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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 15th July 2014 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.24 PM

Members present:

President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill – (Apology)

Sue Young acted for Peter Middleton (Apology)

Hans Hui, Selena Webber

President's welcome to all present:

President GB welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Robert Dunn, Kylie Ferguson, Martha Gee, Roger Johnston, Nick Rogers, Di Cook, Kyle Hill, Peter Middleton, Marjorie Hui, Bill Thompson

Approval of Minutes of Previous Special General Meeting held 17th June 2014.

Moved: Hans Hui

Seconded: Toni White

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer offered the following report:

Balance @ 30/04/2014	1495.37
Add Receipts	0.01
Sub total	1495.38
Deduct Payments	0.00
Net Assets as at 31/05/2014	1495.38

Treasurer's report accepted: Moved: Sue Young

Seconded: Michael Mannington

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Correspondence was tabled and discussed, as necessary, under agenda items. It included:

'Peninsula Historian': July issue received and retained.

Letter from PW Council re new LEP

Copy letter from Warriewood Residents Association to Rob Stokes (re Pre Gateway position)

Items for Discussion:

New LEP

Letter from Pittwater Council outlining & advising the new LEP came into force at 27th June 2014 replacing the 1993 LEP. The new LEP is based on a standard template amended to take into account local issues, The new template was agreed after a review process with the Pittwater public however when sent to the Department the DP & E made a number of changes without consultation. Councillor Sue Young highlighted this to council and had a special resolution passed that council approach the minister seeking clarification and justification for these changes. The Minister asked Rob Stokes to meet with the council delegation (which included Councillor Sue Young) and that meeting was held yesterday the 14th July 2014. Rob Stokes has agreed to the requests and will get the department to respond with justification and reasons for the changes.

Pre Gateway Process

The letter from the Warriewood Residents Association to Rob Stokes which was designed to give support to Rob Stokes to take up the this matter with the view of the abolition of the Pre Gateway process entirely. The list of reasons and issues surrounding this matter was also read out to the meeting.

Planning Applications

Notices on 13 DAs / Sect 96s have been received. Brief details of each were read out to the meeting. A discussion was held with regard to the application for 329 Barrenjoey Road Newport (the old Liquorland Site), which is for shop top housing. The plans seem to be within all height restrictions. Selena Webber was having a further look at it on behalf of the meeting..

Residents Associations PWC 'Active Transport' Talkfest, 25 June '14

Kyle Hill, Richard Links & Gavin Butler attended the meeting on behalf of the NRA (NRA member & Councillor Kylie Ferguson was also in attendance). GB expressed a little disappointment at the meeting, while the guest speakers were interesting they were just talking about cycleways and pedestrian facilities without establishing what that might mean for Pittwater when they already had recently made a commitment re their Walks & Rides Strategy. The meeting only put additional pressure on the meeting facilitator (Pittwater Council) to maybe put more money into footpaths which they really didn't suggest they would.

Enhanced future for Newport Oval

The meeting discussed this matter briefly and GB noted the matter was now on the website and invited members to make comment, noting he had received different verbal viewpoints on what could be done. GB suggested that RJ and other interested members gather further thoughts and raise the matter again at the August meeting, with a view to a motion to be put for an NRA submission.

Delayed opening hour at Coles Supermarket

Further to the June meeting and discussion about the changes to the opening hours of 8.00am it has been observed that Coles is now opening at 7.30am with staff arriving at about 7.00am (previously Coles was opening at 7.00am with staff on site setting up at 6.00am).

NRA Website

GB advised the web site is now up and active at www.newport.org.au, thanking again Michael Mannington whose efforts made it all happen. GB noted there was a facility for members to comment on current issues on-line, however noted that any comments would be moderated if necessary by the NRA executive before that actually appeared on-line. Michael mentioned that the site could be accessed via the iPad and most modern phones and if there was any problem with a home platform which made it difficult would they please mention it to him to investigate. It was mentioned that the site gave access to a photo gallery via the 'Volunteerphotography' site (also run by Michael Mannington as a community benefit) which enabled the NRA to put up relevant photos of current matters. Members were encouraged to start using the site and comment and suggest any improvements.

General Business

Fence at Newport Bowling Club

RJ reported that the fence appears to have fallen down. GB will look into and see if anything further from NRA is warranted. (This matter remains outstanding from the last meeting)

Traffic Issue – Newport Bus Shelter for southern direction of Barrenjoey Road

GB mentioned that there had been discussion with some councillors that there had been a suggestion that the bus site be moved slightly north so it is partly in front of the Caltex/Woolworths site which then allowed sufficient footpath space for the erection of a bus shelter. Further consideration would be given to this suggestion at the August meeting with a view to forming an opinion and then making a submission to Council if so agreed.

Traffic Issue – Bus Lane use Mona Vale / Narrabeen & Narrabeen / Mona Vale

Warwick Kitt brought up a matter of the red-painted bus lanes being a deterrent to private vehicle use outside their restricted am and pm limited hours in alternate directions. He floated the possibility of requesting 'AM' be painted on the southbound lane and 'PM' on the northbound. To be agenda'd for further consideration at the next meeting.

Traffic Issue – Blind Spot from Bramley Lane into Barrenjoey Road

Warwick also raised a matter that, due to the location of a palm tree, it was extremely difficult to turn right with safety out of Bramley Lane onto Barrenjoey Rd and that NRA consider approaching

Council to have the tree trimmed or removed. The meeting agreed that members would inspect the corner and report back at the next meeting for further action and/or approach to Council.

Heritage Study

Sue Young advised the meeting that the Heritage Study was to finally come before Council at its next meeting (next Monday night) where it will then be placed on exhibition for comment.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th August at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm