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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 21st November 2017 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

Members present:	30 as per attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	Kyle Hill
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Peter Middleton, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Selena Webber, Warwick Kitt, R. Dunn, Di Cook, D. England, P. Stewart, Lorrie Morgan

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 17th October 2017.

Moved: Kyle Hill Seconded: P. Middleton

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 01/10/2017	1,708.25
Add Receipts	255.00
Sub total	1,963.25
Deduct Payments	715.00
Net Assets as at 31/08/2017	1,248.25

Moved: Greg Ross Seconded: John Gillham

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Any matters arising that relate to items for discussion would be dealt with at that time.

We received a response from NBC to our email of 12th October 2017 regarding Barrenjoey Rd Newport Footpath issue from the ongoing Ausgrid works. We are assured Council is working to have the restoration works completed prior to the upcoming Newport market Day.

The Greater Sydney Commission & Future Transport invited us to a Community briefing session on 26th October in Parramatta which we did not attend. A 3 hour workshop meeting is scheduled as a follow up across all areas. The North District session will take place on 11th (at DeeWhy) & 23rd November (at Hornsby). Further details are available at www.greater.sydney. The Revised Draft District Plans were launched on 26th October and have taken into consideration feedback from the community.

These plans are designed to be read in conjunction with Our Greater Sydney 2056 - A Metropolis of Three Cities (draft Greater Sydney Region Plan) which was launched on 22 October. You can read these plans and provide feedback via the GSC website. The Draft plans will be on exhibition until 15th December 2017.

Vince De Luca (NBC Councillor for Narrabeen) has asked for nominations for a hard working volunteer for the Northern Beaches Australia Day Awards. Look up www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/northern-beaches-australia-day-awards

In response to the NBC draft document "Shape 2028" Pittwater Forever made a submission to the NBC CEO which we as NRA duly supported in a separate submission. Vince de Luca has taken this up on our behalf. The response from Mark Ferguson said the document acknowledged Pittwater and said they were considering all community feedback, however we and most other Pittwater communities felt the response was far from adequate. GB forwarded our letter to all Councillors and to date had received acknowledgement from Kylie Ferguson, Alex McTaggart, Vince De Luca & Candy Bingham. See NRA website for details.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, 22nd October Rally outcomes and the Roundabout proposal update, petition & where to now?

Gavin Butler briefed the meeting on the outcomes of the Rally. Over 550 signatures were collected on the day and to date we have over 1100 signatures against the B-Line to Newport & the Roundabout. Generally, everyone felt the Rally went well but the question is, where to now? The B-Line starts 26th November and from that date we will have inferior services to what we have now..

Sue Frost advised they have been told there will be no private acquisitions of land and they have asked for this in writing from Transport NSW.

A dedicated bus lane has neither been discussed or denied. There was extensive discussion from the floor. Apparently letters to the B-Line website either are not put up on the site or responded to. Also one of our members was told by the police that bus drivers believe it will be very difficult to turn the buses around even at the roundabout and that it was a serious safety issue.

It was decided to put the petition in front of Rob Stokes so he can clearly see the number of people opposing the B-Line extending to Newport. It was suggested by Barbara Kendall, as many of us who can, should make a personal appointment to see Stokes and tell him what we think.

Report from 20th November meeting with Transport NSW & NBC re B-Line

Peter Middleton presented a summary of the meeting which was attended by B-Line execs including the Project Director, Rob Miesegeaes, NBC officers and representatives from each of NRA, CAB-PRA, APA & PBWBRA & later, Sue Woodlands from KeoRide on-demand contractors also briefed the meeting on the On Demand trial that will also commence 26th November.

Initially, stakeholders north of Newport felt they had been ignored, especially regarding delivery of an improved service and better routes. About midway through the meeting the B-Line Director seemed to understand their frustration and now for the first time, they were finally listening. GB pointed out to them the number of people at the Rally & the number of people who have signed the petition.

Unfortunately it was clear that there is a very firm intention to extend the B-Line to Newport. The Director inferred that this intention was politically motivated.

