

COMBINED PRECINCTS MEETING

Waverley Council Response Report to Motions from 7 December 2023 Combined Precincts' meetings

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
7 December 2023	<p>Motion 1 The Combined Precincts believe that councillors should be able to express differing opinions without fear of retribution.</p>	Council acknowledges the Combined Precincts motion.	Executive Services	Complete
	<p>Motion 2 The Combined Precincts request a written explanation as to why Councillors Wy Kanak and Fabiano were removed from their various positions, including that of Deputy Mayor. We are of the opinion that such removals are unjustified when they relate to a difference of opinion.</p>	<p>According to the debate at the 26 October 2023 Extraordinary Council Meeting, Council was of the view that Crs Fabiano and Wy Kanak, in voting against the relevant motion, had lost the confidence of the community. The live stream recording is available here.</p> <p>It is lawful to amend the term of the Deputy Mayor, as the term is set by Council. It is also within Council's power to remove Councillors as members of committees at any time. However, all Councillors still have the ability to attend committees as observers.</p>	Executive Services	Complete
	<p>Motion 3 The Combined Precincts support the long running internationally recognised short film festival Flickerfest being held in the northern courtyard of the Pavilion with support for the necessary stage and seating. It is noted this new arrangement is due to the demolition of the amphitheatre in the Pavilion upgrade. It would be very difficult for Flickerfest to be denied the use of the northern courtyard at this late stage.</p>	<p>Council notes the Combined Precincts support for Flickerfest.</p> <p>Councillors have requested Officers explore and report back all options for the hosting of the next Flickerfest in 2025.</p> <p>As Flickerfest is a private "for profit" company, support and location options will be subject to public consultation.</p> <p>Residents are invited to have their say during the consultation period.</p>	Community, Culture and Customer Experience	Complete
	<p>Motion 4 The Combined Precincts ask Council as to why they failed in their fiduciary duty in large in not holding the meeting on Thursday 26 October 2023 in accordance with normal</p>	The meeting was held in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice. In addition, Council staff took a number of steps to ensure the safety of staff, Councillors and members of the public, including:	Executive Services/ Governance	Complete

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	business procedures including controlling physical and verbal misbehaviour in the public gallery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with NSW Police and local Jewish organisations. Additional security guards and extra onsite security measures at Council Chambers. Setting up an overflow room. Physically separating Councillors from members of the public. Having contingencies in place to adjourn the meeting to another day or place. <p>Under difficult circumstances, the Mayor throughout the meeting encouraged respectful debate and warned members of the public not to engage in disorderly conduct. The meeting was also adjourned twice to control disorder in the gallery.</p>		
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	Director of A+O will get back to Charing Cross Precinct on their involvement in selecting furniture etc. and when they can expect this stage to occur.	Council Officers have reached out to Charing Cross Precinct directly to discuss.	Assets & Operations	Complete
	Director of A+O will look into another way to represent the images of Clifftop Walkway Stage 2 as photo renders are not within budget.	<p>The Have your Say page includes details of existing and new levels as well as cross sections at relevant locations.</p> <p>https://haveyoursay.waverley.nsw.gov.au/clifftopwalkwayupgrade (refer to top document in the Document Library)</p>	Assets & Operations	Complete
	Director of A+O to advise what the plan is for 58 Campbell Pde where the 2 large trees were removed.	<p>The 2 trees were removed under DA-246/2022.</p> <p>One tree was a Celtis sinensis (Hackberry) which is listed on Council's exempt species list, therefore does not require a tree permit. The other was a Persea Americana (Avocado)</p>	Assets & Operations	Complete

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		and was rated as having moderate landscape value, poor crown density of 50% due to being suppressed by the dominant Hackberry and a bark inclusion was also noted. As a condition of consent for removal, the trees are to be replaced with 3 x 100 litre Banksia integrifolia (Coast Banksia's). They will be planted at the rear of the property adjacent Lamrock Place.		
	Manager of Sustainability, SM to share feedback from Community Consultation to Rose Bay Precinct which guided Council to select Liverpool Street as an option for an EV charging Station. .	SM sent feedback to Convenor of Rose Bay Precinct on 13 December 2023.	Planning, Sustainability + Compliance	Complete
	Director of A+O to advise the exact location of Birrell Street Bus Shelter and tell LH (Bondi Heights).	The shelter location we have been asked to consider and consult on is on Birrell St between the roundabout at Watson St and Dickson St.	Assets & Operations	Complete
	CLC to follow up Council's filming requirements of Council Meetings, and whether the Gallery should / is filmed. Background: AD noted that the online recording of the meeting did not show what was happening in the gallery – particularly when the Mayor and Emily spoke to the attendees. It said 'Closed session' and is concerned the whole meeting isn't properly recorded.	The purpose of providing a live stream of a Council or Council committee meeting is to bring Council decision-making to a wider audience. Addresses to a meeting by residents are recorded as part of the live stream because residents' comments may influence Council's decision-making. Beyond this purpose, there is no reason to record residents in the public gallery. Council is mindful of maintaining residents' privacy where possible. The live stream is not the definitive record of the proceedings of a meeting and therefore questions about its accuracy are not applicable. The minutes of the meeting are the definitive record of Council's decision-making. Please	Corporate Services	Complete

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		<p>refer to the policy statement in Council's <i>Live Streaming of Council Meetings Policy</i> below.</p> <p>Should a meeting resolve to close part of its meeting to the public to discuss matters that are classified as confidential under Section 10A of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> the live stream ceases to operate for the closed part of the meeting and a notice advising viewers of such is shown on the live stream. See section 5.2 in Council's <i>Live Streaming of Council Meetings Policy</i> below.</p> <p>2. POLICY STATEMENT</p> <p><i>Waverley Council is committed to open, transparent and accountable decision making. Live streaming Council meetings and publishing recordings of meetings to Council's website provides a flexible and convenient way for the wider community to access Council's decision making process.</i></p> <p><i>Increased community awareness of Council's decision making can promote confidence in the integrity and accountability of the decision makers and the Council.</i></p> <p><i>The meeting minutes, once confirmed by Council, provide the definitive record of Council's resolution and the Council's position on a particular matter.</i></p> <p>5.2 Parts of a meeting closed to the public</p> <p><i>Should Council resolve to close part of a meeting to the public in accordance with Section 10A of the Local</i></p>		

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		<i>Government Act 1993 the live stream will cease for that part of the meeting, and the recording of that part of the meeting will not be made available for viewing on Council's website.</i>		
	CLC to set up meeting with Charing Cross to discuss Precinct Strategic Plan / promotion opportunities.	CLC meet with Precinct Executives in Jan 2024. Plan in progress.	Executive Services	In progress

Next Meeting: 7 March 2024