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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 17th July 2018 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm (following the AGM)

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

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and special guests.

Apologies: Di Cook, Kyle Hill, Peter Middleton, Michael Lawrence, Michael Mannington, Barbara Kendall

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 19th June 2018.

Moved: Lorrie Morgan

Seconded: Robert Orr

Treasurer's Report:

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| Balance as @ 01/06/2018 | 669.01 |
| Add Receipts | 745.00 |
| Sub total | 1414.01 |
| Deduct Payments | 210.50 |
| Net assets as at 31/05/2018 | 1203.51 |

Receipts : Member Dues 245
Donations 500

Payments: Room Hire 145
B-Line Flyers 65

Moved: R.Orr

Seconded: D.Catchlove

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Jason Falinski MP emailed us to advise a Community forum he was holding at Pittwater RSL on Thursday 19th July. Members welcome to attend.

The Protect Pittwater group was holding a forum on Wednesday 18th July at Mona Vale Memorial Hall to investigate what they can do to ensure that:

- * a true emergency department remains at Mona Vale Hospital when the new Hospital opens
 - * its main building is not demolished & land remains in public ownership
 - * appropriate treatment is available to public & private patients at the new Hospital
 - * excellent transport is available for emergency patients & visitors to the new Hospital
- Members were encouraged to attend.

A pop-up session for the Coast Walk to provide feedback to Council & its consultants will be held on Sunday 22nd July at Newport Beach. Suggest members attend and give Council their ideas on what should be included on the Walk. Comments close Sunday 2nd September.(NBC website)

On Tuesday 31st July, an Arts & Creative Strategy is being held at Park House, Mona Vale, which will bring together creative & diverse people to explore how we can use the arts as a springboard for creating better places. RSVP to attend, 26th July. One can complete the on-line survey by 12 August with the chance to win one of three \$100.00 gift vouchers.

A Draft Councillor Expenses & Facilities Policy is on public exhibition with submissions closing 05 August. This policy deals with the payment & reimbursement of expenses incurred by, & the provision of facilities to, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor & other Councillors.

We also received an email from the Greater Sydney Commission advising their future role which includes them continuing to provide independent advice to the NSW Government, to assure key state & local plans are delivered, & to lead discussions with the community & stakeholders to deliver the best quality outcomes. A full list of priorities is available on their website.

There was no other correspondence.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, Roundabout proposal Update. REF update.

Gavin Butler announced that only a few hours prior to our meeting, the NSW State Government announced they would not be extending the B-Line to Newport. Gavin Butler read the correspondence to the meeting. (see website for a copy of the letter). He also noted the Government's Press Release making the announcement and referred to a copy of a letterbox leaflet that Transport NSW would be handing out to all Newport residents.

GB continued with details of our presentation to the NBC meeting of 26th June 2018 when Peter Middleton spoke on behalf of the NRA and the other three northern community organisations (PBWBA, CABPRA & APA) in the Public Forum, against the B-Line going to Newport, giving details of the public survey that we had conducted on-line over the last couple of months. 91% of respondents were not in favour of the roundabout at Neptune St & 85% did not want the B-Line extended to Newport. Peter's speech made our position clear to the Mayor & Councillors.

Following that meeting, Gavin and Peter Middleton met with Rob Stokes on 6th July to give him the results of the survey and challenge him on the B-Line extension and the REF timetable. It was noted that Rob Stokes had a shift in direction from 'wait until the REF is released' to asking 'what do you want' and it was explained that the community had said the B-Line should stop at Mona Vale, that we want more L90 & E buses and they should be linked to the Keoride. Stokes said he would call the Minister and attempt to get agreement to our wishes. Should the B-Line not proceed beyond Mona Vale Stokes indicated that the REF would not be released. Stokes also mentioned there will be a review of the bus timetable in September.

Robert Orr & David Catchlove confirmed to the meeting that there will still be a rally on 21st July to be held at the Surf Club at 2pm as planned, but converted to a Celebration rally so people can voice any concerns they have over this and other matters including a better service north of Mona Vale. The planned March to Mona Vale would be cancelled

Presentations by NRA at last NBC meeting

In addition to Peter Middleton's presentation at the last NBC meeting 26th June 2018 (as noted), Wendy Dunnet spoke against agenda item no.12.4 Notices of Motion no.39/2018 Station Beach Unleashed Dog Trial put up by Councillor McTaggart. Another NRA member, Brian Cordingley also spoke against the Trial. At one point the Mayor questioned the validity of the motion & considered ruling it out of order as no provision for funding had been made. However he agreed to allow the motion after staff confirmed it could be funded by using allocations from another matter & Councillor McTaggart agreed to an extension of the reporting time from 30 to 60 days. Unleashed dogs on our beaches is a very controversial subject. WD noted that when she was leaving the meeting a man at the back of the Chambers tried to block her way with his unleashed dog lying in the middle of the exit. An unnecessary and confronting form of behaviour in a Public Meeting.

NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates

Lorrie reported on her on-going involvement with the Arts. They are working on the Coastal Walkway (see previous note) which is sometimes referred to as the Bicentennial Walkway. She has a meeting scheduled for 18th July and will report back at our next meeting. Peter Middleton was an apology and will also report next month.

Wendy Dunnet had a Traffic & Travel meeting on 21st June. It was a workshop meeting in preparation of the Draft Transport Strategy being due 26th August. This will be followed by Community Consultation during September with the Strategy due out, November 2018.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

The working group was not available for an update.

Forced Council Amalgamations -Update

Sue Young advised, the community is still waiting for a response from the Minister for Local Government to the Proposal presented on 15th May to reconstitute Pittwater Council. Tumbarumba has had initial response & is collecting more signatures. There are residents from the former Gundagai, Guyra, Dubbo, Botany Holroyd & Leichhardt council areas that also want their councils back. Marginal seats will be targeted in the March 2019 NSW Government election. The community is also waiting for a decision of the NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal in the case of Philip Walker versus the Department of Premier & Cabinet, regarding the release of the KPMG source documents.

Support for acquisition of 85-62 Hillside Rd & petition

A petition at <https://www.change.org/p/member-for-pittwater-save-bushland-for-sale-in-hillside-road-newport-make-it-a-bushland-reserve>

supported by a video has been set up by Pittwater Natural Heritage Association (PNHA) to save 85-62 Hillside Rd from being developed. They have contacted Councillor Mc Taggart for his support in trying to get NBC to acquire the land. It has been privately owned for many years and the owner has been trying to subdivide it. It was recently approved by the Independent Planning Panel after NBC recommended approval. We are supporting the petition.

Pittwater Community Alliance Update

Gavin Butler provided an update from the recent PCA meeting. Discussed was the proposed \$200 million development at Bayview Golf Course with the Government issuing a Site Compatibility Certificate in 2017 and now leaving it to the Sydney North Planning Panel to make the final determination (via DA 2017/1274) on 8th August 2018. Also on the PCA agenda were the Place Plans for Avalon & Mona Vale (Newport has a Masterplan), a youth hub at Avalon, the fact Avalon is about to lose one of their banks and the lack of ambulances based at Avalon. The PCA discussed supporting the purchase of 85-62 Hillside and questioning council as to why their planners recommended to the independent planning panel that the subdivision be approved despite the previous councils and the L & E court previously refusing it a number of times.

Noaal St / Bardo Rd rezoning setback & position

At the meeting with R Stokes, Gavin Butler referred to the SNPP rezoning decision which should not have been applied to the whole street. R Stokes confirmed that after speaking to the Minister for Planning he has agreed the SNPP was an overreach & Council would be informed that it was only the re-zoning in the rest of the street that would be a matter for Council. However it does not overturn the decision of the SNPP to proceed to a Gateway determination (note: the SNPP recommended rezoning the site from E4 - environmental living to R2 – Low Density Residential). It was also noted by a member that there had been a recent footpath upgrade near the site.

Report on NRA meeting with new NBC Pittwater Place Coordinator

Gavin Butler & Peter Middleton had a meeting on 9th July with Elizabeth Brown who is the Place Coordinator for Pittwater Ward. They agreed it would be great if Selena Webber & Elizabeth can get together with a copy of the Newport Masterplan & talk about its strengths & any weaknesses especially as Elizabeth is involved with the Avalon Place Plan development. They discussed with her, Newport generally & gave her the history of the Foamcrest Ave carparks, the B-Line, flags, the Masterplan etc.

Newport Planning Applications

No major planning applications at this time.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Refer to NBC website for 'Have Your Say'

General Business:

During the meeting we received advice the new CEO for the Northern Beaches Council is Ray Brownlee.

Patrick raised the proposal to build a metal pathway over Narrabeen Lake and his concerns. It was on the agenda at the last NBC meeting and Council are reviewing it.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 21st August 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.