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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 15th October 2019 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guest, Justene Gordon CEO Burdekin Assn & Avalon Youth Hub. Also Trish Chaney from NBC.

Apologies: Glenn Moore, Kyle Hill, Sue & Greg Ross, David Catchlove & Richard Links.

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 17th September 2019

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Ron Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/09/2019	1,464.33
Add Receipts	70.00
Sub total	1,534.33
Deduct Payments	47.00
Net Assets as at 30/09/2019	1,487.33

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Di Cook

Note: Members Sub 2019-2020 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising: We contacted Ian Hutchinson who was recognised for his Community project, CPRfriendly.org. He will present at the November meeting.

Glenn Moore followed up with Alicia Lloyd, Waste Education Project Officer at NBC, if NBC were reaping the benefits of the recycling scheme & it appears they are. He also made suggestions for events e.g. Blackmore's Sydney Running festival that could help to make the event more 'green' & Council could help get the message through to Sponsors on major events such as this.

We received an invitation from the Red Cross Emergency Services Officer to attend a one day training session but unfortunately no one was available.

Kyle Hill attended a focus group organised by the RMS for feedback on how RMS communicate road works & disturbances. He was the only one representing the Nth Beaches. The others were all from Seaforth & some with interests only on the tunnel or bike riding. General consensus was the notification process could be done better.

Warriewood Residents Assoc contacted us re: proposed creeping overdevelopment in Warriewood. We tried to make personal submissions but the web site was closed. We have not heard the outcome on this matter.

Trish C advised the Eric Green plaque has been installed. Thank you Trish.

She has requested details for road & pothole repairs to be forwarded to GB as soon as possible & then we can forward to her.

NBC has prepared a draft Environment & Climate Change Strategy 2040 in conjunction with its Community Strategic Plan of Protecting the Environment & Environmental Sustainability. It is now open for submissions. Comments close 27th October 2019.

Jason Falinski (Federal Member for Mackellar) has announced he is hosting a Food Drive from 14th October until 16th December when items will be collected by Food Bank. Only non perishable items. Please drop them into his office. Ph 84840300. Over 3.6 million Australians seek food relief at some point each year. Half are children. The Mackellar local Seniors Guide is now available. He also asks us to shop locally this Christmas & support our local businesses. If possible, also Shop Country & buy one gift from a Northern NSW drought affected Country town. Details on our website.

Please spread the word.

Presentation from Justene Gordon, CEO Burdekin Assoc & Avalon Youth Hub

Justene gave the meeting an excellent overview of the objectives & focus of both the Burdekin Association and the Avalon Youth Hub (AYH). The Youth Hub was developed in response to several incidences of youth suicide in the Pittwater region. Burdekin is the lead agency for AYH. The aim of AYH is firstly providing a drop in/appointment-based service for any young person 12-24 or parent/carer/friend to meet & discuss any concerns or problems they have. If required they are then supported to connect with a specialist service. Secondly, it is a co-location of a diverse range of youth services. There has been a lack of accessibility to these services from north of Narrabeen bridge to Palm Beach. Since they opened (1 year ago) a huge number of young people from year 5 to year 9 have connected with the Hub. In Newport where the problems are a bit different to Avalon, mainly anti social behavior, they have set up with Street Works, a sausage sizzle at the Surf Club on Wednesday afternoons to give our young people a chance to get to know them. The problems these kids are facing are diverse but the aim of Burdekin is to provide Out of Home Care, to young people (12-24) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, which is needed due to family breakdowns, mental health & drug & alcohol issues. The AYH has achieved great success in getting to help these young people & their families in our community. The problem is so widespread she sees the need for another hub to be set up, possibly in Mona Vale where accessibility to it is relatively easy. GB thanked her for giving us such an insight into the problems these kids, some as young as 11,12,13, are having and hope if there was some way we could help. She recommends being a 'lighthouse parent'. That is being there for kids around us.

