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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 18th April 2017 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present: As per attendance sheet
President Gavin Butler
Treasurer Kyle Hill
Secretary: Wendy Dunnet (apology, Sue Young deputised)
Committee members: Bill Thomson, Peter Middleton, Selena Webber, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:
Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Wendy Dunnet

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 21st March 2017
Moved: Peter Middleton Seconded: Lorrie Morgan

Treasurer's Report:

Balance @ 31.1.2017	811.33
Add Receipts	00.00
Sub total	811.33
Deduct Payments	92.72
Net Assets as at 28/2/2017	718.61

Moved: Di Cook

Seconded: Pat Stewart

Correspondence & Matters Arising;

Matters Arising; Proposed NBC DA Service Integration, awaiting input from a NRA member to enable a submission to be made, St George Bank (closed its doors last month however the ATM has remained, contrary to earlier reports). W Kitt advised that the matter of the dangerous driveway on Barrenjoey Road in the middle of the Newport shopping centre had not been resolved with the owner of the property as hoped and it was Resolved for the NRA to now take up the matter with council

Correspondence; A letter had been sent to the council in support of the Kalinya St proposed parking changes following confirmation from council that the short term 'drop-off' zones in front of the kindergarten would remain. A communication from Jill King regarding the proposed child care centre at 30 Queens Pde West had been received advising that it had been approved by the L & E Court following a settlement between the council & the developer subject to the following conditions;

- Reduction to 71 children
- No decrease in size of building or basement
- Hours – Mon – Fri 7am – 6pm, 51 weeks a year. Only staff between 7am-7.30am
- Mon – Fri (51 weeks a year) – nobody allowed on site between 7pm – 7.30am with these exceptions, once a fortnight staff meeting or training allowed between 7-8pm, cleaners must finish by 7.15pm
- No staff allowed on weekends or public holidays with the exception on Saturdays between 9am – 1pm centre manager, cleaners and maintenance staff permitted
- Acoustic barrier has been added on the driveway eastern side

- Acoustic monitoring for a period of 3 months once the child care centre is operational to make sure it complies with noise requirements.

A letter from council had been received advising the planning proposal for 6 Jackson Rd and 10 & 12 Boondah Rd Warriewood had been rejected (we had supported the Warriewood Residents Assn submission with our own letter). A communication from council had been received advising the following items were open for comment on the council website, Community Strategic Plan, Waterway Review, DA Service Integration, Affordable Housing. A communication from 'Friends of Mona Vale' had been received advising they were meeting with the Opposition Shadow Minister for Transport Ms Jodi McKay at the War Memorial Cenotaph this Friday 21st April at 1.00pm to show her their objections to the B-Line terminal and we were all invited to attend.

Items for Discussion:

Council Amalgamations (see updated website)

A summary of the reasons given by the Supreme Court of Appeal upholding the appeal by Ku-ring-gai Council to the forced amalgamation of that council with part of Hornsby council was given. (Refer to the NRA website for full details).

A summary was also given regarding the outcome of the Manly state by-election where groups had campaigned to 'Put the Liberals Last' following the forced amalgamation of the three Northern Beaches councils. (The same campaign also occurred in the North Shore by-election). Whilst the liberals did hold the seats they suffered massive swings and some of the 'dirty tricks' that the Liberal party got up to were noted as helping them retain the seats. It was noted that the Labor party did not stand candidates and that app 20% of voters enrolled did not vote.

The NBC council election

A discussion took place regarding whether the NRA had the opportunity to have candidates come and present their positions prior to the election. It was noted that Pittwater Forever (an affiliation of 18 Pittwater community organisations including the NRA) as going to arrange a forum for the same reason. The discussion then went on about the types of policies that the NRA would be looking to hear that are both in support of the recreation of the Pittwater LGA and also the retention of the Pittwater built & green environment.

Deferred Agenda Item Pittwater Forever Policy discussion

At the prior NRA meeting the following motion was Moved Dick England, Seconded Peter Middleton. *A notice of Motion be put to the following (April) meeting for discussion that 'The NRA supports the Aims & Objectives of Pittwater Forever as iterated in the media release regarding the council elections in September 2017'* This policy was included in the e-mail to all members with the Agenda and the details read out at the meeting. The motion was passed in the majority.

NBC Community Strategic Plan

The Chairman outlined the outcome of a NBC sponsored workshop held the prior week to review the draft goals and strategies (G & S) developed from prior consultation. The NRA was represented by himself, Lorrie Morgan & Di Cook. It was noted that submissions close on the 30th April 2017 and the Chairman encouraged all members to go to the link and have their say <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/communitystrategicplan2> The Chairman went through the process of the workshop and noted that the room was broken into two sections so that each person only got to have input into half of the draft goals & strategies. It was further noted by the Chairman that he believed that it was really about goals and that he didn't think that they were supported by real strategies. The goals were similar to those presented in Pittwater workshops in prior years and in themselves were hard to criticise as they outlined reasonable ideals. The Chairman also noted a few items of concern e.g. the Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity draft G & S had an item 'Improve transport options to broader Sydney (beyond CBD), especially along the East/West transport corridor (in itself ok), however there was no G & S for improving the transport options to the CBD. As these G & S's were from now until 2028 this was a major concern and at odds with the whole B-line strategy being proposed. There were also concerns how effectively the community could have any influence and a lot of G & S's about how council could deliver the strategies they

came up with. Di Cook noted her concerns that the job targets for the Mona Vale area did not seem to cover the huge loss of jobs from the closing of the Mona Vale Hospital.

Affordable Housing Policy

A brief discussion took place and it was noted no NRA member had been elected to the Strategic Reference Group covering this item. It was further discussed that this was a difficult area and was currently a very large political issue at both state & federal levels, and any outcomes at those levels would drive what happened at community levels. The current comment from the state planning department was that for new large developments app 5-10% of the housing would be given to council (similar to a Section 94 contribution that developers had to pay councils) and the council could either manage the affordable housing themselves or pass that responsibility onto a registered community housing provider. Tenant rentals would be based on income levels which would range between \$42,300 and \$67,600 pa (2016/17 levels). Members were encouraged to visit the NBC paper <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/HousingAffordability> (with Submissions closing 30 April 2017)

Pittwater Waterways Review

The long awaited waterway review is now open for comment by going to the following link <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/WaterwayReview>. The current paper open for comment is a bit disturbing on a number of fronts (especially the question of expanding marinas which seems to have an underlying push). One of our members Greg Ross has kindly put together a list of concerns that the review needs to take account of and is attached at the end of these minutes. The Chairman advised he would put this item and the list of concerns up on the website for comment with a view that the NRA will make a submission once all comments have been received. Submissions close 14th May 2017.

Land & Environment Court Hearings update

RMYC court hearing outcome, still nothing heard to date. Old Caltex site court hearing also nothing heard to date. 30 Queens Parade West proposed Childcare facility, as noted in correspondence this matter was settled by agreement during the court process.

Report on B-Line bus service to Newport

There has been no announcement as yet about the service routes (whether terminating at Mona Vale or beyond). There was discussion re the changes to the Mona Vale park as part of getting bus terminals off the road similar to Narrabeen and Mosman. From comments by our state member Rob Stokes the service is designed to help complement existing services although he suggested additional E88 services may be included plus a new service from Palm Beach to Manly. There were further comments about the 'Friends of Mona Vale' who have concerns that the B-Line terminal changes are really about the redevelopment of Mona Vale by stealth.

Strategic Reference Group Reports

There was a discussion from last meeting that it was unclear how much our SRG representatives could say as the rules laid down appeared to prevent publication of the outcomes. (Since the meeting Peter Middleton has been able to clarify the matter and the only reason the minutes had not been published was down to administrative lag). Lorrie Morgan who is our representative on the Art, Culture & Heritage SRG advised that the normal meetings had been ineffective in trying to determine a policy however a sub meeting had been held with only a small number which have come up with a set of objectives to be discussed at a full meeting on the 27th April 2017.

Ross Street Flooding Issues

A communication had been received from a local Ross Street resident Christine Hastie about the flooding due to inadequate drainage at the junction of Bramley Lane & Ross Street. Christine spoke to the matter however advised she had just had a meeting this week with an engineer from council who appeared to agree with her analysis of the problem and he advised council would now look into

the problem. The meeting decided the NRA would not write to council unless the problem was not rectified.

Planning 327 Barrenjoey Road Newport

A possible submission by the NRA had not been able to be finalised at this point. The DA outlined a new shop top housing development which was said to be a vast improvement on recent ones whereby the breaches were minimal. The NRA would make a submission in line with our policy of no objections unless the DA did not meet the Newport Masterplan guidelines.

Other Planning Applications

A list of other planning proposals was read out and no action was deemed necessary.

Enhanced Future for Newport Oval

The meeting was advised that one of our members Roger Johnston had been in contact with a couple of local architects who showed a lot of interest in preparing a concept design of improvements. The receipt of these designs would allow proper discussion with all parties and then council.

Coles Supermarket non-compliance with traffic terms of consent and safety matters therefrom

The Chairman advised this matter had been brought up in general business at the last meeting but was held over due to time constraints at the meeting. The Chairman read out response from council from last November and advised he would now write on behalf of the NRA informing council that the non-compliance was once again happening. The meeting agreed with this approach.

Mona Vale Hospital and precincts update

NRA member Warwick Kitt who has a business in the medical support industry gave an update on what was happening at the hospital and what would continue to happen. The Government had called for expressions of interest for use of the area not taken up by the new rehabilitation and other facilities already built and there had been 20 submissions with 6 being considered. He advised that the Narrabeen Ambulance station was to move to the Mona Vale site.

General Business

There were no items of general business.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

**Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th May 2017
at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**

DRAFT LIST OF CONCERNS AND COMMENTS RE THE NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL WATERWAYS REVIEW DOCUMENT.APRIL 2017

The Newport Residents' Association compliments the previous Pittwater Council and now the Northern Beaches Council for undertaking such a review.

The Southern end of the Pittwater Water way is now in turmoil with an overload of Marinas, moored boats, boats on the street and limited parking facilities. This area can no longer accommodate any more boating facilities nor will it be able to in the next 10 to 15 years for the following reasons:

1. Parking is at a premium. Only Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club and Pittwater Aquatic Club have adequate parking for its' members. Any increase in size of marinas in this area must include multilevel parking (such as in place at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club) as part of their DA to expand.
2. Offsite parking for general boating is not a solution. These users of Pittwater usually have canoes, boards, jet skis that cannot be carried on a bus or other modes of transport. They can only come by car direct to the launch site.
3. All launching sites on Pittwater for watercraft are now overloaded and the question is "can the council provide other areas to launch these craft?" The answer to this is probably NO.
4. We do however agree to offsite parking for larger yachts that could be stored on land say at Terry Hills and brought to the water by a transport company on notice from the owner. The owner would then have to park at the storage site and take a commuter bus. But where will these larger boats be launched? Bayview ramp perhaps or the ramp at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.
5. Regarding swing moorings- RMS has capped the mooring numbers on Pittwater to 3641 moorings. Of these moorings 969 moorings are commercial moorings provided to clubs by the RMS. This number far exceeds the legislation and we ask council to check what percentage of moorings are allowed to be allocated as commercial moorings and rectify the situation. Council should be reminded that if the Royal Motor Yacht Club wins the current case to expand their marina in the Land & Environment Court based on their commercial moorings giving them existing use rights then the other commercial mooring owners may use the same precedent.
6. We request that the Northern Beaches Council writes to the local State Member Rob Stokes requesting an enquiry into the Maritime section of the RMS on Pittwater for the following reasons:
 - a. Maritime only has two part time Boating Officers.
 - b. They only have one boat to patrol the whole of Pittwater.
 - c. More often than not the patrol boat is not out on the weekend. Rules not enforced on those days.
 - d. The boating officer alone makes decisions on safety aspects of boating. The Newport Arms proposed Marina shows exactly this. The boating Officer stated that all was safe but howled down by the boating public. The marina application was withdrawn.
 - e. Moorings in most areas have not been aligned for many years. This causes boats to protrude into navigation channels.
 - f. So called "mooring minders" are not enforced. Many derelict boats are on moorings –they often break away in storms. The Boat Owners' Association estimates that 30% of moored boats are derelict and just mooring minders. The RMS needs to have a system of registration like cars. Owners must present each year –mooring service certificate-proof of public liability insurance-boat is sea worthy-boat has all the required safety gear. None of these then mooring forfeited. This would free up many many moorings.
7. Re Pollution. Our Association believe that existing clubs and marinas have their underwater surrounds (sediments) audited by the EPA and that these facilities be made to remediate any contamination now. Waiting for more contamination to arrive is wrong. Leaf blowers must be banned from blowing leaves etc. into gutters and drains. These all flow to the waterway in heavy rain. Council should fine people who do not pick up the debris and place it in the green bins. After rain, Pittwater is full of leaf debris.

France have implemented a system of first flush for diesel engines. This stops unburnt diesel being discharged into the water especially in boats that have not started their engines for some time. No flush system no registration. We agree with page 26 of the Review in that areas off Palm Beach and Careel Bay must have their sea grasses protected. But where can new facilities be provided?

8. Important material left out of the review:

- a. There was no mention of fire control. The Newport fire report shows that only foam can put out marine fires. The only fire tender on Pittwater (we believe there are only two and manned by volunteers) do not have adequate foam if any foam. The NSW Fire Brigade does not have a boat but should have one on Pittwater equipped with paid crew and foam.
- b. Mona Vale Road widening will bring a lot more people to the area. When the Gosford Freeway was built some years ago, many people found it easier to go to the Central Coast. But this will change with the widening of Mona Vale Road.

Possible solution-use Akuna Bay in the National park as an example- it works well and has adequate parking. Approach The State Government to set aside areas in the National Park that an ecological marina with boat stack storage and good parking could be built. The road structure is already in place.