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Minutes of Meeting

Held 17th November 2020 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Acting Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per Covid19 attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

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Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton (apology), Glenn Moore
(apology), Sue Young

President' Note

President welcomed members and special guests, Andrew Camarsh, Manager Major Infrastructure Projects, NBC, Trish Chaney, Annie Laing and Alison Cooper from NBC.

Apologies: Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore, Pat Stewart, Dick England

Presentation re:Newport to Avalon Shared Path & Cycleway

Andrew Camarsh described the 3 sections of the Shared pathway / Cycleway between Newport & Avalon which will form a section of the Coastal Walk between Manly & Palm Beach.

The 1st section has been pared back to 3m wide after community consultation, some sections are elevated, and most are along the side road. There were concerns from the meeting about the use of a 900 mm concrete barrier between the road & the pathway as being ugly & view destroying. It was understood that to change it there would need to be a bigger buffer which would then encroach on more bushland. The Bilgola headland pathway will remain.

The other 2 sections were discussed at length but these are matters for Bilgola & Avalon residents. There was a suggestion to consider the parking changes on Bungan Head Road as an example for the Serpentine. The Serpentine has the challenge of being a shared zone for cars, pedestrians & cyclists on a steep, narrow road. Council plan the use of planter boxes & calming devices with no reduction in parking spaces. It was considered that a proposal to deter motorists using the Serpentine as a raceway would be positive. Subsequent to the November Council meeting a trial may commence.

Those at the meeting were encouraged to write a submission to Council and voice their concerns, suggestions & observations on the project. Submissions close 22nd November for the Serpentine section & 6th December 2020 for the 1st & 3rd sections. Council staff advised individuals to send in their submissions as they all count.

Approval of Notes of previous informal meeting held 20th October 2020

Moved: Di Cook

Seconded: Ron Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 01/10/2020	1519.13
Add Receipts	20.00
Sub total	1539.13
Deduct Payments	
Net assets as @ 31/10/2020	1539.13

Moved: Roger Johnson Seconded: Di Cook

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Following on from our approach to NBC earlier in the year, regarding a pedestrian crossing at the corner of Bishop St & Gladstone Rd, we wrote to Council agreeing to their proposal to install a raised crossing at this location. We hope it will go to the December 2020 NBC Local Traffic Committee.

WD filled in for GB on a zoom meeting with other representatives from Pittwater & NBC to discuss the NBC COVID-19 Summer Action Plan for Outdoor Spaces. She briefed the meeting on the discussion noting Stages 1, 2 & 3 action plan is very comprehensive and that SLSA, the Police & Rangers will all be involved as needed. Council has given us a contact phone number if a situation arises that needs immediate action and this is to be given to one person representing the NRA who will then contact the rangers. This contact to be advised. NBC are working with Transport NSW to hopefully reduce the traffic congestion between us and Palm Beach. Alison has also seen some of our retailers with additional COVID stickers to help manage congestion on the footpath near the take-away food shops.

Various matters from the previous meeting were followed up by Annie Laing. Thank you, Annie. Kyle Hill noted the work being done at Dearin Park. Council workers were doing a great job. Draft landscape plans are in the process of being completed. Annie advised the Melaleuca Stairs project is more complicated than anticipated. Steve Lawler and Craig Sawyer, Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure will be meeting with Gavin on site early December to discuss. WD noted the entrance to the beach at The Boulevarde needed more work to be completed. Currently it is getting worse because people are going to the beach adjacent to where the stairs should be and destroying the sand bank.

The Pittwater Natural Heritage Association have advised they support NBC's initiative to seek protection of the Redhill reserve and adjacent land at Beacon Hill.

The Newport Surf Club has plans in Council for its renovation. Members encouraged to check Council's 'Have Your Say', review and comment.

Stephen Middleton emailed to advise they had success with Council's garbage collection and they have gone back to the pre Covid schedule.

NBC is proposing to apply to designate the Palm Beach headland as an Urban Night Sky Place with the International Dark Sky Association (IDSA). See Council website for more details and to provide them with your comments.

Items for Discussion:

DA 2020/1042 - 349 Barrenjoey Rd (sth corner Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd)

GB summarised the current situation and gave a brief history of the site and the development of the Masterplan. GB noted in the NRA submission that the DA does not address issues of Robertson Rd as a plaza area. Also the arcades need to be kept and access for retail neighbours on Barrenjoey Rd has not been addressed. Other comments at the meeting related to total lack of appropriate design detail in keeping with the history of Newport. If you are concerned with any DA one must send a submission to Council.

The NRA has put in a submission re: DA2020/1172 at 54 Bardo Rd Newport. Construction of Seniors housing. Submissions closed 13/11/20.

The meeting discussed the problems now of not being notified by Council of any new DA's e.g. Foamcrest Ave DA . One must actively look for them. Hopefully the new App will be available soon.

GB & others have been involved with the Environmental Zones review. Louise Kerr advised the recent Zoom meeting (22nd Oct 2020) that E4 zones in Pittwater will not be changed and the creation of one LEP will also not change that.

Newport Planning Applications

DA's applied for during the month related to residential alterations & additions.

Eat Play Stay - Robertson Rd closure

Robertson Rd was closed off to traffic from Friday night 13th November to Monday morning 16th November. Pop up licensees were given to the stores & cafes to trade outside on the footpath & on the street, and the market on Saturday morning was well received. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions the event could not be extensively advertised and some types of market stalls were not allowed under COVID rules. Many hoped it could be repeated. Some did not like the inconvenience of not being able to drive & park. Council did a survey & the results of that will be very interesting.

Fresh Produce Market

On a one month trial a fresh produce market is being held every Wednesday in Bert Payne park. This idea was very positively received by the meeting. Council have a QR code for comments. It seems to be well received but most think it needs more market stalls & more fresh produce. Hopefully Council will continue with it so it gains momentum.

Traffic Changes Crossing Gladstone St

Noted in correspondence Council's proposal to install an elevated crossing near Bishop St.

Newport Survey

We have put together a survey to get responses from the public about their concerns & issues with Newport. We decided to take advantage of the Robertson Rd closure and on both days manned a table on the street for a couple of hours. We had over 60 people respond to the survey. GB is now planning to put it on our website and we may set up a table at the Produce Market on Wednesdays as well as on the street in Newport to get more interviews over the coming weeks. People were very receptive to giving us their opinions.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

WD was unable to attend the Transport & Travel SRG but Glenn Moore represented the NRA instead. Items discussed included Social Sustainability Strategy Development, Ausgrid Electric vehicle charging station initiative and Streets as Shared spaces. All these items will be progressed at the next meeting (February 2021)

General Newport Maintenance Matters

The question was asked why there is no line marking on the recently resurfaced section of Myola Rd? That includes white line marking and the yellow no parking line on the corners to Ross St. This is a matter of urgency to be completed.

Other maintenance issues were noted under Correspondence.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

At the October Council meeting, Councillor Ferguson was noted supporting the B-Line to be extended to Newport. GB will respond to Councillor Ferguson in due course.

Also at the end of October the media released an article headed 'Worst Performing Merged Councils' which included NBC. GB will post details on our website for discussion.

Sue Young updated the meeting on The Save Our Councils Coalition (SOCC). The Boundaries Commission (for more information check their website) is continuing to look into a number of country councils and their request for de-amalgamation.

There was some concern raised over the number of cars exceeding the speed limit (50km) through Newport. It was suggested we contact the police for more patrols.

General Business:

The AGM will be held at the December meeting. Followed by a few Christmas drinks & nibbles.

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

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 15th December 2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00