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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 17th June 2014 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02 PM

Members present: As per attendance sheet
President Gavin Butler
Treasurer Kyle Hill
Secretary Peter Middleton
Committee members: Hans Hui, Selena Webber

President's welcome to all present:

President GB welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Robert Dunn, Pat Stewart, Kylie Ferguson, Martha Gee, Ian & Yvonne Heard

Approval of Minutes of Previous Special General Meeting held 20th May 2014.

Moved: Hans Hui Seconded: Di Cook

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer offered the following report:

Balance @ 30/04/2014	1567.96
Add Receipts	0.01
Sub total	1567.97
Deduct Payments	72.60
Net Assets as at 31/05/2014	1495.37

Treasurer's report accepted: Moved: Brian Penhall Seconded: Sue Young

Hospitals Presentation by *NSW Health Infrastructure + Q&A*

Ms Heather Gough (Northern Sydney Local Health District Representative and Operational Lead for the Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment), accompanied by Ms Nicola Pellegrini (Communications Manager for the project) addressed the meeting and participated in an extensive Q&A session.

Matters covered included: NBHS and its role; the L5 hospital to be built and operational at Frenchs Forest by 2018; partnering with a private hospital operator and associated precedents; road access; demolition of tower building at MV Hospital and transition of the total site to an expanded Community Health Centre (1 of 3 in northern beaches area).

Details on all these aspects may be seen by going to: www.nbhsredev.health.nsw.gov.au . Copies of 2 leaflets were also made available to those present.

GB thanked our two visitors for their attendance and input.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

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

'Peninsula Historian': June issue received and retained.

NRA letter of congratulations to Rob Stokes (making points noted at May meeting)

PWC emails re Res Assoc Design Talkfest for 25 June (See Residents Associations PWC 'Active Transport' Talkfest, 25 June '14)

Draft letter from Roger Johnston (See Enhanced future for Newport Oval)

Items for Discussion:

Planning Applications

Notices on 12 DAs / Sect 96s have been received. PM read brief details of each to the meeting. There was no discussion felt necessary on any of those listed.

Residents Associations PWC 'Active Transport' Talkfest, 25 June '14

Invitation made at the May meeting and subsequently emailed to all members was reiterated, emphasising this is solely for res assoc members and encouraging attendance from all our members. (7.30-8.30pm Newport Comm Centre). Several committee members indicated intention to attend.

NB: *RSVPs and draft questions required by 20 June*

Draft PW Public Space & Recreation Strategy 2014: submissions extended to 23 June

GB summarised PWC presentations and discussions made to the May Comm Ref Group meetings. Roger Johnston felt too much of the beaches are being taken up, where previously dunes existed. Discussion emphasised the desirability of retaining small playground/reserve areas, spread throughout the suburb, to facilitate local usage. Selena Webber read out the list of reserve plots which might come under PWC consideration for sale/change. Di Cook felt just simple swings in smaller reserves would increase child activity. PM felt simple bench seats would increase usage by young mothers and grandparents accompanying small children. Bill Thomson emphasised their importance as habitat for small birds and native animals.

All members with an interest in the future of PW parks and other recreation areas were again encouraged to make submissions before 23 June.

Enhanced future for Newport Oval

At GB's invitation, RJ spoke to his draft letter for consideration for a submission from NRA to PWC. Enhancements, for which Roger included sample photos, could incorporate a perimeter fence and other embellishments which would make the oval a more enticing southern entrance to the Newport village.

RJ mentioned "Go Fundraise" as a possible source for support funds.

GB suggested that RJ and other interested members gather further thoughts and attend the July meeting, with a view to a motion to be put for an NRA submission.

Hans Hui felt that some better definition of likely costs would make for a stronger argument.

Warwick Kitt suggested speaking with representatives of the clubs which currently use the oval would be a desirable precursor to a submission.

PW Community Reference Groups

Leading & Learning

GB reported on the recent meeting, which included:

Public Space & Recreation Strategy 2014: c85% of the meeting was devoted to PWC presentation & discussion, itemising the issues, with a view to generating input.

Draft Budget 2014-2018: A short discussion but no significant concerns.

Delayed opening hour at Coles supermarket

PM reported on further incidental feedback from residents re the delayed opening time to 8.00am, as well as his conversation with the store manager. The manager was very careful not to point to any specific source but it is obvious that an instruction from PWC was motivated by residents within the same building. She confirmed that if a return to the historical 7.00am opening were to happen, it would not lead to earlier deliveries than currently. Her need is for an hour pre-opening for set-up and staff entry was now denied prior to 7.00am, hence the 8.00am opening.

BT indicated that the noise problem would be metal trolleys moving between storage and the retail area and queried what had been the original conditions laid down for opening hours.

The manager indicated PWC would be reviewing the hours and felt any community inputs, directed to Coles Supermarkets State office, would be helpful.

NRA Website

GB introduced Michael Mannington, present at the meeting. Michael is the force behind Gavin's ongoing progress in recreating an NRA website and the expanding functionality. The meeting thanked Michael for his extensive assistance.

General Business

7/Eleven DA: monitoring hours of operation

Kyle Hill reported recent observation of both the 7/Seven and Woolworths Caltex opening closer to 5.00am than the gazetted 6.00am.

Members are encouraged to report specific dates and times for further monitoring of opening hours with a view to building a credible NRA submission if the agreed hours are being flouted.

Granny flats

Warwick Kitt raised examples of these constructions not allowing for proper collection of water and its direction into the storm water system.

SY responded that most of these projects now go through private certifiers, where the block is of sufficient size to allow and hence, council gets no say. KH commented also, that as the roof size is limited to 10m x 6m it falls outside the LEP.

Fence at Newport Bowling Club

RJ reported that the fence appears to have fallen down. GB will look into and see if anything further from NRA is warranted.

Median Strip Planting on B'joey Rd hill

HH revisited this subject. PM indicated that the main contact at PWC on this matter had been Mark Eriksson and it had probably stalled due to his accident. Committee will review and agenda for the next meeting.

ADDENDUM: A PWC letter of 27 May 2013 from ME in response to Roger Johnston, indicated that the RMS requirements for safety made it cost prohibitive. However in an email of 19.08.13, RJ felt that it may be worth pursuing further with Council, once ME had recovered and returned to PWC.

NRA AGM

The AGM will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 15th July, immediately prior to the regular monthly meeting.

GB encouraged all members to put themselves forward for the committee or specific offices.

Meeting Closed at 9.04pm

Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th July, immediately following the 7.00 PM AGM, at Newport Community Centre