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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 15th August 2017 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology)

Kyle Hill

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Kyle Hill, welcomed members and guests and chaired the meeting.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Christine Hastie, Greg & Sue Ross, Pat Stewart, Di Cook, Selena Webber and Dick England

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

Moved: Sue Young Seconded: Lorrie Morgan

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 30/06/2017	886.41
Add Receipts	555.00
Sub total	1,441.41
Deduct Payments	36.00
Net Assets as at 31/07/2017	1,405.41

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Glenn Moore

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

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

We regularly receive via email, correspondence from NBC. We were advised, the Draft

Community Strategic Plan (CSP) went to Council on 27th June and was endorsed for an exhibition until Sunday 5th November 2017.

Also on 27th June Council adopted the Development Application (DA) Management Policy, the Development Control Plan amendments to all DCPs (to replace the former controls) & the Northern Beaches Independent Assessment Panel (NBIAP). A single internal staff panel, has also been created to determine DAs known as the Development Determination Panel. (DDP). The NBIAP will conduct public hearings before determining more complex applications. The DDP will determine applications, with an opportunity for interested parties to make representations on the Council's assessment report & recommendation prior to meeting. Applications that do not meet triggers for the NBIAP or DDP will be determined under delegated authority by the DA manager.

Council will now no longer be sending notification letters to Community groups. Whilst all adjoining land owners & tenants will receive a letter in the mail, alternative ways are available for interested parties to be informed. (eg Council website).

As we have noted previously, Council have a Your Say - Projects Open for comment, on their web site. We encourage all members to visit this site as it lists various opportunities for public input. We only respond to those relating to Newport.

Jason Falinski (Federal Member) has written & confirmed the 3 main issues raised at the Community Forum on 20th July were: (1) Adani (2) Affordable Energy & (3) Infrastructure. You can find out more at jason.falinski.mp@aph.gov.au or Ph 8484 0300.

He has also noted a Seminar being held at 7pm-8.15pm on Monday 28th August at the Pittwater House School, Collaroy on Cyberbullying & on-line abuse amongst our young people. The Federal Gov't. has established the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and this seminar is to help parents, teachers & young people about online safety.

We wrote to the General Manager, NBC re: PAMP submissions for 2018/2019 Newport Footpaths as per discussion at our last meeting.

We were advised at a Council meeting 25th July the West Newport Parking Demand Management Strategy was adopted with the resolution contained therein to commence implementation of the recommendations outlined in the Final West Newport Parking Demand Management Strategy as a priority.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension Newport and the new Services schedule

Peter Middleton gave a summary of the current situation with the B-Line & noted Gavin Butler has written a summary that is available on our website.

If it goes ahead, there will be 70 car spaces allocated at the Surf Club to commuter parking and Transport NSW are considering 9 different terminus options.

It was noted, the Newport Chamber of Commerce is concerned over the loss of any car spaces.

A meeting was held on 26th July with representatives from four community groups north of Mona Vale (PBWBA, CAPRA, APA, NRA) as planned with the NSW Dep't. Transport B-Line project team responsible for creating a new Bus Services schedule for the full B-Line route.

The outcome at that meeting was disappointing. Nothing seems to have changed and Transport NSW seems committed to the B-Line extending to Newport although there is already a bus terminal at Mona Vale. They had no knowledge of the Mona Vale depot ever being considered as a terminus/commuter parking station.

The Project team appear to be trying to justify their decision. They offered nothing in addressing the service concerns from those groups. They have not finalised a new timetable & will not seek community feedback before they publish it. They remain intent on taking the B-Line to Newport.

They also confirmed that there would be no through city services covering the 'Newport Loop' during peak hours (there are currently 14 between 6am & 8am weekdays).

On Friday 28th July Gavin Butler (NRA), Rob Emerson (Newport SLSC) & a representative from the Newport Chamber of Commerce met with Rob Stokes to clarify with him our major concerns. Nothing really came out of the meeting. He also is trying to justify the move to Newport. They did offer to obtain any Opal data we needed. GB subsequently put in a request on behalf of NRA.

The general feeling at the meeting was 'What is the message', 'what are we going to do about it and we must do something now'. 'Hopefully we haven't left it too late.' Glenn Moore noted the importance of 9th September, Council Elections.

Communicating B-Line impacts to all Newport Residents

At the last meeting we passed a motion we should wait on outcomes of the meetings that were being held before we put out a flyer to the community with or without the Surf Club. Rob Emerson, President Newport SLSC noted the Surf Club's concerns were with the buses turning around, the layover of 3 buses, and how that would affect the functioning of the Club. Also the impact to them of the removal of car parking and thirdly, the environmental impact of the beach.

Robert Orr told the meeting he had a flyer ready to be distributed to 3500 Newport residents and he was waiting on the go ahead from NRA. Also he thought we should be organising a rally as soon as possible and preferably before the Council elections.

Warwick Kitt voiced his concern that if we completely reject the B-Line we will not get any other service. William Scott raised again the Safety issue in the Surf Club car park.

WD noted that GB had discussed a possible rally with support from the Community groups north of us and generally they were supportive. GB to follow up & advise on his return.

Newport Surf Club proposed Extensions

Kyle Hill as acting chairman, invited Rob Emerson to present to the meeting the proposed extensions to the Newport Surf Club.

