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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 15th May 2018 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.04pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Bill Thomson (apology)

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Bill Thomson, Selena Webber, Warwick Kitt, Glenn Moore, Michael Lawrence, Di Cook, Peter & Jeff Brady.

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th March 2018.

Moved: L. Morgan Seconded: K. Hill

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/03/2018	534.01
Add Receipts	135.00
Sub total	669.01
Deduct Payments	0.00
Net assets as at 30/04/2018	669.01

Gavin Butler presented the Treasure's report on behalf of the Treasurer.

He noted advice from NBC advising an increase in charges for the hire of the Community hall.

Also advice from Palm Beach Whale Beach Assoc. of increases to rates charged for

outdoor furniture at cafes & restaurants. He noted he will contact Anna from the

Newport Chamber of Commerce & see if they have any concerns and if so we will support them.

Moved: K.Hill Seconded: P.Middleton

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received an email from Jason Falinski inviting nominations to his Champions of Mackellar awards. Nominations close 1st June 2018. A champion is anyone who goes above & beyond for our community. He will also be awarding some volunteer & sporting grants at the awards night on Thursday 14th June at Long Reef Golf Club.

NBC is developing a Gambling Harm Reduction policy. We received an email from Kate da Costa requesting our support. She works for the Alliance for Gambling reform. She suggests we start a conversation within our community groups. One can make a submission to the Council via its website.

There was no other correspondence.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, Roundabout proposal Update. REF update, Report on Tsp NSW recent meetings with roundabout location residents.

Gavin Butler commenced the discussion by reading a letter we had just received from Robert Miesegaes (Project Manager Northern Beaches B-Line Program). Miesegaes confirmed the REF is now planned for public display May/June and information sessions will be held over a 2week period both locally in Newport and further north. This letter was in reply to Gavin's letter on behalf of NRA & will be on our website.

GB has sent out a letter to all the addresses of the Newport people who previously signed the B-Line petition and inviting them to send us their e-mail addresses so we can update them on B-Line matters. He still has some streets that need letters delivered to & asked if anyone could help. (All streets were covered by members by the end of the meeting).

Gavin thanked everyone who attended the NBC Transport drop in session & acknowledged the comments to Philip Devon from NBC confirming we do not want the B-Line coming to Newport. We would prefer additional E buses. It would seem the hierarchy in NBC & the State Govt are the ones who want the B-line coming to Newport, completely ignoring the community and ignoring their comments.

Meetings held with adjoining neighbours by the B-Line representatives have given the residents the impression it will go ahead despite everything. Transport NSW implied they will be starting work in August 2018 & will move the entry to the Surf Club car park via the roundabout at some future time. The RMS have been seen in Bardo Rd taking photos of the trees. Sue Young noted the NBC draft Delivery Program 2018-2021 advocates the extension to Newport. Members were advised on Thursday 17th May, NBC would be at the Newport Community Centre presenting the proposed program. It was recommended to attend and have a say in the Program. There is also the Council website Have Your Say for comments.

Other comments from the members included the difficulty of parking in Golf Ave at Mona Vale due to Commuter parking. The Golf Club is most concerned. Also on the day of the meeting there were no spaces at Warriewood either in the carpark or the adjoining streets due to commuter parking. David Catchlove reported from their discussions on Saturday mornings in Newport, 80% are against & 20% are for the B-Line coming to Newport. Both he & Peter Middleton reinforced the need to make our voices heard either by email or in some other way. As many people as possible need to email/write to the Govt and make it clear we do not want the B-Line coming to Newport. Once the REF is published we will need to respond quickly.

There were a number of members who voiced a desire to start a new action against the extension of the B-Line to Newport suggesting that a new rally or similar action needed to be instituted as soon as we saw the REF (and assuming the REF was still recommending the Newport extension) calling on a action sub-committee be formed.

Dick England from the Flood Plan Group noted their general concerns with the blockage of pits & pipes & the flood risk at the proposed roundabout. Their consultant is investigating further. (Note: the stormwater works at the Serpentine are now complete).

KeoRide App

The original Keoride app has been discontinued and they are creating a new one, due to go online last Sunday 13th May. Until the app is working, one needs to call to book a Ride.

Deferral of presentations re: New Hospital and Mona Vale Hospital

The presentations will now be held at the next meeting of the NRA on 19th June 2018. The Northern Beaches hospital will be presented first at the beginning of the meeting followed by a presentation by Mona Vale Hospital.

