

MINUTES OF HERITAGE REFERENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

- Present: Councillor K Wheatley (Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Councillor S Lennon (Deputy Chairperson) (Gordon Ward)
Ms Lorna Watt – Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
Ms Zeny Edwards – Local Historian and Community Member
Mr Chris Bluett – Community Member
- Staff Present: Team Leader Urban Planning (Craig Wyse)
Heritage Specialist Planner (Claudine Loffi)
- Others Present: Councillor A Taylor- Ku-ring-gai Council
- Apologies: Mr Robert Moore – National Trust
Mr Michael Gunn – Australian Institute of Architects

The Meeting commenced at 12:00 PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Heritage Reference Committee

File: CY00413/11

Meeting held 20 July 2023

RESOLVED

That the Committee note the adopted minutes from the meeting of 20 July 2023.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Rofe Park potential listing

File: CY00069/15

Vide: GB.1

The Committee discussed the previous consideration of the community listing request. The Committee noted that no new heritage assessment has been provided with the request. Aspects of the park history, features, more recent site issues and community website were also discussed.

The listing advice of the Committee is unchanged from its previous consideration, noting that the park is already protected. The Committee encouraged the community to continue publicising the park for visitors.

RESOLVED

The Heritage Reference Committee receive and note this report.

Ku-ring-gai Town Hall (former church) colour scheme

File: S14144

Vide: GB.2

Council staff presented graphics illustrating the proposed repairs, lead paint removal, external colours and materials. The Committee discussed the proposed roof tiling to match existing, external paint colours and type, the wall substrate, copper gutters and downpipes. The Committee also discussed potential new screens for the tower openings yet to be detailed to prevent bird damage. The likely timing of the works and potential historic records was also discussed.

The Committee supported the proposed roof tiles and paint colours. The Committee recommended investigation and selection of a permeable paint to suit the substrate, so the paint does not peel and walls can 'breathe'. The Committee provided advice on seeking alternatives to copper for the downpipes to reduce the risk of loss, finished to match the wall colour. For the tower opening screens, the Committee prefers discrete dark internal screens that will not be as visible a change, and suggested installing pigeon deterrent spikes on sills at the same time.

RESOLVED

The Committee receive and note the colour scheme presentation and provided advice.

OTHER BUSINESS

Committee members noted and welcomed Council’s reappointed Chair and Deputy Chair.
Council staff provided brief updates on some other Council building repairs.

The Meeting closed at 12:52 PM