

**CLONTARF COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**Minutes of Meeting 5Th April, 2017**

**Apologies:** Neil Padden, Gil Lister, Pam Bongarzoni, Peter Kendall.

**Attendees:** 10

**Minutes:** moved and seconded: accepted.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance: \$6,428.00

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**2. Other Business:**

**Heaton Ave Closure Update:** The Chairperson gave a summary of the latest meeting that was held by the Stop Heaton Ave Closure (SHACC) group and the T-NSW B-Line team, held on 27/3/2017.

This summary is included below.

**SHACC Summary of position:**

- SHACC supports the B-Line Project and believe that the fundamental concept is right.
- SHACC is not supporting the "Stop B-Line" campaign.
- The residents of Clontarf have expressed concern about the proposed removal of the left hand turn into Heaton Ave from Manly Road.
- At the February meeting SHACC was pleased to hear that B-Line had incorporated our survey data into their model and had confirmed that they would not be permanently closing the left hand turn out of Heaton Ave onto Manly Road.
- The meetings that were agreed, between the B-Line analysts and SHACC analysts, at the February 1st meeting, have now taken place. However, at this time, there remains significant differences between the SHACC survey results and the B-Line modelling outcomes.

**Conclusions:**

- B-Line need to meet their deadline to publish a response to the REF and it needs to include the B-Line preferred option of an indented bus bay at Heaton Ave, with the left hand turn into Heaton Ave permanently closed.
- The release of the REF is Stage 1, but no further action will be taken on constructing the indentation, or closing off Heaton Ave until, the following actions have been completed.

- The analysts from B-Line and SHACC will meet at Heaton Ave on a normal traffic flow occasion, and reassess the specific delay that the stopping Heaton Ave buses are causing. At present SHACC survey results suggest a 2.6 second average delay compared to the 30 second delay of the B-Line model.

- Following the above joint assessment, there will be a management and analysts meeting between B-Line and SHACC. The purpose will be to clarify any remaining differences between the actual observed numbers and the updated model.

- Once the disparity between the 2 groups is clarified or eliminated, then SHACC and B-Line can meet again to decide the final outcome for the indented bus bay at Heaton Ave.
- If B-Line ultimately wish to continue with their favoured option of an indented bus bay and the closing of the Heaton Ave left hand turn in, then consideration of the closing of the Heaton Ave bus stop altogether, will be evaluated.

**Discussion:** The Chairperson gave the meeting an understanding that the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), has had to be submitted by the B-Line Team, however, but only Stage 1 will go ahead at this stage and there will be no construction or changes occurring at Heaton Ave in the immediate future.

There will be another meeting with the B-Line modelling analysts and the SHACC team is being arranged in the next couple of weeks. This will be an on-site meeting at Heaton Ave and will be held during the Peak Hours on a week day morning. This will clarify what differences may be evident between the theoretical modelling data and the real on-site situation.

This will have a bearing on the time delays experienced by the non stopping buses travelling along the T3 lane when a bus stops at the Heaton Ave bus stop. There is a significant discrepancy noted from on-site surveying and the theoretical modelling put forward by the B-Line Team.

The meeting was told that the RMS believes that the left hand turn into Heaton Ave from Manly Road is an unsafe turn and this reinforces the need for the left hand turn to be closed off. This information is challenged by some residents who believe any road safety problems are quite easily overcome.

The meeting was also informed of the Mosman, Cremorne, Neutral Bay objections to the whole B-Line Project. There is a petition circulating calling for the whole B-Line project to be abandoned as the loss of on street parking all along Military Road and the closure of some streets entering Military Road. There is also a proposal, by the State Government, that studies are being carried out on the feasibility of a tunnel under the Spit Bridge and all the way to a connection with the Warringah Freeway. This has been part of the promises proposed prior to the Manly and North Shore Bi- Election. This leaves people in these electorates unsure of the future and if the highly significant disruptions along Manly Road, the Spit Bridge and Military Roads, that will occur with the B-Line construction, is desirable.

**Ethel St pedestrian Refuge:** CCF welcomes the completed construction of the pedestrian refuge in Ethel St. Some residents requested that a notice be erected to warn drivers of the presence of the refuge. There was another suggestion that the concrete island be painted to alert drivers to its presence. It was agreed that this would be followed up with the NBC.

**Sea Wall in Clontarf Reserve:** CCF wishes to thank the Northern Beaches Council for the continued construction of the sandstone sea wall in Clontarf Reserve. It is seen as a welcome adjunct to preserving the shoreline of the Reserve and we look forward to further construction from the swimming pool to the Point of the Reserve as soon as possible. We understand this will occur when funds become available.

