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

Meeting commenced at 7.25pm

Members present:

President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Wendy Dunnet

Bill Thomson, Peter Middleton, Selena Webber,
Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Warwick Kitt, Roger Johnson, Glen Moore, Margaux Strong, John Wayne, Pauline & John Thorpe

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th June 2017

Moved: Greg Ross Seconded: Di Cook

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 01/06/2017	715.61
Add Receipts	310.00
Sub total	1,025.61
Deduct Payments	139.20
Net Assets as at 30/06/2017	886.41

Moved: Bill Thomson Seconded: Selena Webber

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Any matters arising that relate to items for discussion would be dealt with at that time.

An email from Friends of Mona Vale received 18th July asking for support at a meeting at midday, on Wednesday 19th July at Mona Vale, in a bid to retain the Kitchener Park Bus shelter. Mr William Blackledge has been asked by Transport NSW to assess the heritage significance of the bus

shelter. He is to gauge the value of the shelter to the community. After general discussion, it was suggested if members were interested & able, the Friends of MV would appreciate them being there.

We received confirmation from NBC in response to GB's letter of 16th June regarding dog access to Newport Beach. At this stage Council is not considering the issue. The Administrator is waiting on an investigation into the possibility of creating additional UDEAs. With regard to dog access to beaches the Administrator has resolved that the issue be considered by the newly appointed Council

Jason Falinsky (Federal Member) contacted us re: funding for small capital projects. Local groups can apply for a grant between \$2500 & \$20,000. Expressions of interest were due 21st July. Also he was holding a Community forum at Pittwater RSL on 20 July from 7-830pm.

NBC advised GB, subsequent to his interest, that on 27th June, Council resolved to adopt the amended Pittwater Planning Proposal including changes agreed with RMS & deleting changes minimum allotment sizes in the Warriewood Valley. These amendments will now be made to the Pittwater LEP 2014.

Further correspondence from NBC confirmed that on 27th June Council would be deciding the policy on Management of Development Applications, the Development Control Plan amendments to all DCPs & the charter for a single Independent Assessment Panel and associated delegations. In addition to revoke a policy which is inconsistent with industry practices.

GB noted an NBC 'Your Say' list of items for everyone's information. We receive these regularly from NBC but items do not always relate to Newport.

We also received a letter from Taylor re: Pittwater Ferry service he is proposing, starting on weekends to reduce traffic around Pittwater & which will connect with the L90.

GB directed the meeting to a You Tube video put together by Peter Middleton & John Illingsworth on the B-line & its impact on Newport.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension Newport and the new Services schedule

Gavin Butler summarised the current situation with the B-Line. A meeting with the Services team confirmed one L90 per hour from Palm Beach, but the new 199 to Manly means a change either at Newport or Mona Vale to catch the B-Line. The L90 will only operate after peak hour. A reduced L90 means Newport will become a carpark. He will continue to follow up on the proposed services.

One of our members, Martha Gee received a letter from Rob Stokes who clearly stated that Bramley Lane & the Surf club car park will not be used as bus depots or terminuses, and agrees 'that this would be ridiculous!'. GB spoke to Stokes to clarify and Stokes says he is referring to a terminus which is 'infrastructure'. That is, if they do not build any infrastructure, there is no terminus!

Communicating B-Line Impacts to all Newport Residents and B-Line Petition

GB re-iterated the impact on the Surf Club Car park if either option was to be decided. First option would mean a loss of 30 spaces and the 2nd option, 90 spaces. Transport NSW wanted 150 in Mona Vale but could only get 74 therefore the balance would be in Newport.

The NRA committee met on the previous Saturday to discuss whether we do a letterbox drop ourselves. We had hoped by now to have done one to Newport residents with the Surf Club, jointly presenting the issues: 100 buses a day, One every 10 minutes, allowance for 3 buses to be parked at the carpark and facilities for bus drivers including toilet, etc. etc.

GB also advised Stokes' had said that on a temporary solution via The Boulevard or using Porter Reserve was madness. It was noted Rugby starts in March therefore this would be very temporary.

Another meeting with representatives from the community groups north of Mona Vale (Palm Beach, CAPRA, Bilgola, Avalon, Newport) is planned with Transport NSW on 26th July with regard to the proposed new services schedule.

