



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## **Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting** **Held 16th April 2019 at Newport Community Centre**

### **Meeting commenced at 7.01pm**

Members present:	(As per attendance sheet)
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	(Apology)
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Peter Middleton deputised for Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Sue Young

### **President's welcome to all present:**

The President welcomed members and guests, including Trish Cheney NBC and Alice Thompson independent election candidate.

**Apologies:**, Wendy Dunnet, Robert Orr, David Catchlove, Glenn Moore, Greg & Sue Ross, Kyle Hill

**Approval of Minutes** of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Moved: Peter Middleton      Seconded: Bill Thomson

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as@ 28/02/2019	1,505.51
Add Receipts	25.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,530.51</b>
Deduct Payments	254.68
Net Assets as @ 31/03/2019	1,275.83

Moved: Sue Young

Seconded: Ron Seldon

### **Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

Letter received from resident 87 Bardo Rd re **Nooal St/ Bardo Rd rezoning** (see Agenda item)

Email from Scentre Group re Westfield Local Heroes **Community Grants**, closing 8 April. Note for possible future applications for community projects.

Email from Leigh McGaghey re opportunity for Independent **candidate, Alice Thompson**, to address meeting (see General Business)

Email from **Save Mona Vale Hospital** Campaign Committee re update and continuing action.

Email from **Cr Amon** saying the great job he is doing **opposing council rate increases**.

Letter from **R Stokes** (dated 7/2, post-marked 20/3) confirming his support for purchase of 62 Hillside Cr (see Agenda item)

**Emails to and from NBC** re various matters (see Agenda item)

**Arising:**

**Cool Hand Factory** – will follow up with principals, with whom NRA reps met, to invite them to speak at a meeting outside school holidays, on how we might combine efforts on some community matters (especially involving youth).

**SRG Meeting deputising members** – Trish Chaney queried at NBC with response that if SRG member was appointed as an organisation's rep then a deputy may attend and participate. TC has also emphasised to Governance that there needs to be clarification across the SRGs. GB reiterated the importance of a deputy participant, as WD is the only Pittwater ward rep on the T&T SRG. TC also confirmed there will be notification to those making submissions to NBC on when the matter will go to Council.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues including new NBC LEP**

PM referred to DAs for 48 Myola Rd & 32 Neptune Rd, neither of which necessitated involvement.

**Herbert Ave** - Adam Fitzpatrick addressed meeting re significant subdivision application in cul de sac, upper end of Herbert Ave. It is for proposed erection of 2 x 3-storey residences, in a significantly sloping area which is heavily treed. Significant concerns for loss of many mature natives and consequent erosion, resulting in excess water run-off plus proposed buildings not compliant with native bushland (E4 zoning).

Residents to rear have received no notification. GB commented on general lack of notice of DAs and Sue Young advised that neighbours not notified should immediately contact NBC and demand an extension to submit. The matter of all submissions no longer accompanying DA on website further exasperates the public ability to look into aspects of active DAs.

**Development of LEP, LSPS, etc** – GB outlined the Pittwater Community Alliance draft summary submitted:

- *LSPS and LEP*. There will only be one of each for the whole BBC area.
- *DCP*. These Control Plans will be more localized.
- *Integrated Local Character Statement*. GB advised a PCA meeting has been set up with the new Planning GM for 29<sup>th</sup> April to discuss.

**Pittwater Community Alliance update**

(See above re Planning meeting.)

PCA has organised a **Federal election** 'meet the candidates' community session at Narrabeen , 6.45 – 9.15pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track**

GB will continue to pursue.

**Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use**

Trish Chaney, NBC, had met recently with Lorrie Morgan and Patsy Fry on their input on the future direction for Newport village (with emphasis on the arts) and including the Foamcrest Ave carpark. PM summarised on matters considered by the appointed NRA sub-committee plus input by GB, after his Newport tour with CEO, who observed that a private holding between Council's two adjacent holdings was not ideal. Possible scenarios include:

- NBC consider purchase carpark portion not currently owned;
- Then NBC revamp total carpark area, including integration of adjacent building's carpark, as per Masterplan;
- Develop underground carpark, with above area at least partially incorporating a green community space;
- Pursue total site sale (including Barrenjoey frontage & NBC parking requirements) to a

purchaser committed to an integrated development, complying with Masterplan, eg, boutique residential hotel & upmarket arcade.

The overwhelming direction needs to be: What does Newport need to inject longterm vitality into our village?

GB advised we will make a submission based on the above.

### **Forced Council Amalgamation update**

Sue Young reported re post-election situation. SOCC will pursue petition status with the new Minister for LG. She also referred to examples of community polls conducted in other forcibly amalgamated LGAs (See: <https://www.facebook.com/saveourcouncils> )

### **Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd**

GB recapped on NBC and R Stokes support. He has followed up with NBC to keep the pressure on, post-election, capitlising on pre-election commitments plus emphasised desirability of meeting with the local community prior to any determinations.

### **Nooal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback and current position**

Email from resident, Peter Haxell, (corresp 11 April) advised he has written R Stokes since his re-appointment as Minister for Planning, asking for a meeting, ideally including an NRA rep. Although opposed by NBC, local residents and NRA, the NSPP support has now pushed it to the gateway process.

### **Seabins Project & support**

GB reiterated our moral support for the project and suggested we endeavour to get its young Pittwater proponent to address us, to see if there are ways we can further support.

On an allied matter, PM drew attention to a "*Poisonous Tide*" article in the previous weekend's *Sunday Telegraph*, which quoted research identifying Newport Beach as having the highest level of micro-plastics of any of Sydney's ocean beaches.

### **Newport Oval & Change Room Upgrade**

GB reported on an onsite meeting the previous week (with thanks to Trish C.)

- There is still some reluctance to erect a picket fence (including some resistance from MV Football Club).
- An alternative design was tabled at the meeting.
- NBC has taken the revised plan to make further assessment and report back.

### **NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment**

GB read through current projects, referring members to NBC website 'Have Your Say' and, specifically for the planning survey: [lep@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lep@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au) prior 28 April deadline.

### **NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates**

PM updated on the March *Economic & Smart Communities* SRG meeting (minutes may be accessed on NBC website).

He also reported on a March NBC *Sister Cities* workshop he attended. This had the aims of assessing and consolidating some of the S/C relationships inherited from the 3 Councils and, more importantly, defining and establishing objectives and guidelines for future such relationships, which might be for an individual project or be ongoing.

### **General Business:**

#### **Save Mona Vale Hospital campaign**

SY thanked all who assisted leading up to and at the recent State election.

Sue indicated that this is now an issue for the May Federal election, given the emphasis being put on policies pertaining to Health and Education.

### **Alice Thompson, Independent candidate for Mackellar**

GB welcomed Alice as a visitor to our meeting. Due to the apolitical status of the NRA, Gavin advised that a Committee meeting had determined that she would be most welcome to attend but not to make a formal presentation within the meeting.

There was a motion from the floor:

**MOTION:** *That Alice Thompson be invited to summarise her platform for the meeting.*

Moved: John Gillham

Seconded: Denis Dillon

A show of hands resulted in a tied vote and the motion was LOST on the casting vote of the Chair.

Anyone present was invited to talk with Alice after the closure of the meeting.

### **Newport Housekeeping Matters**

A list of few matters was handed to Trish Chaney who said she would follow them up, list as follows;

1. Replacement of Councillor Eric Green Memorial –
2. Road repairs – Queens Parade East and Barrenjoey Road
3. Ranger attendance – dogs on beach
4. Graffiti South Newport change rooms
5. Newport Pool change rooms are mouldy

**Meeting Closed at 8.29pm**

**Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.**