

MINUTES OF MEETING

Heritage and Local History Committee

HELD WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2016

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman (Chairperson) Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns (arrived 8.40) Manly Council

Other Representatives

Terry Metherell Community Member
Alan Yuille Community Member
Jim Boyce (left 9.20am) Community Member

Council Staff

Nayeem Islam (NI) Manager Land Use Planning

Louise Doherty (LD) Heritage Advisor, Land Use Planning

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The Heritage and Local History Committee met on 2 March, 2016, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 8.35am	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from: Mayor Jean Hay (ex officio) and Sophie Butler (Heritage Advisor, Land Use Planning).	ACTION
	It was noted that quorum is present.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST None declared	

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

ACTION

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 November 2016 were confirmed.

Moved: Terry Metherell; seconded: Cllr C Bingham

ITEM 4 Confirmation of DA's from previous DA sub-committee working group:

- 9 Cliff Street, Manly
- 21 Belgrave Street, Manly
- 69 Pittwater Road, Manly
- 4 Gilbert Street, Manly

This item has been noted by the committee.

ITEM 5 MATTERS ARISING

Council's Heritage Advisor Louise Doherty (LD) informed the Committee as per the Report on Matters Arising (Item 4). The Committee received the information with discussion as follows:

5.1 69 Pittwater Road - update

(5.6 MARCH 2013) Heritage Advisor, LD presented a report to the committee, stating that since the last update to the committee the s.96 application had been assessed and will be presented to the March meeting of MIAP.

No further action

5.2 (6.1 Mar 2015)

Ordinary Meeting resolution 2015 - Notice of motion Report No.2 Commissioning of a book on History of Manly Council

The committee was informed that John MacRitchie had prepared a draft which had been forwarded to Pauline Curby for editing and fact checking.

Recommendations:

The committee request of the General Manager that the councillors who suggested the preparation of the book, be given the opportunity to review the draft prior to publication.

Staff to follow up

Moved: Cllr H Burns; seconded: Cllr C Bingham

The committee recommends that John MacRitchie be congratulated on the preparation of the draft report in such a short time. Staff to follow up

Moved: Terry Metherell; seconded: Cllr A Heasman

Staff to follow up

The General Manager is to be thanked for facilitating the preparation of the book.

Moved: Cllr A Heasman; seconded: Terry Metherell

5.3 Former school of artillery - interpretation signage

(8.2 Mar

2015)

A letter has been sent on behalf of the committee.

No further action

Councillor Bingham updated the committee stating that the interpretation works have now fabricated and that they will shortly be installed.

5.4 Iconic Graves Repairs

The committee were informed that the Parks Department are seeking quotes for the repair of the graves discussed at the last meeting.

The committee questioned whether the Iconic Grave Register was just for former Manly residents or the whole of the Northern Beaches.

Staff to follow up

5.5 Inventory Sheets for items of Environmental Heritage

(ITEM 6.1 SEP 15) NI informed the committee that the heritage team were currently working on the preparation of the scope for this project and would be forwarded to the committee for their information.

NI to follow up

5.6 Former tram Depot (Harris Farm) graffiti to Balgowlah Road

(ITEM 7.1 SEP 15) LD updated the committee that the compliance team was working with the owners of the site with regards to removal of graffiti from the site.

The committee discussed options such as public art and interpretation works for the site and recommended that the compliance and planning teams continue to work with the building owner to develop an ongoing graffiti deterrent strategy.

Staff to follow up

5.7 West Esplanade Captain Phillips Monument

(ITEM 7.2 SEPT 15)

7.2 NI informed the committee that staff had investigated the feasibility of constructing a guard rail, between the monument and the edge of the pavement, detailed to match the guard rail on the eastern side of Belgrave Street. NI identified that the potential risks of placing a guard rail at this location will restrict people using the mobility assistance ramps and the potential for people securing bikes to the rail.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the situation be monitored for a period of six months prior to making a decision regarding the erection of guard rails.

Staff to follow up

Moved: Cllr C Bingham; seconded: Terry Metherell

5.8 Availability of Grants to owners of non-heritage listed buildings

(ITEM 7.3 LD informed the committee that a letter had been drafted but had not SEPT 15) vet been signed.

Staff to follow

5.9 Inclusion of Warrant Officer Lees on the cenotaph

(ITEM 6.2 The committee was advised that a name can only be added to the NOV 15)

The committee was advised that a name can only be added to the cenotaph if directly requested by a family member. Kathy Fuller has been in contact with Warrant Officer Lees' daughter and a family request has now been received. This has been forwarded to Michael Hedger for consideration and action.

No further action

5.10 Redevelopment of Telstra Site

(ITEM 6.5 The committee was informed that this would be forwarded to the April NOV 15) meeting of MIAP

No further action

5.11 38 Cliff Street

(ITEM 6.6 NOV 15 Cllr Heasman and Terry Metherell stated that they had both spoken with the owner of the property, on separate occasions. They told the committee that the owner would be interested in having his property heritage listed but would like to wait until after he has completed his current works.

Staff to follow

Various committee members remarked that he had been undertaking sympathetic works which were in keeping with the heritage values of the place.

ITEM 6 ADDITIONAL GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Use of Cemetery tap

Cllr Heasman informed the committee that a member of the community had sent her an e-mail about a person who had been using the cemetery tap to wash his boat, which was parked on the cemetery grounds.

Staff to follow up

She was informed that staff will restrict access to both the tap and cemetery and requested an update.

6.2 54 Darley Road

Robyn Waters identified that this building has fallen into disrepair and believes there may be squatters in residence in the building.

Staff to follow up

6.3 Reinstatement of the bronze busts at Marine Parade

Cllr Heasman informed the committee that the busts had been reinstated at Marine Parade and believed that they were deeply set into the columns. She requested that staff write to Michael Hedger to convey the committee's thanks for his work with this project. Cllr Burns raised concerns that there were gaps between the stone and the busts and was worried that the bust were at risk of being stolen again.

Staff to follow up

6.4 8 Boyle Street

LD reported to the committee that 8 Boyle Street being offered for sale with 303-307 Sydney Road as a potential development site. The Sydney Road properties are heritage listed but the Boyle Street property is not and has been identified as the gatehouse of 2 Boyle Street.

The committee recommended that the heritage officers work with potential developers of the site to ensure the history and significance of 8 Boyle Street is properly investigated prior to the development of any plans for the site.

Staff to follow up

6.5 Rock Shelter – Gilbert Park

Cllr Heasman advised the committee that the rock shelter in Gilbert Park was being used as a residence by a homeless person.

The committee recommends to the General Manager that Council work with the Homeless Worker from the Community Centre with regard to this matter.

Staff to follow up

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 4 May 2016 Time: 8.30am

Venue: Town Hall, Councillors Room

Meeting closed at 9.50am