

1. Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country

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

2. Attendance

List of Attendees

Kaye Adams (Acting Convenor) Steven Adams, Lucy Andrade (Minutes) Ron Arnts, Ray Borg, Cr Dom Figliomeni, Buster Jameson, Ronda Jones, Dorothy Lucas, Annie Marlow, Cr Ann Martin, Mark Peterlin, Milena Snoek, Heath Snoek, Jose De Quintal, Manuela De Quintal

Apologies

Peter Maywald, Kim Maywald, Cr Linda Campbell, Tracy Baron, Julie Marlow, Charlie Owen

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by Buster Jamieson and seconded by Ray Borg

4 Councilor Updates.

Councillor update provided by Cr Ann Martin and Cr Dom Figliomeni

4.1 Wollongong City Council Elections - Caretaker mode

- There will be one more council meeting before caretaker mode.
- Caretaker mode will commence on 14th August

4.2 Mobile food vending policy

- The objective of this policy is to encourage activity at night within the community.
- Proposed sites still to be determined - those recommended by Council officers were not accepted; location needs to be a known area to the community with access to public toilets and parking

4.3 Warrawong Plaza Development

- Council supports more housing in the Wollongong municipality. However the Council has the following concerns with the current proposed development of Warrawong Plaza:
 - the proposal is overdeveloped (bulk and scale)
 - poor public transport
 - flood prone area
 - infrastructure concerns
- Council have submitted this feedback in response to the development application.
- Council is not the consent authority for this development, this authority lies with the State Government.
- There is some discussion from Cr Martin that the developer is happy to work with WCC and the community regarding size. Cr Figliomeni advised that he understood that their was a necessary size for approval by State Govt.
 - **Action** Kaye Adams to investigate size requirements further

4.4 Art work in the mall (aka Palm on the pole)

- The whole art work consists of palm trees and the sandstone blocks.
- It will cost \$1million to relocate (including additional payments to the artist).
- Current maintenance cost is \$35,000 per year (which will increase over time)
- Council decision is to retain the art work.

4.5 Hill 60 tunnels

- Options being listed for use of the site
 1. Tour of tunnels
 2. Art space - photo display
 3. Art Gallery
- The Tour of the Tunnels was identified as the best option with consideration to including sound (ie, speakers) and utilising current military archive.

4.6 Other items discussed in Council

- Other items that were discussed in Council including
 - Dapto Pool
 - Sporting fields - request for extension of winter season sports due to weather interruptions. If there is an extension this will impact the cricket season
 - Creative City Strategy - this strategy was adopted by Council
 - Flagstaff Hill - traffic concerns
 - Australia Day Award - will be renamed to City of Wollongong Award and will continue to be awarded on Australia Day

5. Updates & General Business

5.1 Correspondences still outstanding for:

- Windang Bridge
- Warrawong Market DA
- King Street Masterplan

5.2 Amenities along Port Kembla Promenade

- Regarding request by Forum for disability toilet facilities to be provided along the promenade, Council's response is that this would be covered in the Public Toilet Strategy next year. Peter Maywald has responded back to Council to request more immediate action.

5.3 King Street Master Plan

- There is a project advisory group that has been assembled and Peter Maywald has been invited to join the group. No updates will be available from the group until the advisory period has concluded.

5.4 Flooding in Chisolm and Jane Avenue

- Cost to residents of clean up has now increased to \$60,000.00. A pole was located in the storm water which was causing the blockage.
- Cr Dom Figliomeni is still awaiting a response from Council officers on the adding of a grate on the entrance of the storm water drain and identifying who is responsible for maintaining the area around the stormwater drain. Cr Figliomeni will also raise this issue at the Ward 3 Councillors meeting for discussion.
- One of the main issues identified by the residents were that they were not aware that they are responsible for the clean up of the stormwater should it become blocked inside private property.

5.4 Flooding in Chisolm and Jane Avenue (cont)

- **Action:** Cr Dom Figliomeni to follow up Council regarding the grate on the entrance of the storm water drain and also details on the land buy back scheme (ie. could the homes in this street meet the flood management criteria for Council land buy-back)

5.5 Windang Playground

- The new Windang Playground is currently in design phase.
- Three Locations are being considered:
 - Ground near club (aka showground area)
 - Ground near boat ramp
 - Ground near Surf club
- All sites need to be assessed by the State government due to Aboriginal burial grounds in the area.
- The location needs to be decided first before the makeup of the playground is known.
- Question raised on how long the current fence would remain around the existing playground - currently this timeframe is unknown.
- Next community information session -TBC (was expected to be this month - July)

5.6 Warrawong Plaza Development

- The points raised from last meeting by the Forum were submitted.

6. Dob in a Hoon

6.1 Dob in a Hoon

- Three people have lodged complaints regarding dirt bikes/motorcycles on the cycleway. However only 1 of the 3 complaints were raised to the Traffic Committee. It is unknown what action, if any, was taken on these complaints.
 - **Action:** Peter to send communication to Council (to Nathan and Tyson) on what action has/is to be taken on the complaints

7. New Business

7.1 Banning Gas connections in new developments

- Annie Marlow raised the issue of gas connections in new homes. The main issues were
 - Health impacts - emissions in the home
 - Environmental impacts - gas extraction process
 - Energy costs ie, high cost of gas when there are cleaner alternatives such as solar available.
- Three councils have already changed their Development Control Plans (DCP) to ban gas connections in new developments.
- Cr Ann Martin mentioned that council was reviewing this issue currently
 - **Action:** This issue is to remain on the agenda until more is known on what action/process Council is undertaking.

8. Other Business

Buster asked that WCC clean the drain opposite Care South & outside the Dollar Shop.
Action – Cr Martin to lodge request - Actioned

Meeting Closed 7.30 pm

Next Meeting - Held the last Tuesday of the Month

6pm -Tuesday August 27 2024-Illawarra Yacht Club