

COOGEE BAY PRECINCT–Minutes	
Ordinary meeting 19 February 2024 7.32pm	
East Ward Community Hall. 97R Brook Street Coogee	
Chair/Secretary	Mark England/Rona Wade (for Terry Maunsell) Attendees:18 including Councillors Olive & Wilson
1. Declaration	Mark welcomed guests and acknowledged country. No conflicts of interest noted
2. Apologies	Councillor Neilson, Del Buchanan, Boon How, Garry Blandy, Richard Woodburn, Terry Maunsell
3. Previous Minutes	Minutes of 18 December 2023 Moved Patrick Cunningham, Paul Chilcott
4. Presentation	Maria Bradley outlined the NSW Government proposed changes to the planning system aimed at increasing housing stock around transport hubs and town centres. Amongst the concerns raised was the fate of the foreshore protection and its 11m height limit. Resolution 01/24: That the Council submission emphasise that a) despite containing some of the most densely populated suburbs in Sydney, Randwick had met its housing targets and this should be recognised by the Government, and b) the importance of retaining the foreshore height limit of 12M be highlighted as it provides residents in thousands of flats (inc. many small rental flats) up to the Randwick Ridge to enjoy an ocean view.
5. Council Responses	Light pole Dolphin Street (43/230) – Council did not support the request to relocate the pole. Closure of CBA branch (46/23) – Council replied that the Precinct resolution would be considered Mark then outlined the campaign to save the branch – the last bank presence in Coogee.. As at 19 February, the petition stood at nearly 400 names. Michael Richards produced a banner for the campaign. There had been a community campaign gathering at the bank on 1 February with about 30 people in attendance including Councillor Olive and Mayor Veitch. The Beast and the Southern Courier covered the event. That night Chanel 7 rang to say they would cover it in next morning’s Sunrise program. As a result of a telephone call around, 35 people were there to provide support to Mayor Veitch who was interviewed live featuring the residents and our banner in the background.
6. Correspondence	DAs lodged and determined, Council Business Papers - see Council’s website.
7. Councillor’s Report	Cr Olive reported that the Environmental Levy had been supported and was now with IPART. Cr Wilson informed us of the Council sponsored Art Exhibition for Mardi Gras
8. Matters arising [Resolutions in bold await responses from Council.]	8.1 Sewerage stormwater pollution (01/23, 2/23) (37/23) –Jenny Manning passed around photos of recent pollution at the northern end of the beach Resolution 02/24: That during times of high ocean temperature (23c+) Council monitor the northern end of Coogee beach where the stream/stormwater drain enters the ocean and investigate visual pollution events in an effort to identify such pollution and notify bathers accordingly Resolution 03/24: That the Precinct be updated on the status of the review being undertaken by Council and Sydney Water seeking a solution to the stormwater/sewerage pollution at Coogee 8.2 DA 437/2021 Coogee Bay Hotel – Rona reported that the conciliation process had been terminated and the matter was now a full Court process. The applicant was required to lodge its plans by 19 March. 8.3 Speed limit of bicycles on beach prom (21/23). [The meeting passed a resolution that the prom not be a ‘shared pathway’ - subsequent to the meeting we were informed that the beach prom is not in fact a shared pathway and cyclists were prohibited) 8.4 Cleaning of Sandstone Wall Coogee Beach (28/23) – no response from Council 8.5 DA/923/2023 68 Beach Street Coogee – no update 8.6 Berwick Street Coogee update – Patrick reminded people that the onsite hearing would be Thursday 22 February and requested that people make submissions to Council by cob 20 February.
9. New Business	9.1 Composition of mulch used in Randwick LGA – attention was drawn to recent reassuring mail-out from Council and info on Council web site 9.2 Chopping of Woolly Bushes – there was discussion of this action by Council. (The Precinct had resolved to ask Council that these bushes be trimmed or relocated but had not had a response. The bushes have now been chopped at the base much to the concern of many in the community). .Meeting closed 9:10

Signed: _____

Date: _____