

<p><b>Neighbourhood Forum 5</b></p> <p><b>Wollongong's Heartland</b></p>		<p><b>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</b></p>
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**Minutes from meeting of Wed 6th May 2020 by email**

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible. The executive will action, as necessary, the recommendations accepted in these minutes.  |
| 2 | Apologies    | None received.  |
| 3 | Minutes      | of meeting of 1st April adopted without comment.  |
| 4 | Comments     | <p>have been received on the City Centre Strategy and on the Housing Options papers including one major submission on each.</p> <p>All broadly support or complement our position but there are some contentious reservations for example: - opening part of the mall to traffic; reducing car parking for commercial and some other uses; adopting the Medium Density Housing Code; or relaxing planning standards for affordable housing.</p>   |
| 5 | Responses    | <p>5.1 Bushfires and the Escarpment: noted</p> <p>5.2 Pop-Up Beach Club Trial noted</p>   |
| 6 | Reports      | <p>6.1 Local Planning Strategic Statement:<br/>a Submission is being prepared on the basis that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i Housing issues: raised in the draft Housing Options Paper which are addressed in a separate submission;;</li> <li>ii Inclusive and connected communities: fails to recognise the need create and nurture local communities, there is a public toilet strategy but no mention of Neighbourhood Forums or other mechanisms to bring communities together, nor even of community engagement at all;</li> <li>iii Climate action and resilience: does not recognise that dispersing new houses into relative remote areas increases travel effort and hence contributes to global warming;</li> </ul> |

- iv Protect the natural environment: whilst mentioning the 1968 and 2001 unstoppable bushfires it relies entirely on the FRS Guidelines which do not claim to protect lives or property in these circumstances;
- v Enabling Infrastructure and Transport: puts off a review of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy for 4-6- years.
- vi Key Localities: it is pleasing to note recognition of our Keiraville Gwynneville Community Planning Project, and note that the review of planning controls in South Wollongong have been deferred pending the updated City Flood Study;
- vii Action Summary: there are 21 short-term (1-3 years) projects/reviews proposed excluding a number "on-going" such as "the Illawarra Escarpment will be protected from inappropriate development.

## 6.2 Housing Options:

a Submission is being prepared on the basis that:

### 6.2.1 Housing Diversity:

- i as the medium density zones are clearly not delivering: support option to prohibit dwelling houses; not support, increasing height and floor space ratio; support review lot widths, provided they are combined with reduced floor space ratios;
- ii not support expanding the zones;
- iii not support increasing floor space ratio for more smaller dwellings;
- iv strongly support seeking exemption from the Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code;
- v support one bedroom units above the garage of the main dwelling if it has rear lane access.

### 6.2.2 Housing the Aged and People with a Disability: support advocacy proposed.

### 6.2.3 Housing Affordability:

- i support review development controls to increase supply of Liveable Housing (ie dwellings with the capacity to be adapted to cater to the needs of different occupants over time);
- ii not support increase density allowance for Affordable Housing proposals;
- iii support working with NSW Land and Housing Corporation to redevelop their holdings;
- iv strongly support advocating changes to fiscal and taxation policies to improve housing affordability.

### 6.2.4 Clarifying Zoning Intent - R1 General Residential:

support conversion to a R4 high density residential zone provided that there is no increase in height or density provisions, that it is compatible to adjacent development and that it has local open space existing or proposed nearby;

- 6.2.5 Clarifying Zoning Intent - Hospital Precinct; support a review boundaries vis-a-vis residential zone;
  - 6.2.6 Clarifying Zoning Intent - Low Density Residential; support a major review if it is predicated on reducing medium density floor space ratios in remote locations and on reflecting the character of local street and neighbourhoods;
  - 6.2.7 Clarifying Zoning Intent - Business Zoned Land; support a review to limit residential developments in or very near the city centre core;
  - 6.2.8 Neighbourhood Forums' Alliance Proposals: supported other than the suggestion that the transition areas are rezoned medium density.
- 6.3 Safe walking and Cycling:
- 6.3.1 support for safe walking and cycling advocacy;
  - 6.3.2 Council be requested to complete and exhibit the Bike Plan 2019-2023 as a matter of urgency and that it include a listing of the achievements of the 2014-18 Plan and a significant number of "shovel ready" projects to take advantage of the imminent financial stimulus funding for local government.
- 7 Key Issues
- 7.1 City Centre: noted
  - 7.2 High Rise Residential: noted
  - 7.3 Medium Density development: noted
  - 7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville: noted
  - 7.5 South Wollongong: agree to review our policies in relation to the Kelly Locality Plan and the area south of Ellen/Glebe Streets. Those interested in becoming involved to let the secretary know.
  - 7.6 Environment: noted
- 8 Planning
- 8.1 **DA/2020/241 40 units in 7 stories 93-99 Kembla St W'gong** submission of objection endorsed;
  - 8.2 **DA 2020/283 Third house at 29 Foley St Gwynneville** submission of support endorsed;
  - 8.3 **DA 2020/307 5 townhouses 5-7 Truscott Place Figtree** lodge submission of objection;
  - 8.4 **DA 2020/315 2 lot subdivision 5 Fairy St Gwynneville** lodge submission of support;
  - 8.5 **DA 2020/316 Dual Occ 14 Mallangong Close, Figtree** lodge submission of objection;
  - 8.6 **DA 2020/329 Dual Occ 40 Jutland Ave Wollongong** lodge submission of support;

9 Late Business: 9.1

**Colourful plantings**

In recent months it has been noticeable that Council staff have been introducing garden beds and colourful plantings in parks and public places in the Wollongong city area, for example at the entry to Lang Park and in Osborne Park.

Council be advised of appreciation for this welcome change.

John Riggall

9.2

**Rail Upgrades**

It has been noted that the State Government has received a report from Professor Andrew McNaughton on improving train services on the four main lines from Sydney, including the South Coast line; and, that last year, the NSW Govt was provided with a separate report on Newcastle, prepared with some federal and NSW taxpayer dollars. It has also been noted tenders are now open for two scoping studies for improving track and train services from two lines; Sydney to Canberra and Sydney to Newcastle.

The Premier be asked why the Newcastle line is favoured over South Coast line, if and when will tenders be called for the South Coast and Central West lines, and also if the McNaughton report could be released, if not this month, then in June.

Philip Laird

10 Snippets noted.

**Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 3rd June 2020.**

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 404 households**

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