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

Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Members present: As per attendance sheet
President Gavin Butler
Treasurer Kyle Hill
Secretary: Position vacant
Committee members: Bill Thomson, Peter Middleton, Wendy Dunnet

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests and made a special welcome to Lynne Czinner, a past Mayor and councillor of Pittwater. Lynne has been a very active member of the 'Save our Councils' coalition and Pittwater Forever.

Apologies: Hon Bronwyn Bishop, Selena Webber, Di Cook

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th October 2015.
Moved: P Middleton, Seconded: Pat Stewart

Treasurer's Report:

Balance @ 30/7/015	1,291.38
Add Receipts	.01
Sub total	1,291.39
Deduct Payments	100. 00
Net Assets as at 29/8/2015	1,191.39

Moved: Wendy Dunnet,

Seconded: Pat Stewart

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Only items of correspondence were from Pittwater Council regarding an invitation for two members to attend the 2015 Pittwater Volunteer Civic Reception on Wed 2nd Dec (Gavin B & Peter M to attend), and an invitation to attend the Mona Vale Community Open House on Sat. 28th November. It was noted that an e-mail had been received from a Newport resident complaining about the council's agreement with the L & E court to allow non-complying set-backs at the old 'Liquorland' site on Barrenjoey road. The President reported that the Newport Artists Day went ahead on the 13th November but was badly effected by severe rain storms.

Items for Discussion:

- **NSW Government & Council Amalgamations & Pittwater Forever! Update & Actions** (see website)

The President advised that at the council meeting the night before council passed a resolution on the casting vote of the Mayor to reply to the 30 day deadline set by the State Government to respond with merger proposals. The resolution was to complete the Gov't template by saying the first preference was to merge with ourselves (tactic to stay as we are), secondly a preference to merge with part of Warringah (meaning breaking Warringah into two and Pittwater extends it's boundary to basically take in the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment by suburb [thereby doubling the size of the current Pittwater]), thirdly to merge with Warringah based on Shoroc council areas (meaning for Pittwater the same as for the second preference

but the rest of Warringah, Manly & Mosman merge). The fate of Pittwater now depends on what the Government decides plus whether they can actually deliver their preference.

- ***Pittwater Forever Update***

It was noted that at the Palm Beach and Mona Vale Markets Pittwater Forever had stalls and collected over 700 individually signed letters addressed to our member Rob Stokes to advise they did not want any amalgamation. It was further reported that at these markets the public just approached the stall and said 'what can we sign'. All these letters were delivered to Rob Stokes. Our guest Lynne Czinner gave an update of what was happening with the 'Save our Councils Coalition (SOCC).

- ***Enhanced Future for Newport Oval*** (see website)

No further update and we had still not received a reply from the letter sent to council over three months ago.

- ***DA re 373 Barrenjoey Rd:***

Nothing further at this stage, awaiting determination of the L & E conciliation held last November.

- ***Australia Day Awards***

A request had been received inviting us to nominate someone, noting that nominations closed on Friday 27th November 2015.

- ***Development on Barrenjoey Rd Old Caltex site – Section 96 Application***

This matter was again discussed at length and the meeting noted we had now received a notice from council advising a Section 96 Application had been lodged. The President advised that pending receipt of the S96 notification he had sent an e-mail to the Pittwater Council GM noting that the developers had commenced construction of a new driveway without approval and that action should be taken against those developers. The e-mail also took up the matters raised by a member that the developer had constructed balcony screens which had been specifically excluded from the original court approval. The meeting also heard from a new member Trish Egan of their objections to the proposed transfer of the driveway from Barrenjoey Road to 'The Boulevard'. It was agreed the NRA would lodge a formal objection to all changes.

- ***DA re RPAYC extension***

It was noted that the NRA had lodged a formal objection (copy can be found under 'Submission' on the web site).

- ***Other Planning Applications***

The President read out the addresses of all DA's and their types received since the last meeting and there were no requests for further information.

- ***Pittwater Unleashed' update*** (see website)

It was noted that the minutes for the September had been included in the Council Agenda the previous night and the President said he would now link those on our web site. It was noted that these minutes had canvassed the suitability of a number of beaches for unleashed dogs but Newport interestingly had not been mentioned. No one was able to cast any light on why Newport had been excluded, although noted by members that it might be hopeful development.

- ***Community Gardens for Newport*** (see website)

It was noted that the gardens had been given an article in the Manly Daily and that membership was still being sought.

- ***Woolworth's site***

No further information at this time

- **Regulation on parking of trailers**

NSW Gov't. has made parking of boats & trailers left in the same place for more than 3 months illegal. We are still awaiting PWC verification on upholding infringement issues.

Reference Group Reports

Natural Environment (Bill Thompson) – Bill advised the matter of Wood Fire pollution had been discussed, also the 'Boomerang' ladies from Avalon who had been making environmentally friendly reusable shopping bags and distributing them around Avalon to try and eliminate all non-environmentally friendly bags from Avalon precincts. Also updates were given on the Waste Management Services, Newport Community Gardens and The Cannes Reserve Flying-fox maintenance program.

Connecting Communities – (Kyle Hill) – Kyle advised that out of eighteen at the meeting, eight were council employees or representatives. There were three main topics, the first being Signage for Pittwater (Access & Linkages for the Mona Vale Place Plan) and the second was a long but interesting survey of the demographics of Pittwater that can be accessed on the council web site and lastly the results of a survey of the Reference Group members.

It was noted that the remaining two reference groups of 'Built Environment' & 'Leading and Learning' were to be held before the end of November.

General Business

There were no items of General Business

NRA Secretary for 2015/16

It was noted that this position still remains vacant.

Meeting Closed at 9.05 pm

The next meeting is to be our annual Christmas get-together and will be held on the third Tuesday of December the 15th December. It was noted the NRA would supply refreshments and members were asked to bring a small plate. Members were encouraged to bring along other community members.