Rob commenced with an introduction of the club's history which commenced in 1909. The club now has over 1400 members, over 500 kids and 45% of their members are under 18yrs old. They are trying to be our Community's club not just the Surf club although they are justifiably proud that no lives have been lost in 108 years.

They have a lot of storage issues & currently store quite a lot of Surf equipment off site. Also the building has building code issues and circulation issues. e.g. toilets at one end and the playground at the other. They have prepared a concept plan that extends the building mainly to the west of the current building as well as the curb line at each end.

They initially approached Council in 2011 and are now at a pre-DA consultation stage. They are asking us to go to the Your Say section of the NBC website and review the Plans. Written submissions are due in September. They then need the owners consent (that is NBC) to prepare the DA. Rob emphasized this is just the beginning and their submission has nothing to do with the B-Line.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

On Thursday 27th July Gladys Berejiklian abandoned the forced mergers of the councils in court. Pittwater could have been included had it not been for the Councillors who voted to not take legal action. There are a number of communities across NSW working on de-amalgamating their forcibly merged councils including residents from Pittwater, Canterbury, Gosford, Gundagai, Guyra, Holroyd, Leichhardt, Marrickville and Tumbarumba.

Sue Young updated the meeting noting the local Government Amendment (Amalgamation Referendums) Bill was presented to the Legislative Assembly on 3rd August. Unfortunately the Bill was not voted on.

Sue had encouraged those at the last meeting to contact Rob Stokes, asking him to support this bill. It was Resolved that the NRA would write to Stokes and asking for his support. A letter was written by GB on 28th July.

Upcoming NBC election 9th September 2017

Pittwater Forever has advised dates & locations for information sessions with candidates. WD handed out copies of the PFE flyer with all the details. The first session will be Tuesday 29th August for Pittwater Ward. The second session for Narrabeen Ward will be Tuesday 5th September. Both sessions are at 630pm at Mona Vale Memorial Hall.

Peter Middleton advised the meeting that both he & Lorrie Morgan were on the same ticket as Selena Griffiths, Dr Suzanne Daley & Marcia Rackman and that they are truly independent. They would be grateful for any support that can be given.

Meeting with the Greater Sydney Commission

On 3rd August Wendy Dunnet, on behalf of NRA attended a meeting at the Greater Sydney Commission with Friends of Pittwater & Ingleside representatives. The meeting sought to better understand how the GSC interacts with the NSW Dep't. of Planning and where the GSC authority begins & ends. It also sought clarification on housing numbers, affordable housing and job targets. The Commissioner confirmed Mona Vale is the Regional Centre and hub of the Northern Beaches & it is their priority that Mona Vale maintains that into the future by providing jobs, education & affordable housing. She also confirmed 5-10% of major residential projects will be kept by the Government for affordable housing, in perpetuity. This is due to be legislated. Their 5 year target for housing would predominantly be met by Ingleside.

The North Draft District Plan stated that the B-Line would be between Mona Vale and the Sydney CBD. She was unaware of any extension to Newport and has offered to look into that for us. The whole of the North Draft District Plan can be viewed on the GSC website.

WD wrote to the Commissioner after the meeting, asking for further clarification on development plan, how the B-Line being extended to Newport came about and subsequently how that impacts on their Draft Plan for the area.

Sculpture Trail

Patsy Fry has approached the NRA to ask for support for this year's Sculpture Trail. This has been discussed at previous meetings and by the Committee. Kyle Hill confirmed we were unable to offer any financial support as the NRA has limited funds and we will need these for the B-line. We are happy to offer any labor support that she needs. WD to advise Patsy, of the decision.

6 Ross Street DA re: Boarding House

A DA has been received for 6 Ross St Newport for a Boarding House. A number of neighbors to this property attended the meeting voicing their concerns. After much discussion, Kyle Hill suggested Committee member, Selena Webber contact Jan Carnes at 4 Ross St and review the application. Peter Middleton suggested the neighbors contact a professional planner for advice.

Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to Walking Track

We have received correspondence regarding this matter & it has been discussed briefly at a previous meeting. Kyle to follow up & write to the Member, to organise a review of the situation. It was decided to put it on the September agenda.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

It was discussed whether we should approach NBC re: doing a Demand Study on the Foamcrest carpark along with the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting agreed it needs policing and maintenance. Therefore we should be encouraging Council to do this as well as Bramley Lane & the Surf Club carparks. To be discussed further at the next meeting with GB.

Other Planning Applications

Due to the changes to Council policy no longer advising Community groups about current applications there were no other applications at this time.

Reference Group updates

There were no reports from the reference groups but Dick England (who was not at the Meeting) advised via Warwick Kitt the Flood Plan would be available in November.

Newport Oval

Neither Roger Johnson or Gavin Butler were at the meeting to give an up date, therefore It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

General Business:

A member suggested we add to our Footpath request Stewart Street between Queens Parade West & Gladstone. Bill Thomson advised we had already written our submission but we would make a note.

Warwick Kitt put it to the meeting, 'where do we go from here re: he Woolworths site? The empty space does not enhance Newport. Perhaps we need to get proactive and put something on the table. To be discussed at another time.

Meeting Closed at 9.00 pm

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.