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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 16th May 2017 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:

President

Treasurer

Secretary:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (Apology)

Kyle Hill (Apology)

Wendy Dunnet (Acting Chairman)

President's welcome to all present:

In the absence of the President Wendy Dunnet welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Gavin Butler, P. Middleton, Kyle Hill, Selena Webber, Di Cook, Sue Young, Bill Thomson, Pat Stewart, Glenn Moore, Lorrie Morgan, Robert Dunn, David Catchlove.

Note; apology from Dick England for the meeting held 18th April 2017.

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 18th April 2017

Moved: Brian Penhall Seconded: Greg Ross

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/03/2017	811.33
Add Receipts	0.00
Sub total	811.33
Deduct Payments	95.72
Net Assets as at 30/04/2017	715.61

Moved: Greg Ross Seconded: Brian Penhall

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

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

Warwick Kitt presented a letter from NBC re; Pedestrian Safety in response to his letter. Michelle Carter from NBC will prepare a letter to the body Corporate of 359 Barrenjoey Rd requesting they take necessary action to improve Pedestrian safety. She will be in touch when she has further information.

There is no decision yet from the L&E Court on 316-324 Barrenjoey Rd, which led to a discussion of the disregard by the Developer of the conditions in the DA, the unauthorised building work which has been carried out and the lack of supervision of DA conditions by Council on major projects. Council Rangers thoroughly investigate local residents' building work but ignore the major sites and their DA conditions.

Items for Discussion: Council Amalgamations

It was noted that at the same time as the NRA meeting there was a public meeting being held in Mona Vale by Pittwater Forever. As a number of people were attending we could expect a report on the meeting at the next NRA meeting.

Warwick Kitt noted the NBC draft budget plan for 17/18 financial year showed expenditure is \$434.4 m with merger savings reported at \$5.9m for the same period. From the Plan over 5 years the total expenditure is shown as \$1.7 billion yet the merger savings only about \$11 million. Given Premier Baird had told us one of the reasons for amalgamation is to reduce costs of running councils & therefore having more funding allocated to essential infrastructure it would seem The NBC 10 year budget does not reflect any change. The budget is on the NBC website.

Further discussion took place with no one really knowing where Hornsby & Ku ring gai also now stand in their appeals.

Upcoming NBC election 2017

Pittwater Forever plan to check out all candidates and consider who they will support. Further discussion to be held once we know who the candidates are.

Pittwater Waterways Review (submissions due 14th May 2017)

Gavin has prepared a draft submission which was attached to the minutes of the previous meeting. Greg & Sue Ross have put in a submission. Also Glenn Moore.

Land & Environment Court Hearings

Greg Ross commented that he hoped the Judge on the RMYC case takes in to account the Pittwater Waterways Review.

No findings at this time on other L&E matters.

Report on 'B' line Bus service (including possible extension to Newport)

Noted the trees and mounds have been removed next to park in Mona Vale. and other work has commenced in Golf Ave. No further information at this time.

New Reference Groups

Dick England reported on the Flood study meeting. He thinks it's well considered & is being handled by professionals. Consultants will soon commence door knocking in high risk areas. Newport CBD is the main risk and the chanel off Bilgola is a greater risk. If anyone wants to communicate to the Group go through Dick. Anne Mitchell commented 'the water comes up

quickly & goes quickly'. The focus of the studies is to recognise risks to people (e.g.the extensive flooding in Murwillumbah during recent floods).

327 *Barrenjoey Rd shop top housing DA*

To be discussed at the next meeting

Other Planning Applications

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

Newport Oval and Bungun Headland Walking track

Leave on the agenda for further discussion. If possible have a look at the Bungun Headland track to understand the issue.

General Business:

Warwick Kitt raised the problem of the single Palm tree on the corner of Bramley Lane & Barrenjoey Rd. Its current height makes it difficult to see on-coming traffic. Possibly a mirror installed on the corner would help. Recommended to check it out for any other suggestions.

Newport Sculpture Trail - David Catchlove contacted us on behalf of Patsy Fry asking if the Sculpture Trail could have some sponsorship from the NRA. She notes it is a well established element of Newport now, after 5 years. It was decided Wendy would find out more about what they really need and report back at the next meeting. It was agreed that we should help them in some way.

Dogs on the beach - despite there being signs saying no dogs on Newport Beach it seems many owners are disregarding the signs and the Rangers either don't see them or don't enforce it. NBC are reviewing exercising areas. It was agreed we need to keep this on the agenda.

Newport Surf Club - concerns were raised over the Containers in the car park and how long they would be there . It was suggested we have a conversation with the club over their storage requirements.

Dick England raised the issue again, of non-compliance and defiance of conditions of approved DA's. His comment 'We are impotent if we cannot cause the Council or the staff to ensure compliance '. Eg a Council Ranger will be at a private residence at 1 minute after 1pm on a Saturday if there is any noise but do nothing about the major projects. This needs to stay on the Agenda - how do we deal with this situation. Jonathan again re-iterated the constant problems at the Coles supermarket and the ongoing problems for people living there.

It was agreed the NRA ought to get aggressive about these issues. Use 3 Seaview as an example. We need a plan. Why, when they do not comply isn't the site closed?

Meeting Closed at 8.33 pm

Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20th June 2017 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.