Items for Discussion:

Northern Beaches Council Newport Activation Plan - update

Glenn Moore presented at their last meeting (25th September) a very detailed & photographic report on 'Re-newing Newport' which documented a list of improvements to be considered.

The photos clearly showed work that could & should be done by Council as part of the ongoing maintenance e.g. cleaning, mulching gardens, removing graffiti etc. as well as highlighting work e.g. pavements not repaired properly. Selena recommended the Activation Plan & all activities associated needed a theme that is significant & unique to Newport. The hashtag was confirmed as #newport2106. Details are being finalised for the Robertson Rd closure on 30th November. Selena advised RMS is OK to add on to the banners on the main street. Selena is liaising with NBC landscape dept for ideas. Next meeting 16th October.

LSPS Update

GB updated the meeting & advised the LSPS is now on exhibition for comment until 10th November. He & Sue Young attended the Community meeting on 21st September and are concerned about maintaining the character of the Newport. Their suggestion is that all the villages on the Nth Beaches should have character statements included in their LEP. This would provide a picture for developers & planners. We will be putting in a submission on behalf of the NRA with the emphasis on greenspace. Another issue is interpretation of the document. Many instances where the words are misleading. GB referred to Craig Boaden's comments on behalf of the PCA. He has raised concerns on housing priorities, waterways, expanding marinas & transport. There is noted a reference to the B line extending to Newport. GB encouraged everyone to read the document & go to NBC Have Your Say to make a comment.

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning Issues

WD noted applications received for various dwellings, were for housing alterations & additions. Peter M noted the building work at the old Man Wah restaurant on Barrenjoey Rd. There are rumours it may be a Youth hub, but no one knows what is being built. PM has checked NBC & there are no DA's on their website for that location. PM also noted at 273 Barrenjoey Rd work is due to commence.

NBC Reference Group Updates

Dick England advised that NBC staff are reluctant to come to our meeting next year. The plan was developed over 2 years with extensive consultation & therefore NBC will handle queries on a proposal by proposal basis.

Peter Middleton reported the LGA Entry Markers proposal went to Council. It was resolved to defer the item to a Councillor briefing. His SRG is discussing an Employment study by NBC including outcomes of people working from home, an update on Tourism marketing, & a Fee Waiver reduction that would give the CEO of NBC the ability to apply such a reduction.

Pittwater Community Alliance Update

Ray Brownlee has decided, in response to comments from community & resident meetings that the NBC Community Engagement team needs to improve. He wants the team to run a workshop to discuss how they can improve the way they engage with the community. Craig Boaden is asking for comments. The workshop has been postponed to a later date to allow more time for feedback. The next meeting of the PCA is Monday 21st October. This will be discussed in addition to the 'Towards 2040' draft LSPS & the PCA's response.

Noal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback- update

Trish C gave GB a copy of a letter to Ray Brownlee from State Planning, Industry & Environment advising the rezoning had been permitted. GB to follow up with Ray Brownlee.

Seabins Project support & Pittwater Waterways Strategy

Glenn Moore sent through a news.com.au article on Seabins and their success. A new Seabin has been installed at the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium. In addition to the normal rubbish its collected 10 tennis balls in a week & 1 football. The bins work 24 hrs per day, 365 days a year in Darling Harbour with the potential to prevent up to 1.4 tonnes of marine litter. The Sea Life Trust with Sydney by Kayak aim to install 3 more Seabins in Sydney. There are now 719 around the world.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

Bill asked Trish to please have more Rangers patrolling Newport Beach, in particular the southern end. There are more & more dogs on the beach and the Rangers need to patrol there, regularly. Can she please advise how often we can expect to see them.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Refer to Council's website for details.

General Business:

Selena advised a community work shop is scheduled to be held at the Newport Community garden. Selena will provide details.

Sue Young noted the 3rd hearing of the Hospital Parliamentary inquiry is scheduled for Tuesday 5th November 2019.

Council is seeking feedback on storm water works in Howell Close, Comments close 3 November

Meeting Closed at 8.59 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th November 2019 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm