

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 7th June 2023 by email

- 1 **Presentation** None possible
- 2 **Apologies** Harold Hanson, John Riggall
- 3 **Minutes** of meeting of 3rd May were adopted.
- 4 **Comments** have been included in these minutes.
- 5 **Responses** 5.1 **Construction Noise and Vibration:**
 5.2 **Stormwater Management:** noted
 5.3 **Outstanding responses:** noted
- 6 **Reports** 6.1 **Integrated Transport Strategy:**
 Noted the meeting with Council and the other NFs and that an ongoing process will follow.
 6.2 **Construction Noise and Vibration:**
 Noted that the Manager agreed to investigate remedies for these problems (including failures at 1 Smith Street, issues with 82A Cliff Road as well as providing specified documents) and to respond to the group at a follow up meeting.
 6.3 **Crown Reserves Plan of Management;**
 It was agreed that a submission of support, reflecting the report in the agenda, be submitted.
 6.4 **Urban Heating Controls:**
 It was agreed that Council be requested to review its development controls and supporting guidance for new developments to upgrade them to further reduce the impact of urban heating.

6.5 Transport of grain to Port Kembla

It was agreed that Alison Byrnes MP, Member for Cunningham and the Hon Paul Scully MP, Member for Wollongong, be requested to make representations to the relevant Ministers for Transport seeking advice as to the types of vehicles permitted on the Picton and Mount Ousley Roads, the monitoring of truck driving hours (given health and stress issues involved), and whether long distance farm gate to Port Kembla grain terminal road haulage operations can revert back to farm gate to a nearby rail receiving point, and then rail to Port Kembla.

6.6 Mountain Bike Tracks

It was agreed that the Forum endorse the submission to the National Parks and Wildlife Service on the planned mountain bike tracks in the Balgownie portion of the Illawarra Escarpment, which

- i deplores any suggestion of proposals to build new tracks through threatened ecological communities;
- ii objects to reinforcing tracks in sub-tropical rainforest areas;
- iii supports tracks be relocated in places likely to discourage riders trespassing or making illegal tracks;
- iv requests that a better quality, properly resourced, ecological assessment is undertaken before proceeding further; and,
- v insist resources are made available for the management and policing of tracks before expanding the network.

7 Planning

7.1 Disclaimer: noted

7.2 DA-2023/331 5 Townhouses, 51 Heaslip St Coniston

An objection has been received from a member (who does not live nearby) on the grounds that on this steep site retaining walls will be grossly excessive in height. It is no longer possible to check this but it was not disclosed in the documentation.

It was agreed that the submission be supplemented by conditioning support on Council's standards for retaining walls being complied with.

7.3 DA-2023/349 3 Townhouses, 15 Branch Avenue Figtree

It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

7.4 DA-2023/358 6 town houses 11-12 St John's Ave Mangerton

It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

7.5 DA-2023/360 Dual Occupancy 3 Harbour St Wollongong

It was agreed that the submission of objection be endorsed.

7.6 DA-2023/367, 47 units 8 storeys, 300-302 Crown St W’gong
It was agreed that a submission of conditional support be made subject to Council being satisfied that variations to its controls are justified.

7.7 DA-2023/368, 20 units 10 storeys, 21-23 Edward St W’gong
It was agreed that the submission of support be endorsed.

7.8 DA determinations: noted

8 General Business

8.1 DA-2023/417 Office block, 132 Church St W’gong
16th June

This is a proposal for a two storey office block between two single storey houses in a B6 Enterprise Corridor zone. It seems to comply with all Council requirements. It is just one house away from an area in transition from residential to commercial, so the design does not fit its immediate neighbours. Our Locality Plan anticipated 2 to 3 storey residential development and some commercial.



It was agreed to support the proposal.

9 Snippets noted

Date of next meeting
Wednesday 5th July 2023

Please Note:

This meeting will be via e-mail as face-to-face meetings still seem inadvisable

Current active membership of Neighbourhood Forum 5 : 409 households
