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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 19th July 2016 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.20pm

Members present: As per attendance sheet
President Gavin Butler
Treasurer Gavin Butler deputized for Kyle Hill
Secretary: Wendy Dunnet
Committee members: Bill Thomson, Peter Middleton, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Kyle Hill, Bruce & Kay Hamer, Ian & Yvonne Heard, Kylie Ferguson, Robert Dunn

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 21st June 2016

Moved: Sue Young Seconded: Di Cook

Treasurer's Report:

Balance @ 1st June 2016	816.11
Add Receipts	235.01
Sub total	1,051.12
Deduct Payments	139.20
Net Assets as at 30/6/2016	911.92

Approval: Moved: Lorrie Morgan

Seconded: Di Cook

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

The majority of matters of correspondence related to items for discussion and would be dealt with at that time.

Correspondence was received regarding an idea for a Street Library. Also a letter from Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society was noted.

Items for Discussion:

Update & actions re new NB Council

The next meeting will be held 8th August 2016 at the Mona Vale Memorial Hall. Anyone with an item for discussion was urged by the Chairman to contact NBC and register to speak. The Chairman noted that the hour forum that occurred at the commencement of each council meeting was an important avenue to get matters that concerned our organization or individual residents heard.

Feedback NBC focus Group - report by Peter Middleton & Selena Webber

The Focus Group was conducted by a Brisbane based Research Company. There were 3 people from Pittwater LGA, 1 from Manly, 1 from North Sydney and 3 from Warringah.

Most respondents seemed more concerned with issues such as garbage collection & DA's. There was a general feeling of anxiety and concerns about communicating with Council. How this would occur and how can the community be more involved with Council. The three people from Pittwater were able to contribute the most as they were the only ones who had an intimate understanding of the council workings and who participated in council reference and other groups.

Possible extension of 'B'line bus service to Newport

The Chairman read from the correspondence sent to Council and Rob Stokes office, regarding the negative impact of extending the service to Newport. He noted that whilst Stokes was thought to be the catalyst of the proposal to extend the B-line to Newport, the office of Rob Stokes had called him following the publication in Pittwater Life of an article regarding the proposed extension to deny the statements attributed to him therein.

All concerned felt that the current Express Services and feeder buses should continue. It was noted that people should be able to walk to catch a bus (locally) and not have to drive. There was the suggestion of possible use of local community buses be used outside of peak hours.

Proposed Independent Planning Assessment Panel for NB Council

The Chairman referred to a letter from Prof Peter Webber who had written an excellent letter in response to NBC's proposed Planning Panel. Peter suggests (from experience) it should be a 'design and review panel' not a planning panel, that it should be 'open and transparent' and ideally decisions should be made by councillors not by the planning panel.

It was decided his letter be communicated to other Community groups.

Parking Problems Queens Parade West Parking Area

Following from last month's meeting it is understood 1 hour parking spots have been changed to 1/2 hour parking and will be reviewed as to their effectiveness. Two more disabled spots have been requested but were not included in the trial. It was the view of the meeting that there still needs to be more done for these shops and businesses at this location.

DA for 92 child Daycare centre Queens Pde West

The submission from NRA to the DA on this site has been submitted and acknowledged. The Chairman commented at this stage, due process will proceed.

Old Caltex site – S96(2) application to cover unauthorised works

The meeting was advised that still no advice had been received or was available of the outcomes of the Conciliation Conference held in May that was attended by the Chairman and a number of members.

Other Planning Applications

The Chairman listed new DA's and Section 96 applications received during the month, and those not otherwise dealt with during the meeting, were read out. No NRA action was deemed necessary.

It was noted, Gavin Butler is to have a 'drive around' with the Administrator. Richard Links had forwarded a number of suggestions for GB to discuss during this meeting.

Community Workshop Proposal : Sustainable Tourism in Pittwater

Peter Middleton discussed the proposal and it was decided by the meeting that he explore this further, as it was felt that it may be too early to have such a workshop without much more research and thought.

Parking Foamcrest Ave Carpark

It was discussed at length the issue with cars parked longer than permitted in this car park which is owned by both Council and Woolworths. NRA to send a letter to the Administrator advising it is problem and should be monitored. Woolworths to be approached by NBC to include their area with limited timed parking.

Coles Supermarket & Compliance with DA Conditions

The Chairman to follow up.

Proposed RMYC Marina extension

Greg Ross presented an update on the RMYC Marina development. The Yacht Club is saying in its newsletter to members that it has taken the NBC to the Land & Environment Court. Apparently the Judge is waiting on further submissions so he has not come back with his decision yet.

There are 969 swing moorings in Pittwater. Glen Moore to update NRA website with details.

Woolworths site and concept for future development

As previously discussed NBC have received no DA for that site.

Southern Newport Beach Water tap and rubbish bin lack of facilities

Therefore this matter is still to be addressed. It was suggested to contact Steve Lawlor at Council.

The Chairman also noted the NRA had sent a letter to the council regarding the storm damage done to the pool and the safety concerns therefrom and that the council had since commenced work to rectify the damage.

Provision of Lights at the junction of Barrenjoey Rd and Queens Parade

This topic was discussed at length and different solutions and problems considered. Suggestions made included contacting council to clear vegetation back from the footpath to allow easier pedestrian access at the corner of Beaconsfield and Barrenjoey Roads, contacting RMS to look at timed lights at Queens Pde and Barrenjoey Road intersection to allow more time for pedestrians, especially schoolchildren, to cross, both for through traffic and right hand turns, It was understood that RMS have plans to 'widen' the road for busses at the corner of Gladstone St. and Barrenjoey Road.

The Chairman advised he would put a post on this matter under 'Current Issues' on the web site and asked members to post comments as to what they think should be done on this stretch of road to improve safety

so that at the next meeting we could review the suggestions and decide on what position the NRA should take on these matters.

Proposal to limit car sales on Barrenjoey Road

Due to time and the previous discussion, this matter is being left on the agenda until the RMS review is finalised and the outcomes advised.

Enhanced Future for Newport Oval

This matter will be left on the Agenda until an opportunity to engage with council occurs.

General Business

Roger Johnson had via letter raised a number of concerns. A follow up of the Newport Oval (see above note), the roundabout in Foamcrest (was previously considered and it was decided the roundabout was too small for landscaping) and the installation of shade cloth to the playground near the Surf Club. He felt this was totally unnecessary as there are 19 Norfolk Pines providing enough shade. Sue Young noted the Playground is due to be redesigned.

Bill Thomson raised the issue of pollution 24 hours a day from the fire pits and pizza ovens being used at The Newport. After much discussion a proposal was moved by Bill Thomson and resolved that a letter be written to Merivale from the NRA regarding this problem, highlighting the effect on the people especially children in the nearby vicinity.

Access to the Pool. Jonathan Waye has been 'building' a track to the pool. It was suggested we approach Council to make it more permanent.

Community Gardens - Selena Webber to update on the website.

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th August at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.