New email system for NRA & the ability to conduct surveys etc

The Mail Chimp site is up & running. Members would have received this meeting's agenda via the new system. We can now send out correspondence more quickly & efficiently & easily add new contacts. Peter Middleton moved a vote of thanks to Gavin & Michael for the huge effort and time they have spent getting this organised.

NBC Strategic Reference Group updates as applicable

Peter Middleton had nothing further for his group - Economic & Smart Communities.

Lorrie Morgan noted an Arts & Culture evening being held on Wednesday 16th May at Glen Street Theatre. She will report on the evening at the next meeting.

Wendy Dunnet reported on her Transport & Traffic group. There were pop in sessions held at various locations including Newport during the previous month. Comments closed on 13th May. She also attended a meeting with Virginia Christensen from PBWB on parking issues at Palm Beach to forward to the SRG followed by a workshop meeting with Councillors Rory Amon & Sarah Grattan on parking issues. Wendy will report to the SRG on 31st May on that workshop. The issues relating to Newport include the need for some short term parking, policing of car parking areas & problems with Foamcrest Ave carpark. The most important being the Woolworths owned section which should be purchased by Council. WD urged members to email her any parking, transport or traffic problems/solutions that she can take to the SRG meeting (prior to 31st May).

Dick England reported on the Flood Plan study group with the consultant Catchment Simulation Solutions appearing to be doing a good job. The group is waiting on a Draft Plan from the consultant.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

The Protect Pittwater Association held a Community Forum 'Where are We Now' on Thursday 3rd May at Pittwater RSL. It was very well attended with about 300 people. It would seem NBC is not delivering on the Warringah Proposal. The speakers included Bob Grace, Brian Halstead, Phil Jenkyn & David Shoebridge. It was reported on Save Our Councils social media.

Approximately 50 people took a bus to Macquarie Street on 15th May to present the Protect Pittwater petition to the NSW State Government. They had speakers from all major political parties except the Liberal and National reinforcing their comments while the group was gathered on the

footpath in Macquarie St. The petition was given to the Office for Local Government. Their Resolution - we want our Council back. Their aim is to keep the pressure on until the State election. GB thanked Sue Young for all her efforts.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

The sub-committee is organising a meeting for a weekend so all can attend. Once this has taken place they can report back to the NRA meeting, their thoughts & Ideas.

Pittwater Community Alliance (PCA) report on meeting with the Mayor & GM for Planning

GB gave a summary of the meeting held with Mayor Michael Regan & General Manager Planning, Place & Community David Kerr who promised to have regular meetings with Pittwater Community Alliance. Currently there are 3 DCP's & 3 LEP's. NBC want one. PCA is concerned about only having one because of the different requirements & nature of all our villages.

NBC wish to set limits on Boarding Houses & Granny flats but the State Government has not given them any response at this time. It is an issue for the whole area.

With regard to the proposed Bayview Golf club development, which is argued will destroy an important wildlife corridor, the NBC advised they have asked the Bayview developer to withdraw their application as the council does not believe the flood problems cannot be overcome. PCA asked for the swimming pools to be better maintained. They have also requested NBC to advise of all DA's in the Newport area, citing the Hillside Rd Newport development that got through council and its independent planning panel before most of Newport was aware as an example of the problem. (*The previous Pittwater council had advised the NRA of all Newport DA's*).

Newport Planning Applications

Planning Alerts received during the month were read to the meeting. most involved additions to existing premises and there was no further action on any of them.

A letter of support was written to the State Government via an electronic form supporting changes to Garden Centres as per Flower Power at Warriewood's request and as agreed at the last meeting.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Members were reminded to attend if possible, a meeting on Thursday 17th May, NBC would be at the Newport Community Centre presenting the proposed NBC Budget 2018/21 program. It was recommended to attend and have a say in the Program, including comments regarding the extension of the B-Line to Newport. There is also the Council website Have Your Say for comments.

General Business:

WD raised the ongoing issue of Dogs on Newport Beach. Bill Thomson had written to Council asking for Rangers to patrol North Newport. WD suggested they need to also patrol the beach at the southern end. It was agreed to send a letter to Council asking for more rangers to patrol Newport Beach.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

**Next Meeting Tuesday 19th June 2018 at the Newport
Community Centre at 7.00pm.**