

MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE/AT WAVERLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CNR PAUL STREET AND BONDI ROAD, BONDI JUNCTION ON TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020

Present:

Councillor George Copeland (Chair) Waverley Ward Councillor Paula Masselos (Mayor) Lawson Ward Councillor Elaine Keenan (Deputy Mayor) Lawson Ward **Councillor Sally Betts Hunter Ward** Councillor Angela Burrill Lawson Ward Councillor Leon Goltsman Bondi Ward Councillor Tony Kay Waverley Ward **Councillor Steven Lewis Hunter Ward** Councillor Will Nemesh **Hunter Ward** Councillor John Wakefield Bondi Ward Councillor Dominic Wy Kanak Bondi Ward

Staff in attendance:

Emily Scott Acting General Manager

John Clark Director, Customer Service and Organisation Improvement

Peter Monks Director, Planning, Environment and Regulatory

Karen Mobbs General Counsel
Darren Smith Chief Financial Officer

Evan Hutchings Executive Manager, Governance and Projects

At the commencement of proceedings at 7.03 pm, those present were as listed above.

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 O'Neill.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

The Chair called for declarations of interest and none were received.

3. Addresses by Members of the Public

- 3.1 The Francis Street and Community Traffic Committee OC/5.1/20.11 Petition Against Closure of Barracluff Avenue, Bondi Beach.
- 3.2 A resident OC/5.2/20.11 Air Fresheners in Council Buildings Health Considerations.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

OC/4.1/20.11 Confirmation of Minutes - Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting - 1 September 2020 (SF20/43)

MOTION / UNANIMOUS DECISION

Mover: Cr Copeland
Seconder: Cr Masselos

That the minutes of the Operations and Community Services Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2020 be received and noted, and that such minutes be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5. Reports

OC/5.1/20.11 Petition - Against Closure of Barracluff Avenue, Bondi Beach (A20/0334)

MOTION Mover: Cr Goltsman

Seconder: Cr Burrill

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition against the closure of Barracluff Avenue, Bondi Beach.

- 2. Notes that over 500 submissions have been received by Council on the community consultation for traffic management in Barracluff Avenue.
- 3. Further notes that over 95% of the submissions do not support the option of a road closure in Barracluff Avenue.
- 4. Does not support the closure of Barracluff Avenue.
- 5. Officers inform the key petitioner, residents of Barracluff Avenue and Rickard Avenue, and the Bondi Precinct Committee of this resolution.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSE 2.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION:

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the petition against the closure of Barracluff Avenue, Bondi Beach.
- 2. Notes that over 500 submissions have been received from residents of Barracluff Avenue and surrounding streets by Council on the community consultation for traffic management in Barracluff Avenue
- 3. Further notes that over 95% of the submissions do not support the option of a road closure in Barracluff Avenue.
- 4. Does not support the closure of Barracluff Avenue.
- 5. Officers inform the key petitioner, residents of Barracluff Avenue and Rickard Avenue, and the Bondi Precinct Committee of this resolution.

The Francis Street and Community Traffic Committee addressed the meeting.

OC/5.2/20.11 Air Fresheners in Council Buildings - Health Considerations (A20/0274)

MOTION Mover: Cr Lewis Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council:

1. Notes that, while only limited studies have been undertaken, there is evidence that the use of air fresheners can lead to adverse health effects for some people, particularly asthmatics.

- 2. Notes the current extent of air freshener use in Council-owned buildings and the measures undertaken to standardise their use under the recently awarded cleaning and hygiene services contract.
- 3. Notes the requirement to provide air fresheners in Council facilities that experience high visitation and where natural cross flow ventilation is limited, to create a more pleasant experience for users of the facilities.
- 4. Installs advisory signage at the entry to Council buildings and rooms where air fresheners are in use.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED THE ADDITION OF THREE NEW CLAUSES.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED.

DECISION:

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the report.
- 2. Notes that, while only limited studies have been undertaken, there is evidence that the use of air fresheners can lead to adverse health effects for some people, particularly asthmatics.
- 3. Notes the current extent of air freshener use in Council-owned buildings and the measures undertaken to standardise their use under the recently awarded cleaning and hygiene services contract.
- 4. Notes the requirement to provide air fresheners in Council facilities that experience high visitation and where natural cross flow ventilation is limited, to create a more pleasant experience for users of the facilities.
- 5. Installs advisory signage at the entry to Council buildings and rooms where air fresheners are in use.
- 6. Officers investigate efficient and economical ways to address health concerns for the use of air fresheners in publicly accessible amenities within Council buildings, noting that a minimum of one unisex naturally ventilated publicly accessible toilet without air fresheners could be adequate per building, including:
 - (a) Determine if any publicly accessible toilets are already naturally ventilated and can provide an acceptably pleasant and healthy environment for users of the facility without the need for air fresheners.
 - (b) Investigate whether any publicly accessible toilet can be easily and economically converted to provide adequate natural ventilation without the use of air fresheners by, say, replacing

existing fixed glass windowpanes with opening windows.

- (c) Although it is noted that a reduction in the timed frequency that an automatic air freshener dispenses its spray is unlikely to increase the opportunity for members of the public to enter a publicly accessible toilet with little or no air freshener present in the air, this should still be pursued to confirm its efficacy and consider whether a trial is warranted.
- 7. Receives a brief report at the February 2021 Operations and Community Services Committee meeting, including investigation outcomes and recommendations.

Division

For the Motion: Crs Betts, Burrill, Copeland, Goltsman, Kay, Lewis, Masselos, Nemesh, Wakefield

and Wy Kanak.

Against the Motion: Cr Keenan.

A resident addressed the meeting.

OC/5.3/20.11 Parking Officers - Multi-skilling to Undertake Ranger Duties (A14/0164)

MOTION Mover: Cr Masselos

Seconder: Cr Keenan

That Council notes that the delegations and authorisations of Rangers will be reviewed to enable them to issue infringements relating to parking offences.

THE MOVER OF THE MOTION THEN ACCEPTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS THEN PUT AND DECLARED CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNANIMOUS DECISION:

That Council notes that the delegations and authorisations of Rangers will continue to be reviewed to enable them to issue infringements relating to parking offences.

6 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

7. Meeting Closure

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.49 PM.

SIGNED AND CONFIRMED
CHAIR

1 DECEMBER 2020