**Future Structure of CCF:** There was discussion about the desirability of CCF being joined to other former precincts in our local area, such as Balgowlah Heights, Seaforth and North Harbour. Recently, there has been a joining together of some of the former Manly area precincts to form the "Greater Manly Community Group". This is seen to be useful in having a greater voice to put forward their requests to NBC. For Clontarf Community Forum to expand and incorporate neighbouring areas, it would need a wide distribution of information, and a knowledge that the residents of these neigh-

bouring areas would be willing to join in with CCF. We would welcome extra volunteers to assist us with this project.

There is a new Facebook page set up by a resident called "Living in 2093", and people in the area are able to log on to this page to post local information and to find out other people's postings with local happenings.

### **CRM requests:**

**Garbage Bin renewal in Clontarf Reserve:** It has been seen that there are new garbage bins in the Clontarf Reserve, but the bin enclosures are still in the same condition as before.

**Replacement of broken the fence near the top of Peronne Ave:** The broken fence section has been repaired and CCF thanks NBC for the timely response.

**BUPA Aged Care Facility:** CCF would like to understand when and how the Community Space that is part of the redevelopment is to be opened. CCF will make enquiries to BUPA and NBC.

**Beach Cleaning tractor:** Following CCF's enquiry regarding more regular beach cleaning by the beach tractor, a response from NBC has been received. The tractor is on a regular timetable and that with recent rain, there has been a disruption in the beach cleaning. However, it will resume its work as usual.

### **3. New Business:**

#### **Improvement and Upgrade of Clontarf Reserve:**

**CCF requests that Council upgrade of the tired and overused amenities in Clontarf Reserve which is a highly patronised tourist destination for hundreds of visitors throughout the whole Summer period and the other seasons as well. Road repaving, grass and playground refurbishment and the picnic shelter and dressing sheds and toilet amenities need doing.**

#### **Disabled Car Spaces in Clontarf Reserve parking area:**

- **CCF request NBC to manage the Reserve and the new disabled parking space near the toilet block and picnic shelter area. There has been a complaint about the placement of this disabled parking space is near a leaking tap which means water and mud pools in this parking space and, consequently, disabled patrons are unable to access it. CCF request NBC to manage the Reserve and this parking space to a better standard.**
- **CCF also request that the original disabled car space be re-instated at the far end of the Reserve parking area, down by the boat entrance to the Clontarf Beach. It had been removed at the time of Sydney Water repairs were carried out on the sewerage system and has never been reinstated. This is an important space needed by disabled people to have easy access to the beach.**

CCF is to yet receive a response from Council about the need for Clontarf Reserve to be refurbished.

***Mitchell Walk and Sandy Bay Maintenance:*** CCF and NBC received a report from a concerned resident, on the dangerous condition of the Mitchell Walk which is part of the MSW and located above Sandy Bay and the Clontarf Marina area. There are dead trees and branches along the bush track of Mitchell Walk and the resident is worried that someone may be injured.

She is also concerned about the bad state of repair of the dinghy storage racks and the non registration of boats stored there. The area is not policed and she has asked NBC to rectify the situation.

There has been a response from NBC regarding the policing of registration of boats and dinghy throughout the Manly area and the Council will be following up on notices they have placed on unregistered boats. These will be impounded if the owners do not register their boats.

• ***The weeds and neglect of the whole walkway between Sandy Bay and Clontarf Reserve is very severe and CCF requests that Council landscape and gardening department can review and rectify the situation.***

***SHAPE 2028 meeting:*** CCF Chairperson and Secretary were invited to be part of NBC's community workshop looking at long term vision, aspirations, goals and strategies for the Northern Beaches. We were part of the workshops being held in the Manly area. There are other workshops being held over other Northern Beaches locations. The workshop asked participants to discuss such issues as Environmental Sustainability, Local Economy, Transport and Infrastructure, Good Governance and Participation and Partnerships. There were interesting and wide reaching discussions between residents and voting on a more safe, inclusive and connected community that values its natural and built environment occurred.

***Local Government Bi Election Candidates Presentation:*** Some CCF members attended the candidates presentation prior to the recent Bi Election, put on by the Greater Manly Community Group. It was an interesting evening where 4 candidates gave their views and election hopes to prospective electors in the Manly State Government Seat in the Lower House.

***Internet Difficulties in the Peronne Ave and other areas within Clontarf:***

A resident has been active and writing complaints to the Telecommunications Ombudsman, Telstra executives and the Federal Member for Warringah, Mr Tony Abbot regarding the poor internet service received in our area. There has been responses and improvements....finally... but some problems still persist. If there are other people who need a better service, CCF can put you in touch with the resident who is mounting the campaign.

***Replacement of the "Sea Nymphs" Statue at Fairy Bower Pool:***

CCF members were invited to a fundraising evening for the replacement of the Sea Nymphs statue, which was damaged by the severe storm surge last year. The evening was a success and sufficient funds have been raised to cast the statue in Bronze and it is now going to be reinstated when it is completed.

***Meeting ended: 9.30 pm.***

***Next meeting to be held at Balgowlah RSL Club, Level 2, May 3rd, 2017 from 7.45pm.***

