

Minutes

Lindfield Learning Village CCC

Purpose	Meeting 2	
Date	29/04/2021	
Time	4:40pm for site walk, 5:10pm for CCC meeting	
Location	Lindfield Learning Village, 100 Eton Road, Lindfield	
Chairperson	Abigail Goldberg	
Attendees	Community representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janet Halliday Jason Wong Lynne Lee 	Project representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Lewis, Senior Project Director, SINSW Deb Smithers, Business Manager, LLV Louisa Bertino-Clarke, Community Engagement Manager, SINSW In attendance: Sasha Serrao, Savills, Senior Project Manager Lew Short, Black Ash Fire Consultants
Apologies	Community representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guy Beaubois Suzanne Little 	

Agenda

Topic

A site walk of the completed school areas commenced at 4:40pm. The walk included classrooms, shared spaces, theatres, workshops, kitchens and laboratories.

As Mr Lew Short of Black Ash Fire Consultants joined the site walk, reference was also made to fire prevention features including fire shutters, smoke alarms, APZs and fire truck routes.

The meeting followed at 5:10pm.

1. Welcome, apologies and confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

The Chair welcomed participants, advised apologies and noted that as no comments had been received in response to the previous minutes, these will be finalised.

2. Declaration of interests

The Chair invited a declaration of interests, but no interests were required to be declared.

3. Project update:

Mr Lewis provided an update on project progress, noting that the project was proceeding ahead of forecast and would be delivered early.

Mr Lewis advised that some sections of the school were being repurposed as work proceeded, for example the Aurora College is being accommodated in an area where temporary classrooms had previously been located.

The Aurora College was explained to be a specialist distance learning facility that provides support for gifted students in remote and regional locations. Approximately 20 teachers will be housed at the facility, which is wholly separate from the Lindfield Learning Village school.

Mr Lewis noted that SINSW footpath and pedestrian upgrades had been completed, but that further work was being discussed with Council, for example in relation to re-establishing pedestrian crossings.

Mr Lewis advised that some roadwork was still to take place on the Pacific Highway, at the corner of Grosvenor Road, in order to better manage traffic.

Further noted that the school's Travel Coordinator was already in place, and that the school's Green Travel Plan was being activated to encourage travel to and from the school utilising modes other than private cars, and encourage public transport and active transport including walking and bikes.

Mr Lewis pointed out that discussions were underway with Transport for NSW to increase and improve bus services to the school. In the meantime, SINSW has provided an additional school bus.

Community members expressed concern regarding traffic impacts once the school reached full capacity. A shortage of parking for parents dropping off younger children was also pointed out.

Action: *Agreed that the focus of the next meeting would be **traffic matters**. SINSW will assist in inviting both Councils to attend the meeting to discuss traffic planning strategies. The school Traffic Coordinator will also be invited to join the meeting.*

A date for this meeting will be advised once external participants are secured.

4. Discussion: Fire safety handling (Lew Short, Black Ash)

Mr Short presented his credentials, noting that he had worked at Ku Ring-gai Council, and the RFS prior to moving to a consultancy role.

Mr Short noted that fire safety planning, handling and management plans at the school are considered to be '*best of breed*'. He pointed out that the brutalist design of the school has made it an effective 'bunker'.

Moreover that the foundations for safe fire management were all in place and meeting or exceeding fire code standards, including:

- Extensive fire modelling
- Roads widened to accommodate fire trucks, and new roads introduced for fire management purposes
- Shutters provided on all windows
- Fire and smoke doors provided
- Roof stripped back and re-done to improve flame resistance
- APZs prepared and trees removed where required
- Areas of landscaping in the vicinity of the school that may be vulnerable to spot fires addressed
- Refuge in place locations identified and prepared
- Detailed fire management plan in place.

It was noted that the school Principal and executive team have latitude to seek closure of the school in situations where they consider fire to be a threat. Participants were advised that the shelter-in-place strategy would be a last, rather than first, choice.

Community members queried the powers of the police and RFS in fire situations. Mr Short advised that these powers are comprehensive and stringently applied.

It was also queried whether the school would be patrolled after hours. In this regard, SINSW advised that while the school was currently patrolled as it is considered in part to be a

construction site at least in part, it will not be actively patrolled once complete. Nevertheless, cameras, sensors and alarms will be in place for early warning of any issues. These systems would be monitored remotely from School Security facilities.

Community members requested copies of the maps indicating APZs and the like as tabled by Mr Short.

Action: SINSW to seek clearance for release of maps. If clearance is obtained, the Chair will attach the maps to the Draft Minutes and distribute.

5. Other business

Ms Serrao pointed out that in order for the school building to be certified for fire safety purposes, maintenance of APZs, landscaping and the like would need to be undertaken, and the areas themselves certified, by 1 October each year at the surrounding residential locations including Crimson Hill and Dunstan Grove. This timing is prior to the start of the bushfire season

Action: Community members to note requirements for fire certification by 1 October each year.

It was reiterated that the date of the next meeting will be advised by the Chair once Council traffic participants have been secured.

The meeting closed at 6:10pm
