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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 26th May 2015 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

Members present:

President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Peter Middleton (Apology)

Selena Webber

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Peter Middleton, Pat Stewart, Martha Gee, Ruth Latukefu, Anne Mitchell, Roger Thomson, Kyle Ferguson, Lorrie Morgan

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 5th May 2015.

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Di Cook

Treasurer's Report:

Balance @ 31/03/2015	1339.38
Add Receipts	0.01
Sub total	1339.39
Deduct Payments	234.74
Net Assets as at 30/04/2015	1004.65

Approval of Treasurers Report: Moved: Di Cook, Seconded: Dick England

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Noted letter from Council for the attention of Margie Jones thanking the NRA and especially her for the contribution to the Pittwater Community Based Heritage Study Review. The meeting Resolved to thank Margie for her great contribution and to forward a copy of the council letter to her.

Noted the NRA made a written submission to IPART objecting to the Assessment Methodology of the Council Fit for the Future Proposals (copy submission on web site).

Noted the NRA made a submission to council regarding the Delivery Program & Budget 2015-2019 regarding \$100,000 earmarked for refurbishment of the Newport Oval facilities (copy submission on the web site).

Items for Discussion:

NSW Government & Council Amalgamation – update & actions

GB gave an update of this item and a long general discussion was had about all the issues (refer web site for details). GB also called for suggestions which we would pass onto the council through the 18 combined Pittwater Community Groups (Pittwater Forever) as to what improvements we would like to see in the council for the future and that the council could consider when they made their submission to IPART. The suggestion that were made were as follow;

- Review and improve the current Village Masterplans (or now called Place Management Plans) and ensure every village in Pittwater has one and the established ones are reviewed for consistency.

- Now that we have a Community Garden being established in Newport we should continue to encourage new ones throughout Pittwater to help develop community spirit and engagement.
- We need to review the money being spent on providing new services as we need a redirection to capital works over the next decade to meet our footpaths improvement program.
- We should look at improving our Development Unit at council by appointing an architectural advisory panel.

PWC Community Ref Groups:

Selena Webber reported on the **Sustainable Towns & Villages** group session and advised that the main topics were Amalgamation, Mona Vale Place Plan and the Delivery Budget.

Bill Thomson reported on the May **Natural Environment** group session advising that the discussion items were mainly the same as for the **ST & V** group. He also advised that we are invited to participate in the Northern Beaches Radio on any matter we felt was significant to our community. Additionally Bill had raised the issue of the parlous state of Newport's sand dunes at the northern end of the beach.

Kyle Hill reported on the **Connecting Communities Reference Group** and also advised the main topics were the Amalgamation and Budget matters. He advised there were a lot of new members in the new group and was looking forward to a new perspective coming out of the group. There were additional discussions on community services including community transport for the elderly.

DA 373 Barrenjoey Rd: update (see website)

GB advised that we were still awaiting the outcome of November 2014 L&EC hearing on this matter.

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

GB advised that we were also still awaiting the outcome of the L & E conciliation conference in May although Selena understood there were revised plans about to be lodged. (Since the meeting we have received these revised plans and were preparing a new objection submission).

Other Planning Applications

GB reported that 10 other DAs/Sect 96s received since last meeting and GB quickly ran through the addresses of these applications at the request of the meeting.

Myola Rd/ Ross St dangerous intersection

GB advised he understood the Secretary was in the process of formally writing to council re this matter.

Enhanced Future for Newport Oval (see website)

GB advised this matter had been covered above re the objection and response the draft Delivery Budget 2015-2019 above.

Community Gardens for Newport (see website)

Di Cook reported that the community garden for Woolcott St was going ahead with a lot of local enthusiasm and support from Council.

General Business

Bill Thomson tabled a proposed motion which Richard Links was prepared to second regarding a request for the NRA to censure four councillors for voting against a motion that would have allowed Pittwater Council to accept an EPA offer of the power to ban the installation of new wood burning heaters in selected areas at some time in the future. The reason for the proposed censure was that the four councillors had noted a conflict of interest in that they used wood fired heaters and therefore should have stood down from the vote. GB advised he wasn't prepared to raise the matter as a direct censure of the four councillors but suggested the NRA write a letter to council pointing out the conflict of interest issue and requesting clarification as to why the councillors would not have stood down from the vote. The meeting Resolved that the NRA write to council accordingly.

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th June 2015 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm