

DRAFT

CLONTARF COMMUNITY FORUM

MEETING 7:30pm 2nd February via Zoom

APOLOGIES: Lynne Young, Georgia Ryburn, Victoria Hoeben.

ATTENDEES: Philip Young – Chair, Lou Power – Deputy Chair, Neil Padden – Treasurer, Michael Edgar, Tim Platt, Rob Frost, John Clapin, Paloma Llamazares, Jill Lister.

NBC – Trish Chaney, Phil Devon (part attendance), Councillor Sarah Grattan

FINANCIAL REPORT. Bank balance 31st January \$4,797, down \$167 on prior period.

MINUTES. Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed by Neil Padden, seconded by Lou Power.

1. Newly elected councillors

The CCF congratulated the newly elected councillors, and the Chair thanked them for their ongoing support of the CCF.

2. Clontarf Reserve and Sandy Bay Holiday Traffic Management

There was general discussion on initiatives undertaken by Council officers to better manage the high influx of visitors during the holiday period, including the impact on residents in the immediate vicinity of Clontarf Reserve. Phil Devon took on the personal commitment of being on site for half of every holiday, and confirmed his view that it was well managed. Residents were pleased with Council staff and contractors, especially having to deal with objections from drivers attempting to access the area after carpark full signs were in place. Electronic message boards were well placed at Ethel Street and North Harbour advising the status of access to the Reserve.

Actions were supported by compliance teams who advised the number of infringements in the area controlled were down, although infringements in adjoining streets were up.

Future actions proposed include examining utilisation of more remote public parking e.g. Ethel Street carpark, with Hop Skip and Jump buses for transfers. Phil Devon noted the increased use of Uber rides, and proposed special event 5 minute drop off bays in Peronne Avenue near Sandy Bay Road intersection.

The CCF expressed their appreciation for the work Phil Devon had organised along with Council staff, rangers and contractors undertook in this busy period, and requested our sincere thanks be passed on to all involved.

3. Holmes Avenue Parking.

The issue of parking and boat trailers left in Holmes Avenue has been raised by residents and the CCF. Phil Devon advised the trailers are an eyesore, many in poor condition, and research has found that few are owned by residents in the local area. In addition visitors choose to park in the street because there is free parking.

The Council has identified that while a number of trailers have current registration some appear to have been abandoned. They are looking at introducing time limits as part of efforts to enhance the area. Any redesign will include garden beds along this stretch of road adjacent to the Sydney Water structure as suggested by local residents.

4. Peronne Avenue Road Repairs

Patching repairs on the section of road between house 64 and Linkmead Avenue were undertaken on Monday 31st January. This involved heavy patches where the roadway has failed. There is an issue of a subgrade failure at the corner of Kanangra Crescent and Peronne Avenue which Phil Devon advises is not resolved although the road surface has again been repaired. The impact of water leaks needs resolution.

Phil Devon confirmed that the complete road re-sheeting of Peronne Avenue is now scheduled for the 2022/23 year. The CCF acknowledges the intervention of Counsellor Grattan in raising this priority. It was requested that Amiens Road be included in the work schedule as this stretch of roadway is also in poor condition.

5. Clontarf Reserve Playground

Discussion was held on the now completed new facility which has drawn wide appreciation from users and residents. There is an issue of lack of activities for older children and there was a request to understand why the "Tree Walkway" was abandoned. It was also noted that the spinning chair presents safety issues for toddlers.

The CCF notes the involvement of Counsellor Grattan in achieving funding for the new facility. Phase 2 of the enhancements is planned for the future.

6. Harbour Tunnel Project

James Griffin has responded to concerns about proposed dredging for this project, and the major concern about environmental issues which need addressing. The EPA is monitoring the project which has not been given final approval. The CCF remains concerned about the risk of toxic waste and will follow up with TfNSW once a plan has been published.

7. Clontarf Pool Restoration

The Plan draft for this major project has been completed. A presentation was made to CCF members and residents who were impressed with the detail which has gone into the project. There will be community engagement over the next six months, with construction scheduled from April to October 2023. The intention is to have a pool facility which will have long term benefits for current and future generations.

8. Facebook Advertising

This proposal would see the CCF Facebook Page being made available for advertisers currently supporting the printed CCF Newsletter, as well as other local businesses. The initial thought is the creation of a Monday or Tuesday evening online marketplace will be initiated for local businesses to advertise and, if applicable, offer 'specials' to customers.

A sub-committee of CCF has been formed to carry this forward. As the work and ongoing maintenance of the site rests with Leena Gupta who was not at the meeting it was proposed by Michael Edgar that this be left for the sub-committee to carry forward.

9. NBC Draft Community Engagement

This document has now been made available for community input. The Policy Strategy is intended to have a project focus, and “closing the loop” on Council engagement. It was noted that the Draft has no mention of the involvement of community groups. Submissions close 10th February, however Trish Chaney advised this can be extended for a week or so. Residents are encouraged to give input.

General Business

It was noted that a customer service notice has been released confirming the operating licence for Sandy Bear Café has been approved. This will include a liquor licence. The approval is open for ILGA review until the 28th February.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9pm.

Next CCF Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7:30pm via Zoom.