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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 20th May 2014 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02 PM

Members present:

President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Kyle Hill deputised for Pres Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Peter Middleton

Hans Hui, Selena Webber

President's welcome to all present:

Deputy President KH welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Ruth Latukefu, Robert Dunn, Kylie Ferguson, Gavin Butler, Dick England

Approval of Minutes of Previous Special General Meeting held 15th April 2014.

Moved: Pat Stewart Seconded: Di Cook

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer offered the following report:

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| Balance @ 31/03/2014 | 1495.36 |
| Add Receipts | 0.00 |
| Sub total | 1495.36 |
| Deduct Payments | 0.05 |
| Net Assets as at 29/04/2014 | 1495.31 |

Treasurer's report accepted: Moved: Di Cook

Seconded: Hans Hui

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Correspondence was tabled and discussed, as necessary, under agenda items. It included:

'Peninsula Historian': March & April/May issues received and retained.

CBA 12mth free access to 'Our Community' website (Treasurer to assess re activation)

PWC notification re determination Old Caltex Site DA N0238/13: (See 'Old Caltex Site DA status')

PWC notification re determination 307 B'joey Rd DA N0294/13: (See '7/Eleven DA status')

Warriewood Res Assoc email re Draft Public Space & Recreation Strategy 2014: (See Draft PW Public Space & Recreation Strategy 2014)

PWC notification re Draft Delivery Prog & Budget (See PWC Draft Delivery Program & Budget 2014-2018)

PWC notification re Res Assoc Design Talkfest for 25 June (See PW RAD Talkfest – Active Transport for our Community)

Items for Discussion:

PW RAD Talkfest – Active Transport for our Community: 25 June

PM summarised content of letter from PWC, emphasising that invitation is for res assoc members, only, and encouraging attendance from all our members. (7.30-8.30pm Newport Comm Centre)
PM to obtain email copy of invitation with link to background 'PW Walks & Rides Strategy Masterplan' doc and distribute to membership.

NB: *RSVPs required by 20 June*

Draft PW Public Space & Recreation Strategy 2014: Input 6 June

PM emphasised need for individual submissions to ensure future interests were not overlooked by PWC. Share Warriewood RA concerns that parks, golf courses and other public lands may be identified for sale or changed usage, without further, broad community consultation.

Resolved: *Selena Webber, on NRA behalf, to approach PWC to request 4 weeks extension for submissions, to allow for input by NRA members and other community groups.*

(Moved: Pat Stewart; Seconded: Di Cook)

ADDENDUM: PWC has subsequently extended **submission deadline to 23 June**. All members with an interest in the future of PW parks and other recreation areas are encouraged to make submissions.

PW Residents Associations meet with Rob Stokes re NSW Planning

PM reported on recent meeting of resident associations in Rob Stokes office (prior to change of Premier). RS was very aware of community direction re planning densities and preservation of PW nature and amenity. He reiterated his commitment to support that as far as he could, working from within parliament, and encouraged the community to keep up its voice and pressure by the various means available to it.

PWC Draft Delivery Program & Budget: input 2 June

Gavin Butler had attended the recent public session. He asked it be reported that he saw no significant concerns with budgeted amounts, only some possible concerns on the timetable likely for some aspects.

A hard copy of the draft document was offered for any member who wished to look further into it and/or respond to PWC.

Old Caltex site DA status

PWC had written advising of the Land & Environment Court's approval of the latest DA, including the 'without prejudice' revisions. Jeff Brady revealed that the site was now advertised for sale. It was felt this was yet another example of developers from outside the area lodging DAs for excessive structures, which they argued were to enhance our suburb, it being subsequently revealed that their sole motivation was profit.

7/Eleven DA: hours of operation DA status

After NRA following its written submission with an appearance at the DU meeting, PWC had written advising that the DA had been approved. However, the DU assessment ruled to limit hours of opening from 6.00am – 12.00 midnight (as per Caltex up the road). This is a demonstrable improvement from the 24/7 operation to date, mistakenly under a 'grandfather clause' for the site. Members are encouraged to casually monitor opening hours and report if they are outside the limit.

Other Planning Applications

Notices on a number of DAs have been received and include:

- S96 for alterations & additions 179 Prince Alfred Pde
- S96 for reposition of secondary dwelling 15 Goodwin Rd
- DA for additions including deck 76 Queens Pde E
- DA for additions including carport & inclinor 68 Prince Alfred Pde
- DA for new garage & driveway 121 Prince Alfred
- S96 for alterations to roofline, pitch & windows 55 Beaconsfield
- S96 for alterations to windows, doors & lowering floor 90 Princes Ln
- S96 for alterations to garage, windows & roof 6 Grandview Dr
- DA for new jetty, sea stairs + ramp removal 76 Prince Alfred Pde
- DA for alterations & additions including carport & deck 43 Kanimbla Cr, Bilgola Plat
- DA for pool & landscaping 78 Prince Alfred Pde
- DA for new single dwelling & pool 105 Grandview Dr
- Prelim Notification of draft planning proposal 2199 P'water Rd, Church Pt (PP 0008/13)

There is some controversy due to this being PWC owned land. It will be determined by an external authority. Submissions can be made up until an assessment is given.

