

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 April 2022 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible.
- 2 Apologies None necessary, but Philip Laird from the executive.
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 2nd March 2022 were adopted with no matters arising
- 4 Comments have been incorporated into these minutes
- 5 Responses **5.1 Braeside Avenue Footpath:** noted
- 6 Reports **6.1 University liaison:** noted.
6.2 World Cycling Event: (see attachment)
It was noted that the final routes are available on the Wollongong 2022 website, and a further meeting has been arranged with the Community Relations Manager, to discuss concerns from residents on the event routes about access restrictions during the 8 day period.
It was agreed that Wollongong 2022 be requested to endeavour to ensure that:
 - i as soon as race events for a particular street have ended on each day, that the street will be open within 30 minutes for regular vehicle traffic; and
 - ii all streets on the City Circuit that do not have a paved footpath are partly partitioned off so that pedestrians with prams or mobility aids can have a paved surface.**6.3 Freight on Rail:**
It was agreed that the Forum request the Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government a commitment to introduce a Mode Shift Incentive Scheme in New South Wales that would apply to bulk as well as containerised cargo moving to and from ports, including Port Kembla.

6.4 The Slow Journey to Faster Rail:

It was agreed that the Forum:

- 1 request the Paul Scully MP and Ryan Park MP to seek from the NSW Government an urgent release of the summary findings of this report, prepared with taxpayers funds.
- 2 write to Sharon Bird thanking her for her service as the Member for Cunningham, and to inquire of her, or her successor, as to why the Federal Government saw fit to allocated \$1 billion to the Sydney to Newcastle line, and apparently nothing to the Sydney to Wollongong line.

6.5 Waverly Council Initiative:

It was agreed that the Forum request the Lord Mayor to prepare and submit by way of a Lord Mayoral Minute a similar proposal to the next meeting of Council, in particular:

- i that overdevelopment is changing the nature of our built environment and destroying much of the heritage values that makes Wollongong unique;
- ii Council recognises that there is a cumulative impact of ongoing overdevelopment upon residents and their amenity, the public domain and the community more broadly;
- iii will undertake a six-monthly community planning survey about the cumulative impacts of overdevelopment and which will be fed into the social impact assessment statements.

6.6 Keiraville Matters:

It was agreed that the General manager be requested to advise on progress made to:

- i rezone land at and to the Escarpment side of Cosgrove Avenue, keiraville;
- ii amending the Development Control Plan to update and increase the efficacy of the Desired Furture Character of suburbs.

6.7 Waste Management:

It was agreed that NF5 Executive seek clarification and relevant information from Council on issues raised by IPART and this agenda item, then make a submission to IPART by 29 April 2022

6.8 Electric Scooters:

It was agreed to that Council be requested to refer this complex issue to the Reference Group for Active Transport and consider e-scooter trials after investigations by relevant staff and a report from Council's General Manager.

- 6.9 Mobile Food Vending Policy:** noted.
- 6.10 Illawarra Sports and Entertainment Precinct:**
It was agreed that That Paul Scully MP be informed that the Forum supports his endeavours to get funding for Venues NSW to undertake /commission a comprehensive ISEP Master Planning process including broad and meaningful community engagement.
- 6.11 Pioneers Rest Park Upgrade:**
It was agreed that that the executive be empowered to make a submission.
- 6.12 Wollongong Major Events Site:**
It was agreed that Council be requested urgently to investigate and allocate a site suitable for Major Events and cease to use Stuart Park as a major events site in 2023.
- 6.13 Wollongong Arts Centre:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to form an Arts Precinct Committee, to include Councillors and representatives of relevant organisations and the community, initially to formulate terms of reference and objectives then research, develop options and report on establishing a Wollongong Arts Centre.
- 7 Priorities **7.1 Livability:** noted
- 7.2 City Centre:** noted
- 7.3 Active Transport:** noted
- 8 Planning **8.2 DA 2022/221 24 stories, hotel, 59 units 4 Auburn St, W’gong**
It was agreed to endorse the the decision not to make a submission.
- 8.3 DA 2022/169 9 stories, 119 units, 36 Flinders St W’gong**
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 8.4 DA 2022/245 Dual Occupancy, 54 Lewis Drive Figtree**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.5 DA 2022/250 4 dwellings, 14A Foley St Gwynneville**
It was agreed that the submission of support, subject to Council being satisfied as to flooding, be endorsed.
- 8.6 DA 2022/254 Dual Occupancy, 2A Denison St Wollongong**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

8.7 DA 2022/311 Dual Occupancy, 1 Sheppard St W. W’gong
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

8.8 DA determinations: noted

9 General
Business

9.1 Environment and Resilience

It was agreed :

- i to protest to the Minister for Planning and Homes about discontinuing both the Directive of the previous Minister outlining nine principles for sustainable development (which included managing the risks of climate change), and revoking the Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) which was to stress sustainability, quality and liveability; and
- ii to seek the support of Council and Paul Scully MP regarding community concerns.

10 Snippets noted

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 4th May 2022

Please Note:

Due to continuing high levels of covid infections in Wollongong this meeting will be via e-mail and we do not anticipate moving to face-to-face meetings until there is a significant drop in local cases.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 413 households
