Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland



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

Minutes of meeting on 6th October 2021 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible
- 2 Apologies None necessary
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 1st September were adopted with no matters arising.
- 4 **Comments** have been incorporated into the substantive items..
- 5 Responses noted
- **6 Reports** 6.1 Welcoming Parks:

It was agreed that Council be requested, as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of both residents and visitors, to review and reinforce the provision of appropriate greening, adequate facilities, increased seating and welcoming spaces in parks near the CBD including McCabe, Lang and Stuart Parks.

6.2 Walking & Cycling Participation Survey 2021:

It was agreed that Council be congratulated for commissioning the annual Walking & Cycling Participation Survey, the increases in participation rates be publicised, and community awareness campaigns be implemented on the many advantages of walking and cycling, including for health, recreation, wellbeing, environmentally and socially.

6.3 Port Kembla Cumulative Road Transport Impacts:

It was agreed that the Forum raise concerns with Wollongong City Council and the NSW Government via local MPs with a request as to the procedures to be followed in environmental impact assessment:

i to what extent the option of using rail transport is considered by both the proponents and consent authority;

- ii where road transport is to be used, how cumulative road transport impacts are taken into account; and
- how are funds raised to accommodate the extra truck numbers or to expedite works such as the Mt Ousley interchange to handle the extra truck numbers.

6.4 Commitments from Candidates:

It was agreed that the Forum should seek commitments for urgent action in the first year of the new Council from Ward candidates at the December election for

i city centre:

survey and address strengths and weaknesses and improve appearance and activities to improve usage significantly

ii **planning**:

protect residential neighbourhoods and improve controls, DA notifications, assessment and enforcement procedures;

iii traffic and parking:

calm traffic near the city centre and make public parking free but time limited enforced;

iv **economic development**:

target opportunities to stimulate the economy and vigorously promote them;

v local open space and parks:

provide more in Smiths Hill and activate McCabe Park;

vi place management:

reinstitute place management with managers also relating to Neighbourhood Forums and their communities.

6.5 Community Satisfaction Survey:

It was agreed that Council be congratulated on enabling online responses to the 2021 Community Satisfaction Survey and be requested to make the IRIS Survey Report available early November, before the Council elections due 4 December 2021

6.6 Community Strategic Plan:

Noted, together with the recommendation that residents refer to Council's website for details and participate in the various opportunities to review the "Our Wollongong Our Future".

6.7 Crown St Markets Tenders: noted

7.1-3 Priorities noted

8.1 Planning

- 8.2 RD 2020/632/A 14-16 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville
 It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed,
- 8.3 **8.2 DA21/957 WIN Grand Development**

It was agreed to. endorse the submission to Council which:

- 1 indicated strong support for the proposal in principle;
- 2 requested Council to review in detail the car parking provision;
- 3 requested urgent action on the significant implications for the structure of the city centre outlined in the September minutes.
- 4 requested Council to review height limits in the city centre to lower them.

9 General Business

10 Snippets noted

Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed 3rd November 2021.