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Minutes of Meeting Held 15th September 2020 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.04pm

Members present:	As per Covid19 attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	Kyle Hill (apology)
Acting Treasurer	Kyle Hill (apology)
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore, Sue Young (apology)

President's note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guest, Annie Lang from NBC.

Apologies: Greg & Sue Ross, Kyle Hill, Richard Links, Sue Young

Approval of Notes of previous Meeting held 18th August 2020

Moved: P.Middleton

Seconded: D.Cook

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 31/07/2020	1,325.63
Add Receipts	120.00
Sub total	1445.63
Deduct Payments	
Net assets as @ 31/07/2020	1445.63

Moved:G.Moore

Seconded: R.Seldon

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Tribute to the passing of Lynne Czinner

The President had a minutes' silence to recognise & remember Lynne Czinner who recently passed away. She was well known for her work in the community & on Pittwater Council from 1992-2008. She represented the Warriewood Resident's Association but was also an invaluable source of information on local Government & on Pittwater Council in particular. She was a marvellous person to work with & she will be sadly missed.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

An email from Bill Thomson during the recent hazard reduction burning reminded us his Purple Air Real Time Pollution Monitor is still operating 24/7 from Queens Pde East. GB to add the link to his sensor to the website for anyone who would like to access it.

We have noted on our website a free CPR & AED training session on 19th September at 7pm. Register to save a life.

A notice of motion was put to Council last month by Councillor McTaggart proposing a Hop On Hop off bus for Palm Beach & Whale beach to help ease traffic and parking issues. Subsequent to the meeting a report on costs is being prepared for the October meeting.

We received an email from a concerned resident about a tall paperbark tree that looked healthy but was marked for removal on the corner of Myola Rd & The Boulevarde. Following further inspections, the tree has been saved.

CABPRA advised a Zoom meeting on September 22nd at 6pm. Anne-Marie Newberry, Manager for Strategic & Place Planning will present the confidential draft Avalon Place Plan. RSVP to cabpraeditor@gmail.com

Northern Beaches Advocate (Sept 5) had a very good story on the Mona Vale art mural which is now complete. It is located on Bungan Lane & wraps along the wall to the rear of the building at 20 Bungan St. Hopefully we can have something similar for Newport.

Min Bonwick contacted us via email to ask if she could speak at a meeting on the UN Treaty on the prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. GB advised her it is an international matter so not within our aims & objectives but as a community member we would extend the courtesy for her to speak briefly. We will advise when that might be.

Craig Boaden has been trying to ascertain from Council, tree removal applications & new tree plantings. Council has now provided those statistics & explained the dilemma getting the stats. The NSW Govt Vegetation Sepp came in in 2017 replacing Tree D/As with tree permits. These permits are valid for 5 years. Council does still recommend replacement trees. Multiple trees on a permit complicates the results. WD read the stats to the meeting for their information.

Greater Sydney Commission advised key economic & innovative precincts across Sydney. Newport is not included.

We've received a letter from Council regarding the illegal parking on Prince Alfred Pde.

Unfortunately this is not a priority for them for the next 4 years.

NBC has asked if anyone who is involved in the Creative field take their survey which closes 20th September. Council is looking for input from all areas. Check their website for more information.

Other matters arising include Cr De Luca calling for Mona Vale Police station to be fully operational. GB referred to a letter from R Stokes in reply to a similar request last December and it is his intention that the Police will maintain a permanent presence in Mona Vale. WD highlighted an article in the Northern Advocate by Cr David Walton who states crime rates are stable or reducing, some of which is attributable to Covid19 (people at home, late night bars are not open etc). The only statistic to increase was robbery without a weapon. Otherwise people were most likely to be victims of fraud. He did issue a word of warning as JobKeeper is phased out & the reality of higher unemployment transitions into property crime rates.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Village Masterplan and DA 351 Barrenjoey Rd (& Robertson Rd)

GB summarised the history of this application to the meeting. We understand the proponent is re-visiting the design but Council has not received anything yet.

Council has taken the dead section out of the tree in Robertson Rd and so the tree is now healthy & will remain.

2-4 Nooal St/ 66 Bardo Rd re-zoning update

GB again summarised the history of this application and then explained the process that has led to the Independent Planning Commission to make a decision on the site. In August he IPC considered the Gateway Determination Review request & subsequently determined that the Planning Proposal should proceed with some amendments to the Gateway Determination. Council will now progress the Proposal prior to commencement of a formal statutory exhibition to surrounding residents. In summary, it has determined to amend Schedule 1 of the Pittwater LEP (2014) to provide for seniors housing as an additional permitted use on the site rather than rezoning the land as R2 residential. Council believes this will not create much of a precedent. Every avenue was tried but this decision has now been made despite Council's argument against it.

Newport Planning Applications

A Seniors housing development at 34-36 Bardo Rd was not supported by Council.