The installation of the roundabout will see the removal of the nearest small Norfolk pine tree & it will extend into the bike path area. Transport NSW claimed putting in this roundabout is more expensive than building more parking elsewhere (eg Mona Vale). The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) is claimed to be a transparent & consultative process, including a commitment to provide the traffic studies data yet to be done & expected late January 2018. The Director committed to surveying everybody north of Newport.

By the conclusion of the meeting both representatives from Transport NSW & NBC had a greater awareness of the sensitivities surrounding the Newport extension & the necessity for an extension of the consultation with the community to include the communities north of Newport.

PM concluded we have a long way to go before we can get a favourable outcome for Newport & we need to continue to have a loud & constant voice from as many community members as possible.

Sue Young suggested we 'save' the current timetable as a reference point for the future. It was noted they have not told us why they cannot use the current bus terminal, other than the footpaths are too dark & it is too far from the commercial area. Both issues can be fixed.

It was thought we should write to the people who signed the petition to keep them up to date. Therefore the petition at the Market Day will include the option to give us their email address. After Sunday 26th Nov there will be a lot of commentary about the service.

There followed more discussion. GB confirmed we need to maintain our position on the Service being provided (or not) and the impact on Newport which led to the comment, they are giving us a service, just not a good one. We should therefore talk about a 'better' service. 8 months ago the 4 Community groups put to Transport NSW a proposal that would have been a better service.

We will know more once it starts & the impact on Newport. See our website for a summary of the meeting 20th November. <http://newport.org.au/the-b-line-service/>.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Sue Young is continuing to collect signatures to their petition and working with the "Save our Councils Coalition". A Notice of Motion with a Resolution went through the Inner West Council that the council explore for 'the restoration of local democracy' and that a report be brought before council as to how that can be achieved.

Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to walking track

GB to meet Michael to assess the situation & to see if we can join it in with the Bicentennial Coastal Walkway.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

A committee will be formed in the New Year to explore future development ideas. Bill Thomson suggests we contact Woolworths to discuss the carpark. A letter was sent to NBC (5th September) requesting a Parking Demand study & asking to have the car park policed.

Pittwater Forever future and NRA involvement

There is a meeting next week to discuss whether it continues, it's objectives & how it can remain relative & useful. Also should it be registered as a NBC Community group. GB asked the meeting about their views and overwhelmingly the meeting felt that a combined group of Pittwater resident associations was important and that the NRA should commit that way.

Request to amend LEP for 'Seniors Living' corner of Bardo Rd & Nool St

As an outcome of a meeting with councillors Ferguson & DeLuca to obtain their support against the proposal to amend the LEP, Vince de Luca & Kylie Ferguson have put up a proposal to council that all spot rezoning be referred to the external planning panel IHAP. De Luca has asked us to speak at the next Council meeting in support of the motion.

Upcoming Newport Market Day Sunday 26th Nov - NRA stall

We need volunteers for the market day on Sunday. It was intended to use the stall to update the community regarding the B-Line, collect more petition signatures, invite the public to leave us their e-mail addresses so that we may keep them up-to-date plus we invite people to join the NRA. One of our members was lending us a pop-up marquee. We had purchased a new NRA banner, would have large signs made up to show the NRA aims & Objectives, recent achievements and a sign showing the new Newport bus services commencing the 26th Nov.

Newport Planning Applications

No additional applications at this time.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Nothing that affects us at this time

Newport Oval

Roger to hopefully bring us up to date in the New Year

General Business:

Glenn Moore asked after our new councillors - Ian White, Kylie Ferguson & Alex McTaggart Currently Vince de Luca has been most prepared to represent us.

GB asked for volunteers for tomorrow night to help put away the Sculture Trail pot plants.

It was noted that there are rumours that the proposed purchase by the NBC & State Government for the purpose of converting the Pasadena development into a public park had foundered. Further details were expected in the New Year.

Meeting Closed at 8.52 pm

Next Meeting our Christmas Function, Tuesday 19th December 2017 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.