

<p style="text-align: center;">Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wollongong's Heartland</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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Minutes of meeting 3rd April 2024 at 6pm by open ZOOM Link:

- 1 Presentation noted
- 2 Apologies Harold Hanson, Bruce Tosswell, Tim McCarthy, Amanda De Lore and those who, due a Zoom glitch, were unable to log in, for which we apologise.
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 6th March and matters arising were adopted.
- 4 Comments have incorporated into these minutes
5. Caveats noted
- 6 Responses
 - 6.1 **Offshore Windfarms:**
It was agreed that Alison Byrnes be thanked for her response and that we apologise if we have misunderstood the approval process. We had assumed that because under Section 19 (1) of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021, the Minister, before deciding whether an area is suitable for offshore renewable energy infrastructure, was obliged to have regard to “the potential impacts of the construction, installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance or decommissioning of offshore renewable energy infrastructure in the area on other marine users and interests” the Minister would have to ensure these studies had been undertaken before making a decision.
- 7 Reports
 - 7.1 **Meeting venue:**
It was noted that hopefully the Library Theatre will be the venue for the next meeting and AGM on May 1st.
 - 7.2 **Corporate Strategy:**
It was noted that Council Agenda for 8th April recommends exhibition of Annual Plans with submissions closing on 7th May.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 431 households

- 7.3 Annual General Meeting:** noted
- 7.4 Port Kembla Land Use Safety Audit:** noted
- 7.5 Apartment Building Sustainable:**
It was noted that 85% of Wollongong CBD residents live in strata units and support initiatives would be welcome.
- 7.6 Bluescope Consultative Committee:** noted
- 7.7 University Liaison meeting:**
It was noted that the quarterly meetings with UoW representatives have always been helpful.
- 7.8 Advice on Development Proposals:**
It was agreed that members:
- 1 distribute the brochure to any neighbours who might be affected by a development proposal;
 - 2 contact our local MP, Paul Scully, who is also the Minister for Planning, (wollongong@parliamenmt.nsw.gov.au) expressing alarm that, contrary to the situation in Sydney, neighbours to medium density housing proposals, which comply with State controls in ordinary residential streets, are not notified, and have no opportunity to comment nor see the plans;
 - 3 Council again be requested to reinstate the requirement for readily visible on-site notification when Das are submitted.
- 7.9 Mount Ousley Interchange Works:**
See General Business item 9.3.
- 8 Planning **8.1 Planning:** noted
- 8.2 DA-2024/165 6 dwellings 17-19 Catherine St Gwynneville**
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 8.3 DA-2024/162 com facility, 7 units, 473 Crown St W.W'gong**
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 8.4 DA-2024/181 Archery Range Clubhouse Mt Keira Rd**
It was agreed that a submission of support be submitted
- 8.5 DA-2024/204, 11 stories, 182 units 35-43 Flinders St. W'gong**
It was agreed that a submission of support be submitted, subject to Council being satisfied that the side setbacks are acceptable.
- 8.6 DA determinations:** noted

- 9 General Business.
- 9.1 DA-2022/469 24 dwellings 14, Cosgrove Ave, Keiraville**
DLM Tania Brown advised Agenda item 3 for Council meeting 8th April re large R2 zoned lots in the Illawarra Escarpment Foothills includes reference to this site.
It was agreed that a submission of strong objection be lodged to this further apparently ambit DA.
- 9.2 Economic Development**
DLM Tania Brown expressed concerns about the termination of Business Illawarra Executive Director and potential centralisation by Business NSW.
It was agreed that Council be urged to:
- 1 review its current strategy and practice for attracting employment to the city;
 - 2 review and follow through on the economic initiatives set out in the 2011 Neighbourhood Forum City Strategy Study;
 - 3 specifically identify companies with the potential to set up in Wollongong and actively promote to them.
- 9.3 Mount Ousley Interchange**
It was agreed that
- 1 a small NF5 working party led by the acting Convenor be formed to liaise with TfNSW and contractor Fulton Hogan re the MOI, including about feedback from residents and suggested improvements to the project scope and design announced in project update 28 March 2024 and report on progress;
 - 2 The local Federal and State Members be kept informed of progress with TfNSW negotiations;
 - 3 Representations be made to MP Ryan Park to request TfNSW to retain the agreed pedestrian bridge access over Mount Ousley Road .
- 9.4 Affordable Housing**
Despite widespread need, cost shifting burdens on Councils make it impossible for them to make much impact on the provision of affordable housing.
It was agreed that Council be urged to make representations through local MPs to relevant Ministers for the State and Federal governments to provide far more funding to ameliorate the continuing socially destructive under-provision of affordable housing.

10 Snippets noted

**Next meeting 6pm Wednesday 1st May
in association with the Annual General Meeting**

Wollongong Library Theatrette (unless otherwise advised)