

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8 MINUTES

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7pm WEDNESDAY 9th February 2022

In-Person Meeting @ Scribbly Gum Room, Ribbonwood Centre

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY: Ian Fitzgibbon:

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and Elders past and Present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

2. ATTENDING:

Ian Fitzgibbon, Heather Boardman, Dennis Couley; Cr. Ann Martin, Stephen McGartland, Alan Davis, Ron Cooper, Warren Southwell, Romeo Cecchele

3. APOLOGIES:

Cr. Linda Campbell; Cr. Dom Figliomeni; Andrew Knowlson.

4. MINUTES - received for Wednesday 8th December 2021.

Moved by: Dennis Couley

Seconded by: Ron Cooper

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

See Dec Minutes

OUT: December Minutes Distributed by email 7.2.22

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Congratulate Ann Martin, Dom Figliomeni, Linda Campbell, Aitkin

2. NF8 will send letter of congratulations at appointment and to welcome each to our meetings and engagement

3. Corey Stoneham has changed position- NF8 letter to be sent thanking Corey.

4. Alan is acting in role . Alan acknowledged that repairs to potholes is a temporary solution however the program of maintenance will continue until such time is a permanent reconstruction .

5. Need to maintain record of the road maintenance and safety issue and responses as they take place.

6. Alan will follow up with Nathan on the issues recorded in meeting notes.

7. Wongawilli update - Ron Cooper:

Road work- Concerns that there remain many aspects of Wongawilli project to complete including : traffic islands, park & playground on community hall site, village entrance interpretative signage.

Of particular concern is the need to complete cycleway connections at the intersection of Wongawilli, Shone and West Dapto Roads.

It was noted that WCC expects there remains 6 months to completion of works.

Approval has been given to reinstate the playground at Wongawilli Community Hall..

Ron to send photos showing condition of Wongawilli Hall grounds.

Nathan is looking into - Park tidy up, traffic islands & eastern culvert. Alan will send NF8 plans of job.

8. Stephen McGartland raised concerns that lighting on Wongawilli site of new preschool @ Vista Park appears to be excessive to requirements and outside the heritage requirements for the site.

Stephen McGartland- following up w developer . AnnMartin has sent request to council.

7. Traffic Lights planned for near railway station holding up repair of road adjacent.

8. Romeo Cecchele raised concerns regarding road conditions and safety risk, particularly Bong-Bong Road & roundabout (See attached email).

Following discussion it was noted that:

Some work on roads is being held up pending installation of traffic lights.

Huntley road will be stabilised during this year.

Steve McGartland requested that -risk assessment be undertaken as included in other road actions.

9. Councillor Ann Martin

Ann noted that WCC is starting to prepare new Management Plan. Residents need to respond to management plan when exhibited. - get info regarding capital works to council with priorities from March meeting of NF8.

Council is appealing the McDonalds Wongawilli development.

UCI - this major cycling event is coming to Wollongong and provides a great opportunity for community engagement.

10. SUMMER NIGHTS: 23.2.2022 (NB -due to wet weather this event has been postponed until Wednesday 16th March.

West Dapto Roads

1. Record of meeting held 12.1.22

Re: Meeting with Traffic Engineer

Thanks all for attending meeting this morning. It was a most positive meeting and WCC Traffic Engineers Nathan and Ray appear to be sympathetic to our cause.

The following is my observations followed by the agreed actions arising:

1. Under the current plan final solutions would be implemented indicatively in 2025 at earliest.
2. Challenge and opportunity is to raise priority of project to accelerate completion.
3. Noted that Darkes Rd intersection is particularly challenging due to underground services (water etc).
4. Noted that Kembla Grange development of stage 1-7 was accelerated with significant dual occupancy. (in response to proposed gaol). This increase in traffic was not accounted for in the current planning.
5. West Dapto development remains the significant development of Illawarra with traffic flows to continue to grow exponentially.
6. It was agreed during site inspection that the intersections of concern are high risk. This was further compounded by the deterioration of the road surface.
7. It was also noted that Covid has reduced traffic flow in the area and any subsequent analysis requires to be normalised.

The actions arising and assigned to Nathan were as follows:

1. Obtain previous traffic flow data and risk assessment (if available) to establish baseline.
2. Arrange to install traffic monitors at both intersections to capture current movements. (will need to be covid normalised).
3. Arrange for seconded safety auditor to conduct assessment of both intersections. This should be conducted during inclement weather in order to highlight risks)
4. Submit claim on developer under defect liability provisions to reinstate the road at the Darkes Rd intersection. (currently all pot holes)
5. Investigate the opportunity to raise the priority of general road maintenance on West Dapto Road.
6. Based on outcomes of 1-5 develop a submission to WCC for the reprioritisation of the final solution to deliver an outcome significantly earlier than the current 3 year time frame.
7. Nathan will provide status updates at future NF8 meetings. Item will continue to be a standing NF8 agenda item.

These notes will be forwarded to Alan Davis

Meeting Close: 9pm

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022

SCHEDULED NF8 MEETINGS 2022

SCRIBBLY GUM ROOM, RIBBONWOOD CENTRE

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 7PM

- **9th FEBRUARY**
- **9th MARCH**
- **13th APRIL**
- **11th MAY**
- **8th JUNE**
- **13th JULY**
- **10th AUGUST**
- **14th SEPTEMBER**
- **12th OCTOBER**
- **9th NOVEMBER**
- **14TH DECEMBER**

MEETING FINISHED 8.40PM