

DAPTO NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 8
Ribbonwood Centre - Scribbly Gum Room

MINUTES

7pm WEDNESDAY 10th February 2021

(Please observe Covid Care at all times)

1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement of Country. I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which this meeting takes place, and Elders past and Present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.

Ian Fitzgibbon, Dennis Couley, Heather Boardman, Cr. Ann Martin, Stephen McGartland, Ron Cooper, Corey Stoneham(WCC), Alan Davis (WCC), Romeo Cecchele

3. APOLOGIES:

Cr. Dom Figliomeni; Liz Webster; Halimah Simpson; Amy Beck

4. MINUTES - received for Wednesday 9th December 2020

Moved by: Ron Cooper

Seconded by: Matt Salvador

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

1. Via WCC Re McDonalds- from WCC General Counsel 24th Feb 10am to Land & Environment Court.
NF8 to email support of previous /reinforce council's position

OUT:

6. REPORTS/UPDATES FROM ENGAGEMENT TEAM:

Corey Stoneham & Alan Davis

7. GUEST SPEAKERS:

Corey Stoneham (Manager City Works) & Alan Davis (Civil Construction)

Reported re: Wongawilli Access Project

Further works west of Smith's Lane and a little tidying on Southern Side.

Aiming to seal road asap.

Two Crews working on Northern side, west of Smiths lane.

Council Officers met with residents mid January.

2 key concerns were raised:

a) Maintaining 2 way traffic Flow

b) Managing works around truck drainage culverts to maintain 2 way traffic flow.

Aiming to have culverts installed within 2 weeks.

Planning to engage a specialist contractor to manage major drainage, prevent flooding and speed up project.

The Work Program continues to be maintained on Wollongong City Council website.

At request of this meeting WCC will review road signs at entrance to Wongawilli subdivision.

Ron Cooper:

a) Thanked Corey for the support he and his staff have put in, particularly their communication with residents and reworking of the project to facilitate completion of works.

b) Tabled the document that has been presented by Wongawilli residents to WCC officers regarding issues requiring attention for Wongawilli development. Particular concern is for clearer overall planning.

c) Ron requested that these issues be addressed by NF8 with WCC.

Dennis Couley requested that we please have an update on previously promoted plans for the intersection of Bong Bong Rd & Station St.

Council officers advised: Wollongong Council is nearing finalisation of planning in conjunction with Sydney trains.

Cr. Ann Martin noted: she has also had lots enquiries regarding this project.

For NF8 March Meeting:

WCC Design Team will present an update re broader road issues in area at March meeting, also taxi issue

Romeo Cecchele asked: When will the dangerous local roads, including West Dapto & Darkes Roads be repaired?

N.B. The first 1st 500m of West Dapto Rd is of particular concern.

Corey Stoneham noted that he is responsible for WCC component of Wongawilli Development only.

NF8 to address this at next meeting and to draw WCC attention to this concern.

General Business:

1. Lake Illawarra Jetties Consultation:

Cr. Ann Martin advised :

- a) There is not yet any decision on progress with jetties.
- b) Additional funding has been allocated for Judbooley Parade Jetty
- c) The recent approval of Estuary Management Plan creates opportunities for WCC to apply for further funding.

2. Dennis Couley noted:

- a) Concern that **Avondale Rd** is in poor condition and is dangerous for traffic.
- b) Due to poor condition of Avondale Road Illawarra Cycle Club is no longer renting Rotary property (Don's Farm) resulting in a loss of available funds for community support.

ICC comps are now going elsewhere due to road condition, leading to a loss of income from the cycling community.
- c) It was noted that **Huntley Hill Climb** has been refurbished due to awareness of the income from "tourist dollars" .
- d) Discussion that Council is reviewing impact on Avondale Road caused by road by developers traffic.

In Conclusion:

3. Ron Cooper expressed Wongawilli Residents appreciation to Corey Stoneham and WCC General

Manager, Greg Doyle for their support and onsite visits to address concerns regarding infrastructure development.

Ian Fitzgibbon also commended the support from Councillors in following through residents and NF8 concerns and interests.

NF8 moved that thanks be conveyed to WCC Councillors, Corey Stoneham and his team for support extended to residents and NF8 in all issues for concern.

4. Steve McGartland discussed:

Possible ways to increase community engagement in local issues through NF8.

Some ideas discussed included:

Virtual meetings; Try different sites for meetings; survey local issues; request WCC meetings be held within local communities.

It was resolved that members attending refine these ideas and this issue be included for discussion at NF8 March meeting.

5. Romeo Cecchele:

a) Raised concern regarding subsidence in the Kanahooka Rd-Prince Edward Drive Roundabout.

Ian Fitzgibbon noted that this problem has been rectified within the last 2 weeks.

b) Requested that ongoing safety and maintenance concerns re West Dapto Road, Wongawilli & Darkes Roads be a recurring Agenda Item for future NF8 Meetings.

Steve McGartland noted that recommendation of this action had been minuted in October 2020.

6. Cr. Ann Martin noted: WCC is to hold the annual Budget Workshop in the near future. Ann will request that West Dapto Committee Minutes be made available to NF8.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

NEXT MEETING:

7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2021

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