

# MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CNR PAUL STREET AND BONDI ROAD, BONDI JUNCTION ON TUESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2018

## Present:

- Councillor George Copeland (Chair) Councillor John Wakefield (Mayor) Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak (Deputy Mayor) Councillor Sally Betts Councillor Leon Goltsman Councillor Tony Kay Councillor Elaine Keenan Councillor Steven Lewis Councillor Paula Masselos Councillor Marjorie O'Neill
- Waverley Ward Bondi Ward Hunter Ward Bondi Ward Waverley Ward Lawson Ward Hunter Ward Lawson Ward Waverley Ward

## Staff in attendance:

Ross McLeod	General Manager
Rachel Jenkin	Acting Director Waverley Life
Peter Monks	Director, Waverley Futures
Emily Scott	Director, Waverley Renewal
Jane Worthy	Internal Ombudsman

At the commencement of proceedings at 7.00 pm, those present were as listed above, with the exception of Cr Wakefield, who arrived at 7.01 pm.

## PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The Chair read the following Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Indigenous Heritage:

God, we pray for wisdom to govern with justice and equity. That we may see clearly and speak the truth and that we work together in harmony and mutual respect. May our actions demonstrate courage and leadership so that in all our works thy will be done. Amen.

Waverley Council respectfully acknowledges our Indigenous heritage and recognises the ongoing Aboriginal traditional custodianship of the land which forms our Local Government Area.

### 1. Apologies/Leaves of Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cr Nemesh.

Cr Burrill was previously granted leave of absence by Council for this meeting.

## 2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and the following were received:

- 2.1 Cr O'Neill declared a pecuniary interest in Item OC/5.2/18.08 NSW Public Library Funding, and informed the meeting that she is on the board of directors and is the treasurer of Local Government NSW.
- 2.2 Cr Wy Kanak declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in Item OC/5.3/18.08 Intersection of Bondi Road and Council Street/Waverley Street, Bondi Junction – Proposed Closure of Slip Lane and Introduction of Left-turn Ban, and informed the meeting that he is a resident of Park Parade and would potentially be affected by RMS's proposal.

### 3. Addresses by Members of the Public

There were no addresses by members of the public.

### 4. Confirmation of Minutes

OC/4.1/18.08 Confirmation of Minutes - Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 3 July 2018 (SF18/245)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION	Mover:	Cr Copeland
	Seconder:	Cr Lewis

That the minutes of the Operations and Community Services Committee meeting held on 3 July 2018 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Reports

## OC/5.1/18.08 Illegally Dumped Waste - Removal and Investigation (A06/1732)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION	Mover:	Cr Wakefield
	Seconder:	Cr Goltsman

That:

- 1. Council commences a 12-month trial of an additional illegally dumped waste collection crew within Public Place Cleansing to meet the new service standard outlined in clauses 2 and 3 below.
- 2. Council removes illegal waste dumps from streets in Waverley within two business days of notification by members of the community or Council staff when there is no evidence to identify who is responsible for the dumping.
- 3. Council endorses the proposal for illegal waste dumps in Waverley to be removed within three business days when they are significant illegal dumps and evidence exists to identify the offender/s.
- 4. Council undertakes a review of the whole bulky waste collection methodologies and reports back to Council with recommendations for service improvements following this 12-month trial.
- 5. Council notes that there may be instances when the two business day removal time or the three business day removal time cannot be met due to ongoing investigations for serious offences.
- 6. The General Manager and the Director, Waverley Renewal, investigate the capacity for our current Aboriginal traineeships to be linked to the additional positions, with the intention that one of the additional positions proposed be an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander-identified position.

### OC/5.2/18.08 NSW Public Library Funding (A02/0635-02)

Cr O'Neill declared a pecuniary interest in this item, and informed the meeting that she is on the board of directors and is the treasurer of Local Government NSW. Cr O'Neill was not present at, or in sight of, the meeting for the consideration and vote on this item.

### **MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION**

Mover: Cr Lewis Seconder: Cr Wy Kanak

That Council endorses the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative, Renew Our Libraries, and takes a role in activating the campaign locally by:

- 1. Formally advising the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW that Council has endorsed the library funding advocacy initiative.
- 2. Writing to the Hon. Don Harwin, Minister for the Arts, and the Hon. Walt Secord, Shadow Minister for the Arts, calling for bipartisan support for the provision of a significant increase in state funding for NSW public libraries, supported by a sustainable future funding model.
- 3. Making representations to the local State Members, the Hon. Bruce Notley-Smith and the Hon. Gabrielle Upton, in relation to the need for additional funding from the NSW State Government for the provision of public library services.

4. Endorsing the distribution of the NSW Public Libraries Association and Local Government NSW library funding advocacy initiative information at Waverley Library, as well as involvement, where appropriate, in actions arising from the initiative.

## OC/5.3/18.08 Intersection of Bondi Road and Council Street/Waverley Street, Bondi Junction -Proposed Closure of Slip Lane and Introduction of Left-turn Ban (A13/0465)

Cr Wy Kanak declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in this item, and informed the meeting that he is a resident of Park Parade and would potentially be affected by RMS's proposal.