In summary there are many concerns over the B-Line. Comments at the meeting:

- It seems a complete shambles with a total lack of planning.
- Craig Boaden from Clareville noted, that because of geography, we all have different issues and Transport NSW 'wants to divide us'.
- Dick Clark in a letter in the Manly Daily noted we need the small feeder buses
- Note from North Sydney- it's all been rushed through with seemingly little thought. They have received a 'clash' report for removal of 34 trees & to severely prune another 21.
- Greg Ross noted B-Line should go to Avalon & turn around at Careel Bay
- Problem with Avalon is traffic and therefore the buses cannot deliver on 'reliability'
- E88 will be quicker than the B-Line
- GB noted petition by the Cremorne group which you may like to personally sign but the NRA is not taking a position on it
- We had hoped the Surf Club would have taken up the cause to get information to the community & therefore feedback from the wider community
- Anna (Newport Chamber of Commerce) noted members are opposed to it over concerns with parking spaces and the loss of the inside lane for a dedicated bus lane. The Chamber are doing a petition.
- Transport NSW have had separate meetings with the Surf Club and The Newport Chamber of Commerce as well as ourselves with regards to terminus proposals
- With regards to the NRA doing a full Newport flyer drop to get the B-Line impact facts out Pat Stewart suggests we have something ready to go with the Surf Club and the Chamber of Commerce after the next round of meetings.
- The issue is to get more people on to buses therefore it should be going to Avalon & if it's set up properly and a reliable service, people will use it.
- B-Line should end in Mona Vale and feeder services pick up & take people to Mona Vale.

Motion: We should wait on outcomes of meetings being held over next week with the B-Line Project Team and then get our information together before we put a flyer out to the community with or without the Surf Club. Moved: Pat Stewart, Seconded: Peter Middleton, Motion carried

Urgent Footpath requirements

GB had requested input for what was urgent and had received the following submissions from members;

- 1) Queens Parade East to Myola Rd to meet Ross St footpath. It was mentioned that the Ross Street footpath was incomplete as it neared the beach park area (1 member noted she thought the grass paths were very Newport & added to the beach experience)
- 2) Queens Pde East to Barrenjoey Rd
- 3) Between No's 4-46 Prince Alfred Pde as a priority (would reduce illegal parking which currently forces people to walk on the road) and then extended to Hudson Pde - email from Glen Moore

It was Resolved that the NRA write to council requesting these to be put on to PAMP Year 2018/19 and noting that the Queens Pde requests had been previously made at the end of 2016.

Summary of Friends of Mona Vale Meeting held 11th July

Topics discussed were: Council Amalgamation, Mona Vale Master Plan, B-Line, Mona Vale Road Upgrade, Bayview Golf Course development, Mona Vale Hospital Closure, Northern Beaches Council Election. A discussion was then had as to what our involvement with the FOMV would be and it was Resolved that if a matter affected Newport or it was a general community issue then we will get involved at that time.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Sue Young updated the meeting noting the local Government Amendment (Amalgamation Referendums) Bill passed the Legislative Council 2 days after our last meeting. The Bill is expected to be presented to the Legislative Assembly in early August. Passing the Bill would

- ensure any proposed amalgamation in the future would go to a referendum
- allow the councils currently taking legal action a referendum
- allow the communities in amalgamated councils a plebiscite within one month of the bill becoming legislation

(It was noted that the Pittwater forced amalgamation was used as an example in the bill)

Sue encouraged those at the meeting to contact Rob Stokes, asking him to support this bill. We would not be asking whether to de-amalgamate or not, but to have the opportunity to have a democratic process by way of a plebiscite.

It was Resolved that the NRA will write to Stokes and ask him to support the Bill.

Important NBC projects open for comment (refer web site for details)

GB noted we receive communication from NBC re: important projects for public comment e.g. parking at Palm Beach, Mona Vale cemetery etc. There was discussion that the major supermarkets may stop using single one-use plastic bags.

At the next meeting it was suggested we put on the agenda, the Boomerang bag used in Avalon and talk to the Chamber of Commerce about its use in Newport.

Upcoming NBC election 9th September 2017

Nominations due 31st July -9th August. Pittwater Forever to advise dates from candidates in the other wards.

Sculpture Trail

Dates have been changed for 2017. We are waiting to hear from Patsy Fry.

Other Planning Applications

Only one application was received at 7 Kalinya St Newport. No action was deemed necessary.

Newport Oval

Apparently we cannot apply for a grant to help improve Newport oval as we do not have an ABN. It was indicated to GB in an email It may be included in NBC 18/19 budget. GB to contact Roger Johnston to discuss a joint approach with the NBC to get these funds.

Reference Group updates

Lorrie Morgan noted one of the Arts group has just received a \$1 million grant.

General Business:

Lorrie Morgan suggested both the contact for Rob Stokes re: Parliamentary Bill and the B-Line be put on the website for members.

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.