

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 1

Meeting 7pm 13 April 2022

Otford Community Hall

Minutes of Meeting

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| Attendance | As per attendance register (limited to 30 people as per current restrictions) |
| Apologies | Warwick Erwin, Fiona Myers and Alan Bond |
| Chair | Jenny Sherratt |
| Acting Co-Chair | Ian Hill |
| Councillor Present | Cr Richard Martin, Cr Cameron Walters |

Meeting Opened 7:06 pm

Confirmation of Previous minutes – March 9, 2022

Packaged Liquor Licence 19-21 Walker Street Update.

Package Liquor Licence Report read to meeting and tabled.

The applicant has been invited to provide a submission on matters raised at the public meeting and any additional written submissions received from persons unable to attend the meeting. The Authority will publish all submissions on the Liquor & Gaming Applications Noticeboard and open a further 7-day submission period. The applicant's final submission will also be published on the Noticeboard.

Lot 2 Short Lane DA-2021-1058 Mixed use development with shop top housing

The Wollongong Local Planning panel has determined the application by way of refusal.

Helensburgh Town Centre Plan – Walker Street and Short Street - Southern Blister is due to pedestrian reasons

Previous concerns over this have been raised due to the blockage of traffic exiting Short Street with requests for a two-lane exit. Cr Richard Martin stated he had approached the Council Staff responsible and was given four options that Council is now proposing for the corner.

- Line Marking installation for one left hand turn lane and one right hand turn lane be provided at the exit of Short Street into Walker Street.
- No Right Turn at Short Street
- No Line Marking and traffic movement monitored
- No Blister. Retain current creative conditions

Discussion of this occurred. Cr Richard Martin stated that Council officer Glen Whittaker was open to suggestions. Following considerations of the options the meeting chose unanimously to support option 1.

Wollongong Draft Community Strategic Plan

City Council will be placing the Community Strategic Plan 2032, Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023 on public exhibition in May 2022 This will be present to NF1 at meeting in May.

Exhibition of Revised Draft Chapter E1: Access for People with Disability

Council resolved on 21 February 2022 to exhibit the revised draft Chapter E1: Access for People with Disability of the Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009. The draft chapter outlines the statutory framework and the legislated requirements for providing access for people with disability when carrying out certain types of development.

Happy Hearts

As an additional item to the Access for People with Disability a second issue attached was Happy Hearts at 191 Princes Highway Helensburgh. Concerns have been raised over the safety of the current drop off on Princess Highway. A proposition to restrict parking outside of the facility for the benefit of increased visibility was raised at the meeting.

Our Wollongong Our Future

In 2021, Wollongong City Council asked the community to share what they loved about Wollongong, their vision and their ideas for our city and community. From this, council have put together an Engagement Summary which includes topics such as Environment, Local Economy, Accessibility, Development, Heritage, Wellbeing, Active Transport, Arts & Culture, Housing, Transport, Recreation and Community Services & Facilities. The council will use what they have heard to draft its next Community Strategic Plan which will be placed on public exhibition in May 2022.

Our Boys Social Club

Wollongong Council has organized some free men's activities. Booking are essential. See council's website for more information. The initiative was read to meeting and the document was tabled.

General Business

New Liquor Licence granted in 2508

The household at 51 Tunnel Road has had a liquor licence application approved by the Liquor and Gaming Authority. The current status is Approved: Open for ILGA review request. The Application number is APP-0009228441 dated 23 September 2021 for a New Licence-on Premises. The Status is Open for Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) review request and the ILGA request end Date is 10th May 2022.

Pot holes

Greg Doyle has placed a priority on the remediation of pot holes, request to residents is to report them to Council ideally with accompanying photographs.

A local resident reported scour and potholes along the southern side road edge of Otford Road approaching Lloyd Place. The degree of damage was so great the tree trimming truck was caught in one such hole.

A second concern was the condition of the road and path surface on Beaumont Road pathway to the railway. It has become badly degraded with the scour and gaps in the surface. A resident fell and damaged a leg on this.

There was also the request for more playground equipment at Otford Tennis Court.

A concern of dog owners is the unfenced dog park near the tip with the concern being that dogs released from leads in the park may run off into the bush and retrieving them becomes problematic.

Another resident of Otford reported severe scouring on the south side of the railway weir on the Hacking River at Otford.

On a positive note, some alleviation of the scour on the left-hand side of Otford Road west of the Hacking River had been achieved through Council providing some minimal tar covering of the potholes along the road side.

Beaumont Road was again mentioned with the recent heavy rains making use of the footpaths to the railway on the eastern side impractical to all but those wearing galoshes as they were ankle deep in water runoff. It was noted all paths east of the railway gate to Beaumont Road became minor streams across their entire width with the water shed becoming concentrated on the paths greatly in excess of the adjacent vegetation.

Minutes: Ian Hill