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION	Mover:	Cr O'Neill
	Seconder:	Cr Copeland

That Council writes to the State Government's Roads and Maritime Services (RMS):

- 1. Objecting to its proposal to change traffic conditions at the intersection of Bondi Road and Council Street/Waverley Street, Bondi Junction, particularly in regard to the banning of a left-hand turn from Bondi Road into Council Street.
- 2. Detailing that the proposed left-hand ban will have adverse impacts, including:
  - (a) The undue impacts on travel time for vehicles that would have to use alternative routes.
  - (b) The undue impacts on local roads and intersections due to increased traffic volumes.
  - (c) It will push traffic wanting to access the south into Park Parade, Ocean Street, Bennett Street, and Watson Street, and then Birrell Street. It will also push traffic into Waverley Street, Botany Road, Birrell Street and then right into Carrington Road, noting that Botany Street is a narrow road that would be unsuitable for high volumes of traffic.
  - (d) Birrell Street is already highly congested in peak times. The additional traffic resulting from the left-turn ban at Council Street will create a dangerous and unmanageable situation. School traffic will be unduly impacted.
  - (e) Paul Street (south) and Dalley Street traffic, Council staff, visitors to Council Chambers, and Councillors will have no alternative but to use Waverley Street, Botany Street, Birrell Street, and then right into Carrington Road to access the south.
  - (f) Traffic exiting Flood Street into Bondi Road will need to turn right into Park Parade to access the south, or use the Botany Street route as above.
  - (g) Visitors leaving Bondi may turn left into the dead end of Paul Street (south), do a U-turn, and then illegally turn right into Bondi Road to turn right into Park Parade.
  - (h) The intersection of Birrell Street and Carrington Road may become dangerous and congested due to the increase in the volumes of eastbound Birrell Street traffic wanting to turn right into Carrington Road and westbound Birrell Street traffic wanting to turn left into Carrington Road.
  - (i) The exits from Park Parade and Bennet Street into Birrell Street are already highly congested at peak times.
  - (j) The exit from Park Parade is not controlled by traffic lights, and an increase in right-turn traffic

into Birrell Street will further impede safe vehicular movement.

- (k) Park Parade residents driving out of their off-street parking spaces into the street will experience greater volumes of traffic, more difficulty to exit their properties, and greater risk and reduced safety.
- (I) It is not in the public interest.
- 3. Pointing out that traffic conditions on Bondi Road are likely to be affected by the RMS proposal to create an extended clearway on Old South Head Road.
- 4. Informing that Council has and will continue to lobby for a peak period express bus service from Bondi Beach to Bondi Junction via Old South Head Road.
- 5. Asking that the RMS consider supporting this express bus service and writing to Sydney Buses expressing such.
- 6. Requesting the RMS to action the following measures if the proposal is to proceed further:
  - (a) Conduct community consultation throughout the Waverley LGA and in local media so that residents, visitors to Bondi and other private vehicle users who use the existing slip lane to turn left into Council Street can have their say, especially local residents that would be unduly affected by the changes, including those of Park Parade, Paul Street (south of Bondi Road) and Dalley Street.
  - (b) Consult with the Penkivil Precinct Committee.
- 7. Requesting of the RMS that, if the proposal for the removal of the slip lane and island proceeds to detailed design, the following be actioned:
  - (a) The slip lane and island be replaced with a kerb extension that acts as a crossing point for pedestrians and cyclists, noting that this location is part of Waverley's Bike Plan.
  - (b) The existing 'No Stopping' zone on the eastern side of Council Street south of Bondi Road be reviewed and provision be made to increase the quantum of on-street parking.
  - (c) 'No Left Turn at Council Street' signs be identified at appropriate locations on Bondi Road for westbound traffic.
  - (d) Provide the detailed design of the changes to Council's Creating Waverley department for consideration.
  - (e) Provide Council officers with traffic count modelling comparisons (volumes, traffic speeds and travel times) for vehicles that would use Waverley Street/Botany Street/Birrell Street/Carrington Road, Park Parade, Bennett Street, Ocean Street, Watson Street and Birrell Street instead of the existing left-turn into Council Street from Bondi Road, and for residents that live in these streets.
  - (f) If the proposal is to be implemented, LED information signs for westbound traffic be installed on Bondi Road at least two weeks prior to commencing construction.

#### OC/5.4/18.08 SSROC Banking Services Contract (A18/0412)

### **MOTION / DECISION**

Mover: Cr Wakefield Seconder: Cr Lewis

That Council:

- 1. Treats the attachment to this report as confidential in accordance with section 11(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, as it relates to a matter specified in section 10A(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The report contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.
- 2. Notes that the General Manager has signed the SSROC Banking Services Contract with SSROC's recommended preferred services provider, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, for an initial period of five years (plus 1 x 2 year extension) for Council's transactional banking services.

#### Division

For the Motion:Crs Betts, Goltsman, Kay, Lewis, Masselos, O'Neill and Wakefield.Against the Motion:Crs Copeland, Keenan and Wy Kanak.

#### 6. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

#### 7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.31 PM.

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SIGNED AND CONFIRMED CHAIR 4 SEPTEMBER 2018