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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 18th September 2018 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.07pm

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

Vice President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill acted as chair in absence of President Gavin Butler and welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Sue Young, Ron Seldon, Di Cook, Barbara Kendall, Pat Stewart, David Catchlove, Dick England, Brian Cordingley, Lorrie Morgan

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 21st August 2018.

Moved: Greg Ross Seconded: Glenn Moore

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/08/2018	1797.51
Add Receipts	40.00
Sub total	1837.51
Deduct Payments	191.50
Net Assets as @ 31/08/2018	1646.01

Receipts : Member Dues	40.00	
Payments: Room Hire T3	145.50	
Fair Trading	46.00	2018/19 Members Subs are now due.
Moved: Glenn Moore		Seconded: Anne Mitchell

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

- * NRA Survey re Bus requirements – various emails (See Agenda item)
- * SRG Rep substitution – various emails (See Agenda item)
- * NBC "Move" Transport Survey – various emails (See Agenda item)

- * Newport Sculpture Trail – email from Patsy Fry requesting traditional assistance with distribution of flower boxes throughout village c5.00pm Wed 24 October. Peter M volunteered. To be raised again next meeting to seek a further 4 or 5 volunteers.
- * NBC Community Centre Survey – email (See Agenda item)
- * Forced Amalgamation – email from Sue Young (See Agenda item)
- * PCA – various emails (See Agenda item)
- * Bungan Head track – various correspondence (See Agenda item)
- * GSC update – email : Advising change to make-up. with Comm Dr Deborah Dunning taking on Eastern as well as Northern City District responsibility.
- * ‘Our Mona Vale Community Plan 2018’ – email, with attachment: providing announcement and copy of recent Draft 2 plan.
- * NBC Container Recycling – email copy of Glenn Moore request to NBC re utilization of achieved benefit of estimated \$1million+ pa. GM advised the answer indicated any benefit was buried in overall waste budgeting.

Items for Discussion:

Bus Services & Improvements proposals, incl NRA Survey

Peter M confirmed the key points in the survey, which had also been conveyed to R Stokes and TfNSW. He summarized on the feedback from the survey, sent to all those who'd asked to be kept informed on the bus service status: 90.4% Yes (to proposals), 3.8% No and 5.8% 'Prefer a variation' (See website). Reference was also made to an email from a casual bus user, choosing not to participate so as not to weight response away from regular commuters. It was confirmed that "Newport" had been removed from the B-Line bus signage.

NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates

There had been no meetings since the last report. As Wendy Dunnet will be absent from Sydney for the next Transport & Travel SRG meeting, she had applied for Glenn Moore to deputise as the NRA rep. Responses from NBC indicated an alternate will only be allowed as an 'Observer', which is contrary to our prior understanding.

NBC Transport Strategy 2018 Draft

Deadline for submissions is 7 October. NRA has received copies of submissions from CABPRA and other northern RAs. Acting Sec will make an NRA submission, endorsing detail of CABPRA's and adding other Newport-centric comment (including removal of Newport from B-Line route reference).

NBC Community Centre Strategy Survey

PM will respond to survey. (Note: This transpired as a phone survey response.)

Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track – Mayor's response

The letter from Mayor Regan, in essence, ruled out the reopening of the track for the reasons given in NBC's earlier consideration. He also ruled out the integration of BH Rd into any coastal walkway for reasons of requiring too much infrastructure. He is requesting Compliance staff to investigate private encroachments into public land in the area.

Mike Lawrence emailed President Gavin re the inadequacies of the Mayor's response, pointing out the much greater dangers of Myola Rd route and looking for input on how to proceed further.

Footpaths & South Bilgola Headland track update

Bill T concurred that while work had been completed north of the boardwalk, further infill was needed in the steps between there and Newport Beach, for safety reasons. Further action to be looked into.

Richard Links reported on current work taking place in the long awaited footpaths along key 'golden triangle' streets but observed that more was required here plus further west, eg Bardo Rd.

Pittwater Community Alliance update

Reference was made to the August meeting at which the mayor and the GM Planning, Place & Community were present. That meeting was felt to be worthwhile and covered numerous subjects of direct interest. For further information see website.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use (held over till October)

Forced Council Amalgamation - update

An email report from Sue Young was read, key points being:

- The prior week Save Tumbumba resubmitted with further signatures at meeting with Minister for LG, to which she had responded "that the government would fairly consider any demerger proposal put before them".
- SOCC members were active in the Wagga by-election, supporting candidates pro demerger.

Support for acquisition of 85-62 Hillside Rd & petition

Kyle Hill reported he spoke with Cr McTaggart at recent Stokes community function. McT said a group with which he's working has identified 2 parcels of land, saleable to fund possible acquisition. He also indicated there was no overt support from other Councillors.

It was also commented that a developer, interested in an environmentally sympathetic development had recently showed some interest in the site.

Nooal St / Bardo Rd rezoning position

There appears to have been no response to Gavin Butler's letter to Rob Stokes asking him to support the rejection of the Proposal.

Newport Planning Applications

Summaries of recent Newport DA's that we are aware of were listed. There are no major planning applications at this time.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Refer to NBC website for 'Have Your Say', esp re "Move Northern Beaches" (Closes 7 Oct); "Community Centre Strategy" (Closes 28 Sept)

General Business:

Bill T referred to "**No Dogs**" sign at The Boulevard beach entrance being hidden by vegetation. He had reported to NBC, receiving a standard acknowledgement from an "@no reply" email.

Mona Vale Hospital closure. The recent picnic protest was discussed, 400+ estimated to have attended with good media coverage (especially Network 7 News prime-time follow-up).

Maximum support is requested for the 11.00am Sunday 14 October Rally on MV Village Green.

Robertson Rd Patisserie closure. Peter M referred to this to happen on 30 Sept and that a contributing factor was 56% increase in outdoor eating space charges under NBC. He will take this further with Council, on basis they are looking at ways to support local business.

NBC Coastal Walk Art & Sculpture meeting. Bill T reported on his attendance as NRA rep.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 16th October 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.