

**Neighbourhood
Forum 5**

**Wollongong's
Heartland**



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

Minutes from e-meeting on Wed 1st July 2020 by email

- 1 Presentation None possible. The executive will action, as necessary, the recommendations accepted in these minutes.
- 2 Apologies None received.
- 3 Minutes of meeting of 3rd June were adopted.
- 4 Comments None received.
- 5 Responses
 - 5.1 **Urgent Issues:** noted
 - 5.2 **Information on building sites:**
It was agreed that:
 - 1 Fair Trading NSW (Building Professionals Board) be requested to advise whether or not they follow Council procedures to ensure that the relevant information required within the development consent is appropriately displayed by certifiers and if not why not.
 - 2 Council be requested to ensure that complying development certificates include confirmation that all Council procedures, such as on-site notification, are in place to ensure that they have been complied with.
 - 5.3 **Planning Proposal Terrie Avenue** - noted
- 6 Reports
 - 6.1 **Certified Assessments - noted**
 - 6.2 **DA pamphlet** - adopted
 - 6.3 **Strata Law:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to sponsor education courses for strata owners.

6.4 Transport

It was agreed that the Forum write to local MPs Ryan Park and Paul Scully noting the reply of TfNSW and whilst appreciating the advice provided, seek an answer to the question as to why Newcastle and Canberra lines are being favoured with further studies, and will tenders be called for studies for the South Coast and Central West line, also will the NSW Government actually release the McNaughton report and when will Wollongong be likely see the promised increase in the number of both peak hour and off peak services, and more information on the scope of work announced by Minister Constance, and will it include high speed turnouts at Waterfall.

6.5 Installation at North Beach:

It was agreed that Council be congratulated on this installation

6.6 Greener Places Design Guide:

It was agreed that:

- 1 a submission be made to Council re-iterating our position, given the Government Architects Guide which has been enthusiastically endorsed by the Minister;
- 2 a submission be made in response to the guide endorsing its recommendations and suggesting that they include reference to the location of deep planting areas.

6.7 Local Strategic Planning Statement:

the urgent submission to Council, councillors and relevant senior staff was endorsed which requested that:

- i somewhere in the housing, sustainability and/or climate change sections there must be a statement which restricts increased densities in areas remote from services;
- ii the greening strategy must require the improvement of ecological continuity by integrating deep planting areas on private property with planting on the streets;
- iii development close to the escapement must be restricted to reduce the increasing risk from unstoppable bushfires;
- iv increased truck movements to Port Kembla must be curtailed until there is a commitment to the Maldon-Dombarton rail link;
- v the urgent (short-term) need to revise the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.

Outcome:

The Statement was adopted without debate. It would appear that Ward Councillors and staff believe that these issues are covered by the goals and aspirations of the Statement, which are indeed admirable.

However, their omission:

- i significantly weakens Council's ability to put pressure on the State Government in relation to those of their actions and policies which run counter to Council's aspirations;
- ii does not give sufficient direction to changes in Council's policies and programs on climate change, as is glaringly

evidenced by their draft Sustainable Wollongong Strategy and draft Climate Mitigation Action Plan, adopted at the same meeting, nor its Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy. The executive is seeking a meeting with the General Manager to establish Council's future action program on these issues.

- 7 Key Issues
- 7.1 **City Centre:** noted
- 7.2 **High Rise Residential:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to advise what has been the increased return from the R1 Residential zone over the past 5 or 10 years from dwellings in high rise flats compared to houses of the same value, and from section 94A contributions and what additional facilities and/or services have been provided as a result?
- 7.3 **Medium Density development:** noted
- 7.4 **Keiraville-Gwynneville:** noted
- 7.5 **South Wollongong:** noted
- 8 Planning
- 8.2 **DA/2020/339 Dual occupancy 103 Murray Park Rd, Figtree**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.3 **DA/2020/528 20 storey hotel 357-9 Crown St Wollongong**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.4 **DA/2020/339 Dual occ 81 Redgum Forest Way, Figtree**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 8.5 **DA/2020/506 Dual occupancy 8 Vickery St Gwynneville**
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.
- 8.6 **DA/2020/535 17 storey mixed complex 383 Crown St W'gong**
It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.
- 9 General Business
- 9.1 **Toilets in the City Centre**
It was noted that toilets are very important as public amenities and there is a paucity of adequate public toilets in the City Centre. It was agreed to draw to the attention of Council:
- i the degrading condition of sub-standard toilets near Wollongong City Surf Club and at Brighton Beach.
 - ii that there are no public toilets in the City other than in the old and new Town Hall both of which have restricted hours.
 - iii the need to consider requiring toilets to be provided in standalone large and popular supermarkets such as Aldi or Woolworths.

Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 5th August 2020.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 398 households
