

<p>Neighbourhood Forum 5</p> <p>Wollongong's Heartland</p> <p><i>Collaborating with Council on community aspirations, visions, needs & concerns</i></p>		<p>Coniston, Figtree, Gwynneville, Keiraville, Mangerton, Mount Keira, Mount St Thomas, North Wollongong, West Wollongong, Wollongong City.</p>
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Minutes of meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 6th December 2023 by e-mail

- 1 **Presentation** It was agreed to apologise to Meegan Martinez for the cancellation of the face-to-face meeting.
- 2 **Apologies** were accepted from Deputy LM Tanis Brown (who conveyed her best wishes to NF5 for a safe and happy festive season), Philip Laird
- 3 **Minutes** of meeting of 1st November were endorsed.
- 4 **Comments** Noted
- 5 **Responses**
 - 5.1 **Complying Development;** noted
 - 5.2 **Manilda Trucks to Port Kembla:**
It was agreed that Paul Scully be thanked for his response and requested to ask Sydney Trains via the Minister of Transport to advise of action they are taking to increase freight resilience and capacity on the South Coast line.
 - 5.3 **Location of Wollongong's new Bus Layover:**
It was agreed that the NF5 submission be endorsed.
- 6 **Reports**
 - 6.1 **Safer Cities :**
It was agreed to congratulate Council on this initiative.
 - 6.2. **Stuart Park:**
It was agreed that:
 - 1 that Council again be requested to set up a working party, including NF 5 representatives, and prepare a separate SP PoM, like the successful process that resulted in the Minister adopting the 2000 SP PoM
 - 2 the resident be thanked for pursuing this matter in the public interest.

6.3 Legalising Bike Riding on Footpaths:

It was agreed that that in relation to bicycle paths the Forum adopt as policy:

1. safety as the over-riding priority;
2. separate cycleways, whether on-road or not, on all heavily traffic roads and to create a framework of cycleway access across the city;
3. reduces speeds on all other roads to at most 30 kph, and preferably lower, with clear priority for cyclists and pedestrians.

6.4 University of Wollongong Liaison: noted

6.5 Bluescope Steel Activities: noted

6.6 Information for Strata Residents: noted

6.7 Noise and Vibration during Excavation: noted that Deputy Mayor Tania Brown's motion was passed unanimously.

6.8 Libraries Strategy 2024-2028:

It was agreed that Council be commended on the Library Strategy 2024-2028 but requested to provide details on the current level of achievement to be compared with those proposed.

6.9 Wollongong Botanic Gardens Master Plan:

Following NF5 request in October, it is greatly appreciated that Council's Manager of Environment and Conservation Services provided NF5 representatives with a presentation on the draft Master Plan (MP) updated since the 2018 draft, including taking into account NF5 submission then. The MP has been delayed awaiting Heritage NSW approval of the revised Gleniffer Brae Conservation Management Plan (CMP).

The main issues discussed included the need to:

- i seek Council's adoption of the CMP to enable urgent maintenance work to proceed;
- ii develop a comprehensive MP document with similar structure, level of detail and updates for 2023 proposals;
- iii review the process for reporting to Council and subsequent exhibition of the draft MP enabling community feedback,
- iv provide flexibility in seeking optional locations for a proposed restaurant;
- v remediate the duck pond including dredging silt;
- vi advance restoration works for the Japanese sister-city bridge;

		vii	consider functional design and location for a facility combining visitors information, gift shop, kiosk/café, public toilets and work spaces.
7	Planning	7.1	Planning noted
		7.2	DA-2023/767, Mixed use building Crown/ Church W’gong It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed and proponents be congratulated.
		7.3	DA-2023/768, Dual Occ 204 Church St W’gong It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed
		7.4	DA-2023/768, Carwash, 136-8 Gladstone Ave Coniston It was agreed that the submission of support, subject to Council being satisfied that adjoining residents will not be adversely affected by noise, be endorsed.
		7.5	DA-2021/101, Health & Wellbeing Precinct N. W’gong It was agreed that a submission of support be lodged
		7.6	DA determinations: noted
8	General Business	8.1	Insurance It was noted that a significant number of the responses back to the secretary expressed concern that this issue might be because Council saw little value in the Forums – some in more forceful terms than others. It was also noted that setting up a separate Incorporated Association involved a significant amount of additional and duplicated work to comply with both the legislation and Council policies. It was agreed to ask Council: i. about the implications for them to change their insurance arrangements such that Forums were covered; ii in the event that this impossible or totally impractical, to fund any additional costs as a result, over and above the nominal Forum budgets; iii clarify their commitment to Neighbourhood Forums not least as a way of tapping into expertise in the community.
		8.2	Bluescope Community liaison After a period of very high demand this is expected to fall and at the same time for costs to increase. Construction has started on the new blast furnace. An EIS for the new plate mill is on exhibition with community information sessions scheduled.

As reported at item 6.5 the MasterPlan for 200 hectares of surplus land south of Five Islands Road has been prepared (see Bluescope Land Transformation on their website). Most of the land north of Five Islands is still required for steelworks operations. Surplus parcels to the west at Kembla ©range will be used mainly for residential purposes.

They are on target for a 1% per year reduction in carbon emissions as they move first to gas and then increasingly to renewables. They have a comprehensive air monitoring system including monitors at the top of emission stacks and it seems that air quality is as good as it needs to get.

9 Snippets noted.

Next meeting

Wednesday 7th February 2024

6 pm in WCC Library Theatre

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 423 households