An application (DA2020/1042 submitted 31st August 2020) has been received by Council for 349 Barrenjoey Rd Newport (southern corner of Robertson Rd). No further details are available at this time as it is pending lodgement.

Environmental Zones Review

Council sent out a letter to residents asking for assistance in the preparation of new land use planning controls for 'Environmental' zones. One of our members contacted us and GB suggested he submit an individual EOI as the more who do that, the better chance we have of being heard. Gavin and possibly a couple of other members have also registered for the Environmental Zones Review, on-line focus groups, to be conducted later in the month. Council is working towards a single Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DEP) which will hopefully provide a simpler & fairer set of planning rules. They are now preparing a draft Local Housing Strategy for public exhibition later this year.

Parking changes Newport

This month at the Council traffic committee meeting they approved 2 new parking changes for Newport. One in Foamcrest Ave carpark adjacent to the rear of the Robertson Rd shops. Parking will now be 1/2 hour parking 8am - 6pm Mon-Fri & 8am -1pm Saturday.

On Bungan Head Rd there will be an extension 'no stopping' restrictions from north of the driveway of no 53 to the driveway of no 63 and between the driveways of no72 & no 82.

Newport Road Closures

Council received additional funding from the Government to improve shared public spaces in the Northern Beaches. \$875,000 will go to improve connections around Manly & Bilgola. The Bilgola shared zone will focus on The Serpentine connecting the Coast walk between Newport & Avalon. \$100,000 will go to enhancing public & movement in Tania Park, Dee Why, Mona Vale & Newport. Over 1 weekend a month each location will be a full or part road closure. In Newport, Robertson Rd will be closed off. More details will be forthcoming.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

PM reported on his Economic & Smart Communities SRG held on 19th August. There was a presentation summarising a mid term review on the SRG meetings. Within their group they had an issue with the minutes not reflective of the meetings. This happened 3 times and were subsequently corrected. Some members were unsure if they were making a difference as they were not informed how their feedback & advice was used. Others had specific interests & experiences. The general consensus was that the mix of representation was good however it was noted there is a concern amongst the Newport Residents Association that not enough resident and community groups are represented across other SRG's & therefore it would like a broader demographic represented overall.

Councillor Walton noted that the advice provided by this SRG was used to challenge staffs' position on the outdoor dining policy. Mayor Reagan noted he would like to see a report back on actions to demonstrate how advice is used. Councillor Walton thought that realistic expectations of the role of the SRG need to be clearly defined at the outset. Most of the community don't know what an SRG is or what it does.

The future use of the former restaurant at the Glenn St theatre was discussed. Some members thought this was more a local issue rather than an SRG issue. The final agenda item was Economic Recovery post Covid19 and a development plan for the region. A business recovery survey & economic framework were a good start but consideration needs to be given to the breadth of industry on the beaches. Council should seek feedback from local business & find out where there is too much red tape. Also a suggestion to tap into data held by the banks & see where the money is being spent. Entrepreneurialism should be the focus.

NRA AGM

The Government has extended the time frame for businesses & organisations to hold their AGM's due to COVID 19. GB advised while we have a limit on the number of people who can attend we will probably have the AGM in November.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

GB requested a bin be installed at the Ross St. entrance to Newport Beach as it is being used more now that The Boulevard entrance is closed. Council staff have not noticed an increase in rubbish therefore one will not be installed at this time.

There was wire from a section of fencing on the beach which was creating a hazard in front of no.1 Myola Rd . Staff have removed this.

A member has asked for help with Council and the timing of the trucks picking up the garbage on Monday mornings. He lives in Grandview Drive & the first truck arrives at 4.30am. Council changed the pick up times at the beginning of Covid restrictions but now, 6 months later, surely a more staggered service could be implemented to avoid the trucks going up the hill at 4.30am and continuously for the other bin collections. Annie Lang said she would follow this up and see what can be done.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

GB & Glenn Moore are meeting with council on the 30th September for an update regarding the shared pathway proposal between Newport & Avalon.

No news yet on the proposed Youth space near the surf club. There is a similar space near the tram shed at Narrabeen. The concept is good but the location is not ideal.

General Business:

GB is working on the NRA website to include an Unsubscribe feature.

PM raised the issue of congestion on the footpaths in the Village especially near Coles Pde & Barrenjoey Rd. This started a general discussion on keeping people safe while they order from the food shops & then wait for their takeaway.

WD asked Annie is there anyway that the stairs to Newport Beach at The Boulevard entrance be repaired by Council soon. She also requested if Council can do any remediation of the beach front subsequent to all the recent storms. Annie advised many of the beaches have been impacted. Therefore we will request from Council details of their plans for all the beaches and including Newport. Last month we had asked where the sand was taken when Council cleared the entrance to Narrabeen lake. This is important now heading into summer & although the sand will come back the extent of the damage does need to be remediated.

Members are reminded subs are due for 2020-2021 year.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 20th October 2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00