PW Community Reference Groups

Connecting Communities

Hans Hui reported on the recent meeting, which included:

Police Supt Darcy address on Nthn Beaches reorganisation: Same number of police but can do more (eg missiles thrown at buses, down from 3/mth to 1 in 2 mths). Encouraged to report incidents via phone "000". Liquor offences stats for PW higher than state average
Public Space & Recreation Strategy: 100 pg doc not easy to assimilate. Discussion on the rationalisation of land. There is not info on the *sales value* of land bought & sold over last 20 years. HH voiced concern on lack of financial priorities on what PWC wishes to achieve. (Figures on past sales would be helpful for planning the future.)

Bill Thomson echoed that presentation to Nat Environment Gp indicated intention to sell off roadside reserves & small playgrounds.

Selena Webber commented on possible future donation of land back to state for school expansion as a number of PW schools reaching capacity.

SW emphasised we need to give feedback to PWC on what we want retained, as a community.

SW was asked to draft some bullet points to put to PWC as our community priorities. She would ideally like to have input from the primary school and SLSC prior to listing. The population profile is morphing to younger, which will affect a reassessment of priorities.

SW commented further on a general govt trend to sell assets to balance budgets.

Kyle Hill commented that any land sold in Newport should have proceeds ploughed solely back into Newport and only after community consultation.

Natural Environment

Bill Thomson reported on the recent meeting, which included:

Waste collection: New domestic waste pick-up is working, with collections below targeted numbers. New green waste bins should be active Sept/Oct on fortnightly collection.

Public Space & Recreation Strategy: (As covered, above)

Wood Smoke: Bill T has requested this be included in NE Ref Gp agenda, offering an incentive for current wood burners to change. He was not content with the response of the councillor representative and will seek a follow-up meeting with PWC officer plus lobby Rob Stokes.

(There was floor discussion, with views expressed by those who are for and those who are against the evolution to a wood smoke-free environment.)

NSW Health Service proposed June presentation on Northern Beaches Hospital

PM advised of an approach from NSWHS exec, Michael Player, offering to speak to the NRA. He is to be invited to present to our June meeting.

Follow-up to April meeting address by Police Commander Dave Darcy

It was felt that this had been a positive community information and exchange session, especially as Supt Darcy had indicated it was his first such invitation in his new role. The NRA will follow-up on his offer to have him return later in the year.

NRA Website

Work continues. We now have basic functionality but Gavin Butler is working with new provider, building back aspects lost from the original site.

General Business

Coles Supermarket opening time

Pat Stewart advised that Coles staff had confirmed a permanent change of opening, delayed from 7.00am to 8.00am. Pat felt this impinged, both on the service available to the Newport community and likely the income of the staff. She understood the change was because of pressure from the occupants of units in the same building.

Secretary is to meet with the Coles store manager, to ascertain the factors relating to the change.

Wider exposure of NRA Agenda

SW suggested that the 100 year association between the NRA and Newport Public School be strengthened by approaching the school to see if our meeting agenda could be displayed at the school. Selena to look into contact.

Planning Lobby to New Minister

SW suggested it is timely to ramp up our lobbying to Rob Stokes, in his new roles in Environment and in Planning. Points to emphasise include:

- Medium density developments seem to exhibit the poorest design, as experienced in the Newport village area.
- It is a heavy and unfair commitment for the pressure to be on the community to continually monitor and then fight the volume of DAs which are outside the norms agreed within the community: variations should be the exception, not the norm.

Resolved: *The Secretary, on behalf of the NRA, is to write to Rob Stokes, congratulating him on his recent appointments and emphasising the points discussed in this meeting.*

(Moved: Pat Stewart; Seconded: Di Cook)

Air Quality

Sue Young reported that the most recent inspection at Brasa restaurant was in early April. All systems were found to be operating as required and no problems were identified. All other commercial premises with smoke outlets had also been checked and found to comply. PWC will continue its schedule of monitoring.

Community Gardens Policy

SW raised that there had been no news for some time. SY responded that PWC currently had it at a draft stage.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

**Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th June at 7.00 PM,
at Newport Community Hall**