

<p style="text-align: center;">Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wollongong's Heartland</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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Minutes of e-meeting on Wed 2nd June 2021 by email

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| 1 | Presentation | None possible |
| 2 | Apologies | None necessary |
| 3 | Minutes | of meeting of 5 th May were endorsed and matters arising incorporated where appropriate; |
| 4 | Comments | Incorporated where appropriate. |
| 5 | Responses | <p>5.1 Community Survey: noted</p> <p>5.2 Access to Northern Breakwater: noted;</p> <p>5.3 Connecting Neighbours:
It was agreed to congratulate the Verge Garden winners.</p> <p>5.4 Outstanding responses: noted;</p> |
| 6 | Reports | <p>6.1 Council 2021 budget etc plans:
It was agreed that the submission be endorsed.
Cllr Tania Brown has thanked us for our detailed submission.</p> <p>6.2 Smith Street Cycleway:
It was noted that a recent on-site meeting organised by the Illawarra Bike Users Group (IBUG) supported the cycleway in principle but are making a number of suggestions to improve safety and encourage use.
It was agreed to request Council to hold a wider on-site meeting with NF 5 and IBUG representatives together with affected residents to discuss opportunities for improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.</p> |

6.3 Slow speed roads:

It was agreed that Council be requested to liaise with Transport New South Wales to reduce speed limits in selected streets of the City Centre area to 30 km/h within the context of a circulation study and hierarchy of an overall street framework.

6.4 Stuart Park and Foreshore parking:

It was agreed that Council again be requested to:

- i advise how and when the community can be involved in discussing options for providing adequate parking for residents and visitors in the Blue Mile, Stuart Park and nearby residential areas;
- ii advise the process for the long overdue review of the 2008 Blue Mile Masterplan, so that collaborative community engagement is achieved in accordance with Council's Policy; and
- iii allocate adequate funds in FY2021/22 to implement Foreshore Parking Strategy implications.

It was noted that an on-site meeting with Council officers is being arranged to discuss the process, timing and community involvement in developing Plans of Management for Stuart Park and the City Foreshore to comply with the CLM Act 2016

6.5 North Wollongong Surf Club restaurant DA

It was agreed to meet with the surf club if and when they approach us.

6.6 Draft DCP Telecommunications: noted

6.7 Draft Community Engagement Policy:

It was agreed to advise Council of:

- i support in principle for the commendable Policy
- ii welcome that Community Forums have been added to Collaborate, which include Neighbourhood Forums;
- iii request Council's implementation of the Policy first consider Collaboration with the community where appropriate, then Involvement, before Informing what has already been decided.

6.8 Appreciative letter from KRAG: noted;

6.9 NF 5 boundaries: noted;

6.10 Harry Graham Park Bikeway:

It was agreed that Council be advised:

- i of support to make permanent the existing temporary site for the Bike Track in Harry Graham Park provided this is proposed to be a very local facility and others will be built throughout the city;

- ii that if it is not intended to provide similar facilities throughout the city then the Forum would support moving the track to Langston Park Reserve provided there is local support;
- iii that if there is not support then a site in Figtree Park be investigated.

6.11 Draft City Centre Heritage Study:

It was agreed that the proposed additions to the Heritage Schedule, including 14 Acacia Avenue Gwynneville, be supported.

6.12 Draft Child Safe Policy:

It was agreed to support the policy

6.13 Synthetic Playing Fields:

Council again be urged to review the use of synthetic playing fields especially that proposed at Kooloobong oval.

7 Priorities **7.1 – 7.3:** noted.

8 Planning **8.2 DA 2021/459 3 units at 30 Keira Street, Wollongong**
It was agreed to endorse objection to this proposal.

8.2 DA determinations: noted.

9 General Business **9.1 Privatisation of Public Land**
We queried projects Council is proposing in relation to the NSW Government’s Temporary Accommodation Pilot Projects. Council has responded: ”At this stage, the Project is in its early stages. As the Project progresses and the proposed sites are assessed against applicable planning controls, Council will be in a position to seek community feedback.”

It was agreed to ask Council to spell out the criteria they are using to select public land they consider suitable for use as temporary accommodation and give early notice to the community of the sites they have selected.

9.2 Liveability for our Suburbs

We asked Council to develop protocols for community involvement in the DA appeals process; to amend the DCP Desired Future Character Statements and to provide adequate engagement on the Cosgrove Avenue DA. The response only addressed the last point.

It was agreed to re-iterate queries on the first two points.

9.3 Foley Street Safety upgrades.

We discovered via representations from residents and Facebook that Council is about to embark on a number of detrimental proposals without adequate engagement.

It was agreed to advise Council of our extreme disappointment at the lack of engagement on this project, set out objections to the shortcomings of specific proposals and suggest improvements.

9.4 University Liaison

The bi-monthly liaison meeting with University representatives confirmed that the Federal Govt recently announced it has allocated m\$240 towards the estimated m\$300 Mt Ousley interchange, but timing is uncertain because it is in a 10 year program. However, NSW funding suggests that the project should be shovel ready in 18 months. NF5 will contact RMS Wollongong re design and community engagement details.

Work on the DA for Kooloobong synthetic playing fields adjacent the Botanic Gardens is on hold due to funding constraints. UOW is aware of DPIE investigations into alternative surfaces triggered by environmental and health concerns. It was confirmed that approx 1,000 units of student accommodation at the Uni built in recent years is now owned and managed by the UOW.

100 extra carparking spaces are being provided at Campus East and it is expected that students will use the free bus to access the Uni. Discussions with Council and the Department of Planning are ongoing re the DA for the Health and Wellbeing Precinct, including re the pedestrian spine and strategic context.

It was agreed to congratulate the new Vice-Chancellor on her appointment and indicate the good relationship we have with her staff.

9.5 Lower Crown Street Improvements.

Council are proposing marginal changes to Lower Crown Street from Kembla to Corrimal Streets. Plan is attached. It was agreed that Council be requested to review the proposal, taking into account opportunities for significant improvements to activate the street and make it more people friendly with increased footpath widths, encourage outdoor dining and perhaps introducing a 10kph share zone, in conjunction with the Gehl Study work and traffic and parking considerations. Please give any comments to the secretary by 9th June.

9.6 Keiraville Gwynneville Access and Movement

We asked for a collaborative approach to the implementing the relatively sparse Action Plan adopted by Council in Dec 2020 as it lacked essential details such as estimated costs, timeframe, funding sources, lead agency and partners. It is now 6 years since Council endorsed preparation of the Strategy and the community is keen to help Council implement it.

The very disappointing response is that:

“Council does not have the capacity for additional meetings and at this stage the work is still in progress and they are not in a position to share the immediate future.”

It was agreed to advise Council of our disappointment at the lack of progress of this Plan and the apparent lack of willingness to connect with the community especially given the huge amount of time and effort the community put into developing the strategy in the first place.

10 Snippets noted

Next Meeting/Agenda: on Wed. 7th July 2021.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 397 households
