

**Neighbourhood  
Forum 5**

**Wollongong's  
Heartland**



**Coniston, Figtree,  
Gwynneville, Keiraville,  
Mangerton, Mount  
Keira, Mount St  
Thomas, North  
Wollongong, West  
Wollongong,  
Wollongong City.**

**Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 by email**

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March were adopted with no matters arising.
- 4 Comments Incorporated into the minutes
- 5 Responses
  - 5.1 Public Transport in the City Centre**  
It was agreed that Council be requested to expedite completion of the draft City Centre “Access and Movement for People” study by June 2021 to prevent delays to consideration of the City Centre Planning Strategy documents.
  - 5.2 Cliff Road Cycleway**  
It was agreed that Council’s traffic section be requested to advise the expected timeframe for implementing safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists along the Blue Mile shared path
  - 5.3 Maldon Dombarton and Northern Breakwater:** noted
  - 5.4 Northern Breakwater:** noted
  - 5.5 Parking Restriction near Letter Boxes:** noted
  - 5.6 Fence at Keiraville School:** noted

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**Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 397 households**

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### **6.1 Acquisitive Sculpture Competition: noted**

#### **6.2 Community Engagement policy**

It was agreed that Council be advised that the Forum:

- 1 requests the inclusion of Neighbourhood Forums in all four Levels of Engagement table;
- 2 requests Council to give priority to implementing with relevant Neighbourhood Forum representatives level 4 Collaborative, or if not feasible, then at least Level 3 involvement;
- 3 supports the ability to address Council meetings on items in the agenda;
- 4 regrets that Neighbourhood Forums now do not have Council administrative support and are disconnected with the workings of Council;
- 5 request Council to re-introduce annual Ward meetings into the community consultation policy;
- 6 supports the use of information stands;
- 7 seeks clarification on how surveys are conducted;
- 8 is concerned that Submission timeframes sometimes are too short and the consultation period arranged during school and public holidays;
- 9 supports on-line engagement;
- 10 seeks clarification on the selection process for community reps on Reference and Advisory groups and how Council responds to Group's recommendations;
- 11 notes that the minutes for some of these groups are often not available within a reasonable time;
- 12 is concerned that there is little evidence of activity by focus groups or workshops.

#### **6.3 Synthetic Playing Fields**

It was agreed that Council:

- i be requested to review any current proposals to construct synthetic playing fields, including in Keiraville;
- ii not consider any new proposals until and unless the Ministerial Review supports them.

#### **6.4 Fairy Creek Shared Path**

It was noted that a number of members, whilst supporting the project in principle, have many detailed suggestions and concerns. It was agreed that, following a draft to those involved for comment, these be incorporated into a response to Council noting support in principle for a shareway in this location

**6.5 Bike Share:** noted

**6.6 Public Art Guiding Principles**

It was agreed that Council be advised of support for their Public Art Guiding Principles, and requests that Council will review the clutter in the Mall which manifestly contravenes these principles.

**6.7 Connecting Neighbours Grants:** noted

**6.8 Administrative Policies:** noted

**6.9 Stuart Park & City Foreshore Plans of Management:** noted.

7 Key Issues

**7.1 City Centre Planning Strategy:** noted

As noted earlier this has been deferred by Council for further studies and information – see Agenda item 5.1 for input from members towards the report on the City Centre.

**7.2 High Rise Residential** – noted.

**7.3 Medium Density Development** – noted.

**7.4 Keiraville-Gwynneville:** noted

**7.5 South Wollongong:** noted

**7.6 Environment:** noted

8 Planning

**8.2 DA/2020/4, 42 dwellings 14, Cosgrove Ave Keiraville**

It was noted that a number of members have detailed many grounds of opposition. Council has been requested to exhibit much missing information and to extend the exhibition period accordingly.

It was agreed that a submission of strong objection be sent following a draft to those involved for comment.

**8.3 DA/2021/308, Dual occupancy, 119 My Keira Rd W.W'gong**

It was agreed that a submission of support be sent.

**8.3 DA determinations as notified from 1st July 2020:** noted

9 General Business

**9.1 Community Survey**

Council staff have responded to NF5 request from March meeting that Council be requested to conduct the 2021 Community Survey (CS) so that results are publicly available at least a month before the September elections, but have advised the CS is scheduled to commence in October/early November 2021.

It was noted that noted that there has been only one CS (late 2019) since this Council commenced in Sep 2017 and, whilst it is most welcome that a CS is funded for 2021 calendar year, it is critically important for Councillors and the community to be able to compare the results of a second CS during their 4 year term and before the 4 Sep

It was agreed that, as a matter of importance and urgency, the GM be requested to advance the 2021 CS so that results are publicly available to Councillors and the community before the September Council elections.

### **9.2 Bike Parking in the City**

Council are inviting community feedback by 12 May on plans for locations and numbers of new bike parking racks in 26 key sites across the City. They putting up signs and installing footpath stickers in places where bike parking is proposed to go. Draft plans, proposed locations, FAQs and more information is available on the [project webpage](#) and at [our libraries](#).

It was agreed that Members comment to the secretary before the 27<sup>th</sup> April for inclusion in the May agenda.

### **9.3 Intersection Bourke/Cliff St Wollongong**

Council's current Infrastructure Delivery Program show improvements at this intersection programmed for Design in 2020/21 and Construction in 2021/22. This busy intersection has been the subject of various plans and discussions in previous years regarding the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, particularly since Council reopened Cliff Road in front of the hotel.

It was agreed to request Council to advise when the draft design is expected to be available for community feedback.