

Neighbourhood Forum 5

Wollongong's Heartland

*Collaborating with Council
on community aspirations,
visions, needs & concerns*



**Coniston,
Figtree,
Gwynneville,
Keiraville,
Mangerton,
Mount Keira,
Mount St Thomas,
North Wollongong,
West Wollongong,
Wollongong City.**

Minutes of meeting on 3rd May 2023 by email

- 1 **Presentation** None possible
- 2 **Apologies** Harold Hanson
- 3 **Minutes** of meeting of 5th April were adopted.
- 4 **Comments** received have been included in the appropriate agenda item.
- 5 **Responses** 5.1 **Construction Noise and Vibration**
It was agreed that the General Manager be requested to arrange discussions with relevant senior representatives of Council, NF5 Executive and a group of affected residents in the east Smith St area to discuss this report and establish a working group to advance this matter.

5.2 **Complying Development Notification:** Noted
It was agreed to make representations to Hon Paul Scully, Member for Wollongong and Minister of Planning, about problems associated with Complying Development notifications.

5.3 **On-site Development Signs:**
It was agreed that Council be requested to ensure conditions of development consent are strictly adhered to.

5.4 **Outstanding responses:** Noted
- 6 **Reports** 6.1 **Revised DCP on Centres:**
It was agreed to support the revisions to Chapter B4 – Development in Centres and Peripheral Sales precincts.

6.2 **Delivery and Operational Plan:**
It was agreed that the executive be empowered to make an appropriate submission.

6.3 Impact of WIN development:

It was agreed that the Forum:

- i thank Council for taking the time and trouble to respond to our concerns about the WIN development and the City Centre;
- ii protest the delay in preparing a Master Plan for McCabe Park;
- iii request Council to review its policy of discounting car parking spaces for pre-existing development unless these had been the subject of a monetary contribution;
- iv advise Council that we would very much like to work with them and others on both on-going and long term future of the city centre;
- v suggest a trial of free parking for the first hour at some on-street parking metres in key locations;
- vi canvas members to form a city centre advisory group, and support the hospitality business owners group and encourage them to broaden their remit.

6.4 Age-friendly Cities:

It was agreed that Council be requested to consider joining the Global Age-friendly Cities organisation

6.5 Stormwater Management:

It was noted that Council's consultants develop the many Flood Studies which include multiple catchments, flood models are calibrated, and more information from affected residents would help refine models and accuracies. Apparently ten of the eleven Risk Plans are under review within the next few years using guidelines updated in 2019, and initial indications are that projected flood risks will be similar.

Council's Stormwater Management charge is relatively small at about \$2m pa, and a fraction is allocated towards the \$140m needed to implement Floodplain Risk Management Plans. Capital provided for stormwater works is around 7% of the annual infrastructure budget, whereas the replacement cost of stormwater assets is about 27% of the total. Funding depends on the availability of grants and competing priorities in the annual budget cycle, which affects implementation of actions.

It was agreed that Council again be requested to urgently redress the apparent annual gross relative underfunding for Stormwater Services.

6.6 University Health & Wellbeing Precinct: Noted

6.7 Community Engagement Strategy:

It was agreed that Council be requested to:

- i give priority to implementing Levels of Engagement with relevant Neighbourhood Forum representatives at level 4 Collaborative, or if not feasible, then at least Level 3 Involvement;
- ii provide administrative support resources to Neighbourhood Forums to assist compliance with Council's Charter;
- iii re-introduce annual Ward meetings to enable transparency and provide opportunities to expand community involvement in decision-making processes.
- iv re-institute place management with managers also relating to Neighbourhood Forums and their communities.

6.8 draft Community Participation Plan Amendments:

It was agreed that Members advise the secretary by Monday 29 May 2023 of any issues for consideration at NF5 June meeting.

6.9 Meet Your Neighbours Toolkit:

It was agreed that residents of strata units who are interested in creating closer ties with their neighbours are encouraged to visit www.yourstrataproperty.com.au and check out: [358. A toolkit to help you meet your neighbours.](#)

6.10 Crown Reserves Plan of Management:

It was agreed that Members be encouraged to review the documentation on Council's website re the Draft Plans of Management for 32 Crown Reserves, and

6.11 Yours and Owls;: Noted

7 Planning 7.1 DA 2023/276 2 lot subdivision, 26 Bulwarra St Keiraville
It was agreed to support this proposal.

7.2 DA determinations: Noted

8 General Business None.

9 Snippets It was agreed to suggest to Council that they consider joining the Tree Cities of the World programme.

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 7th June 2023

Please Note:

Whether this meeting will be via e-mail or face-to-face will be advised later.

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 410 households
