

WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING

6 June 2023

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm at the Waverton Uniting Church Community Hall.

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: Deborah Lloyd

Attendance: 27

WELCOME AND APOLOGY

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting, and guest Therese Mann, General Manager of North Sydney Council.

Apologies received from Margaret Petrokovski

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was

Moved by KA

Seconded by VY

"That the May 2023 Minutes be accepted".

Carried unanimously.

GUEST: THERESE MANN, GENERAL MANAGER, NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL

Ian Grey introduced Ms Mann who commenced in her role at the Council in November 2022.

Ms Mann outlined her background in finance and local government, having family history in the sector. She had experience of a Precinct system before at Randwick Council and reflected that the Precinct arrangement was about positive engagement, and respectful, intelligent and ongoing dialogue - and that she felt that it worked very well in the North Sydney Local government area.

The General Manager role is about constant change and her focus and first priority in the role was regarding strategy and staff - getting the culture right and with good, consistently applied and well monitored processes in place. In January, Ms Mann proposed to the Council that they change the structure from six divisions into three. The three divisions are: Corporate Services; Open Space and Infrastructure; and Community Planning and Environment. The re-set is designed to deliver a more consistent and higher level of service delivery for the people of North Sydney.

Ms Mann outlined that another focus for her was making improvements in the use of technology to deliver better services. She noted that local government tends to have less integrated and less up to date IT platforms compared to State or Federal governments or major corporations.

