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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 17th March 2015 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.04 pm

Members present:

President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Peter Middleton

Selena Webber

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Martha Gee, Warwick Kitt, Ruth Latukefu

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 17th February 2015.

Moved: Di Cook

Seconded: Ian Heard

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was postponed due to the amount of business.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

As all correspondence related to the agenda, it was tabled and discussed under agenda items.

Items for Discussion:

NSW Government & Council Amalgamations

PM reiterated letter of invitation to Rob Stokes, which had this as first of 3 major areas.

GB summarised last week's PWC briefing to RA reps, including an outline of the 4 options identified in a KPMG assessment commissioned by PWC.

Discussion ensued, emphasising the desirability of an ongoing independent and depoliticised PWC, the single drawback mentioned being possible lack of in-house training opportunities for staff in a smaller council.

Visiting Greens state candidate, Felicity Davis, said their party was opposed to amalgamation.

PWC Community Ref Groups reports

GB reported on February **Leading & Learning** group meeting.

Majority of meeting had been devoted to:

Amalgamation (as already discussed, above)

Review of Reference Groups Latest 2 year term now completed, with call for Res Assoc and individual resident membership applications to be sought by PWC next month.

GB outlined positives of involvement (only 4 meetings pa) and encouraged all members to consider nominating for one of the 4 groups, as representative or reserve. The review of the survey completed by 80% of CRG members was overall very positive.

"Pittwater & Destinations" Mona Vale's future: next sessions 19, 20, 21 March

PM gave a brief update on the community consultation project so far, including his attendance at the first Saturday PWC conducted tour.

Marcia Rackham expanded on the proposals from a MV resident perspective.

GB summarised, including relevance to Newport and its proposed Masterplan update. Members were encouraged to attend some of the sessions advertised.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark / Woolworths

PM referred to his recent call from a Manly Daily journalist and the resulting balanced article in the newspaper.

There was discussion on the generally poor state of the Woolworths-owned arcade and the derelict facades of shops purposely left vacant.

DA re 373 Barrenjoey Rd: update (see website)

GB updated re the L&E onsite hearing in November and an absence of any finding or action since that date. NRA's main objections were non-compliance with Masterplan core requirements.

DA re Barrenjoey Rd former Liquorland site

KH reported on previous night's PWC meeting, when Councillors voted unanimously to reject current DA.

DA N0481/14: 3 Seaview Ave/ 5 Foamcrest /325 Barrenjoey Rd: update

PM confirmed PWC acknowledgement of submission.

Selena Webber reiterated the problems, especially re overdevelopment, potential damage to adjacent vegetation & property and dangerous exit traffic situation & parking.

Further contact is awaited.

DA N0458/14: 28 Grandview Dr: update

PM advised a notice was not received for prior Thursday's DU Meeting, with PWC being chased for an explanation.

Other Planning Applications

PM reported 19 other DAs / Sect 96s notices received since last meeting but none deemed necessitating an NRA submission.

Myola Rd / Ross St dangerous intersection

Lorrie Morgan reported a further vehicle accident in last week, totalling 4 in 12 months.

Brian Penhall felt a prime requirement is to have 'No Parking' near the corner.

Paving on the beach side would also assist solution and that this may be part of the Bicentennial Walkway (which could expedite funding).

GB suggested NRA draft a letter to PWC re paving & restrictions and clarifying B Walkway status.

At 8.05pm normal business was suspended to welcome Rob Stokes

As well as welcoming RS, GB acknowledged other Pittwater visitors and thanked them for their attendance.

RS took questions and led discussion on:

Amalgamation, 'Fit for the Future' analysis, cost & operational benefits & deficits.

He emphasised there is definitely scope for PW LGA to retain its current status and that PWC is specifically not being targeted.

Mona Vale Rd upgrade, including alternate route

Wakehurst Pkwy, esp re flood-proofing and dual carriageway

Public transport, including bus rapid transit (Nth/Sth, then East/West), 2nd harbour crossing, commuter park& ride provision

Poles & wire lease, including budgetary need, improvements to tree lopping

Depoliticising local government

At 9.05pm meeting thanked and farewelled Rob Stokes & resumed normal business

Changes to 'No Stopping' indication throughout SHOROC councils

(see <http://shoroc.com/avoid-the-fine-dont-stop-on-the-yellow-line/>)

Meeting was advised of intention to reduce signs on poles with painted lines on road.

'Pittwater Unleashed' update (see website)

Bill Thomson advised he – and anyone else opposed to unleashed beach areas – had been denied representation in the working group. First meeting of the group has been delayed till 15 April. It will have 4 members, only one of whom will carry an environmental banner.

This is first stage in a process which progresses to a report to the full Council and public exhibition.

Enhanced Future for Newport Oval (see website)

GB advised he and Roger Johnston are now to meet with mayor, to discuss Roger's excellent concept document, on 23 March.

Community Gardens for Newport (see website)

Di Cook reported positive moves in Woolcott St, with both adjacent properties willing to form a group.

General Business

Nil

Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm

Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st April at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm