

WAVERTON PRECINCT MEETING
4 February 2025
MINUTES

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

Chair: Ian Grey

Minutes: Jeremy Dawkins

Attendance: 13

Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Previous minutes

The Chair summarised the business of the December monthly meeting and the AGM and read out the decisions. The minutes will be posted on the Waverton Precinct website.

MOVED CK, seconded KA:

That the minutes of the December 2024 and the AGM meetings be accepted.

CARRIED.

Existing business

The Chair updated the meeting on the following issues.

- **NSC proposed rates increase**
 - The Precinct's submission to the Council will be posted on the Waverton Precinct website.
 - The meeting requested the Council to arrange for a representative of the Waverton Precinct to give evidence at the Council discussion next Monday to decide on this issue.
- **Carradah Park maintenance**
 - There has been a walk around the Park and Balls Head in late November to discuss the state of the parks and reserve. As a result the curved viewing deck has been cleared of vegetation.
 - The meeting noted that no new planting is being undertaken at Carradah Park.
 - The meeting requested the Council to update the twenty-year-old DA for Carradah Park to permit a possible different approach to the Larkin Street strip.
- **Merretts playground upgrade**
 - This is completed.
- **Save our Sydney Harbour campaign**
 - This campaign's petition has been tabled in State Parliament by the member for Balmain in late December. Further information and updates will be posted on the Waverton Precinct website.
- **MLC building in North Sydney**
 - The owner has put up a revised proposal for the adaptation of this site. A report will be prepared for the next Precinct meeting.
 - It was noted that a major adaptive reuse project at the site would be an opportunity for the construction of a direct underground pedestrian link between the North Sydney rail station and the Victoria Cross metro station, which was a strongly supported concept.
 - The meeting called on the Council to press for the inclusion in this critical project – at the very heart of the city centre – of significant public facilities, including a multipurpose public space (city hall).

New business

- **Coal loader wharf**
 - Through Mary Curran we discovered that tenders have been called by TfNSW for the demolition of the coal loader wharf.
 - The meeting expressed its disappointment that TfNSW had failed to keep the community informed on its plans for the wharf.
- **Noakes: Fire control system**
 - The meeting welcomed the implementation of improved fire protection, but requested the Council to investigate the following aspects of the Noakes proposal:
 - Was a DA submitted before or after the installation of the fire control system?

- Has Noakes provided an independent expert assessment of the correct specification for the fire control system?
- Has Noakes provided a comprehensive management plan for the operation and maintenance of the fire control system?

DAs

There are no local DAs for consideration by the Precinct.

The Chair reported that the Council is considering a DA for 52 McLaren Street (Redham School).

- o The meeting noted that yet another school will impose significant pressures and demands on the city centre while paying no rates or making other contributions.
- o The meeting requested the Council to introduce comprehensive measures to ensure that private schools pay for their use of community assets and contribute to the community through the sharing of their spaces and facilities with the public.

General business

The meeting shared news and updates.

Next meeting

The March meeting will be held on 4 March at 7:30 pm in the Uniting Church Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm.