3 Verges on the corner of Nelson and Queen Street, Woollahra

**Councillor Elsing asking:**

What is happening to the maintenance of the verge on the corner of Nelson Street and Queen Street, Woollahra? It appears to be in a state of disrepair. What is the policy in relation to Council and residents plantings in these verges?

**Director - Technical Services in response:**

On notice.

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**Question Number:** 12.4 Chapter B3 Controls - Boundary to Boundary Developments

**Councillor Robertson asking:**

How many partial boundary to boundary developments in our Chapter B3 controls, particularly in Double Bay be permitted where it may achieve better development outcomes (particularly amenity and solar access) and overcome the negative impacts of eave overhangs currently permissible, with very close proximity to adjacent properties?

**Director - Planning & Development in response:**

Madam Chair, I think that my responsibility is to comply with the Council Resolution. We have just had a debate on this tonight and there has been a decision about the setbacks.

You will note also from the recommendation on the same matter that there are other related issues that continue through that working party. If Council was so disposed it would seem to me that that would probably be the venue that that issue could be discussed. Perhaps at some stage Councillor Robertson could be given an invitation to attend that working party? I have to say that I would be very nervous about taking action however that may be seen as contrary to the Council Resolution.

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**Question Number:** 12.5 Likelihood of Election being held in Woollahra in 2017

**Councillor Robertson asking:**

What is the latest update we have on the likelihood of a general election being held in Woollahra in 2017, in spite of the ongoing uncertainty around the government's timetable for forcibly merging Councils?

**Acting General Manager in response:**

Thank you Madam Mayor. The official position from the Electoral Commission is that Woollahra Council is preparing for the election on the 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. We are currently in discussions with the Electoral Commission about the planning for that election, including as recently as today some email exchanges about locations for the pre-poll office and returning officer.

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.20 pm.

**We certify that the pages numbered 999 to 1017 inclusive are the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Woollahra Municipal Council held on 10 April 2017 and confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 1 May 2017 as correct.**

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**General Manager**

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**Mayor**