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Minutes of Meeting Held 19th March 2024 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

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

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guest, Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Kyle Hill, Sue Young, Peter Middleton & Penny Hunstead

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 20th February 2024.

The meeting discussed the power Council may or may not have regarding DA approvals if these reforms are passed. We will wait now for the Draft SEPP from the State Government.

Moved:G.Moore

Seconded: R. Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 31/01/2024	\$1099.22
Add Receipts	\$70
Sub total	\$1169.22
Deduct Payments	\$15.95
Net assets as @ 29/02/2024	\$1153.27

Moved:R. Seldon

Seconded:R. Van Ierland

Ventra IP Internet \$15.95

Members' Subs 2023-2024 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

NSW State Government Planning Reforms and their impact on Pittwater

Gavin Butler brought the members up to date by giving a summary of the Reforms proposed by the State Government and the concerns that have been raised and discussed prior to submissions being sent. The NRA and Pittwater Community Alliance put in submissions.

Amendments were made to Council's submission after the Council meeting on 27th February 2024.

GB referred to a media release from Northern Beaches Council headlined, 'One size does not fit all - calls to scrap housing density reforms'. Council is calling on the Government to abandon the low & mid-rise housing reforms noting that Council already has the capacity to plan for future growth. The concern is E1 & E2 centres such as Newport, that have a minimum 2,500 m2 supermarket will be included in the reforms.

If the reforms proceed then Council would be asking the Government to demonstrate adequate existing capacity or sufficient funding for essential road, stormwater, sewer, water & waste infrastructure upgrades to support increased density. Also to reinstate the Beaches Link tunnel project, the funding of Mona Vale Rd West widening project & a bus rapid transit system from Chatswood to Dee Why.

The Government received submissions from all the Councils that are included in these reform proposals.

It was suggested & agreed that a formal request from the NRA to Michael Regan, now a State Parliamentarian as well as a current NBC Councillor, be made, requesting his support of Council's, the NRA & PCA submissions.

Gavin Butler assured the meeting we will be keeping a close watch on the process.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

No correspondence was received during the month except where noted under items of discussion.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road Update

Simon Barlow updated the meeting on his plans for Robertson Road. He has been in discussion with a local architect, Stephen Pearse and one of the property owners in RR on ideas and how to move forward to getting the result we would like. They have had a meeting with Council and in 2 weeks propose to meet with Rory Amon & our 3 Ward Councillors to consider how Robertson Road can be developed and what the Community may be willing to trade so we get what we want.

This may mean creating a site specific DCP & reviewing the Newport Masterplan. Can the ideas & concepts eg open space be possible?

Simon hopes to be able to bring to a future meeting a proposal for Robertson Road for all to discuss.

Newport Planning Applications

The on-going issue of public right of way from the Avenue to the waterway due to the Sirsi Marina project being approved was discussed. No reply yet from Council to GB's submission.

Council is in the process of renaming some streets and places throughout the Northern Beaches including Walworth Court in Newport to be renamed Syncarpia Court to differentiate it from Walworth Road. Submissions close 24th March. Syncarpia is the botanical name for the turpentine tree, one of which prominently grows in Walworth Court.

Recycled Tree stumps as flower planters

Patsy Fry addressed the meeting on her idea of beautifying Newport using recycled tree stumps as flower planters. She showed the meeting photos of her concept and explained how it could be installed through out Newport but in particular, as a 'Gateway to Paradise' under the Bert Payne sign in Bert Payne park. She has had a response from Council which asks her to have the support of the NRA & the Chamber of Commerce so she has a collective agreement and that they as a group could then apply for grant funding for a prototype of the project.

Council is also waiting on information of proposed art work for the Coastal Walk Art Trail, & will not support the placement of the logs & planters in the park at this time.

The meeting discussed how she might do a prototype in Trafalgar Park.

Unfortunately the Coastal Art work seems to be on hold as we have heard nothing since the middle of last year and there has been no further consultation with us.

Council has kept the tree that was cut down & Andrew to confirm they still have the stumps. Andrew also advised construction of the Trafalgar park playground will commence 1st week of April (approx. 12 week construction).

The NRA committee will discuss further how we might be able to proceed.

Newport Chamber of Commerce Update

No update was available.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

Andrew Johnston advised there are 3 sections of the Coastal Walkway to be finished - Newport to Bilgola, Bilgola to Avalon & Avalon to Whale beach.

Once they have finalised the design, in particular the connection at the Bilgola end, it will be put back on public exhibition. Estimated to be the middle of the year.

General Newport Maintenance

Peter Middleton had advised Andrew Johnston of non-electric vehicles parking in the charging station space in Kalinyrna St. Andrew noted it is still on trial & being monitored. If it stays as a charging station then the space will be painted green on the road so it is quite clear it is for electric vehicles only. You will be fined if you park in one of those zones.

Bramley Lane car park desperately needs new line marking, as does Kalinya St & Queens Parade west. Queens Pde footpath is also being installed.

The Eric Green memorial has been vandalised. Can Council please fix it immediately.

Parking near the Anzac Memorial to be monitored due to boats & trailers overstaying the time limits. The Memorial itself to be possibly turned so people can attend the service by grouping in the park not towards the road. Maybe the RSL could advise.

Barrenjoey Rd, north of Coles Parade has no curb or guttering. Query to Rory Amon to request this be installed.

Another query regarding the street sweeper which cannot get to the curb to clean, because of so many parked vehicles, Andrew advised to tell Council & a crew will be sent to manually clear them.

Other NBC matters and General Business

Newport Surf Club DA is now due to be heard in the Land & Environment Court in the 2nd half of this year. The coastal retention works are the main reason for the decision.

In Sue Young's absence, Wendy Dunnet read to the meeting an update from Sue about the 2 rallies held in Macquarie St on 12th March. The first was a Demerge NSW Alliance (DNA) to raise awareness of concerns about Labor's De-amalgamation Bill. The Bill needs amendments to be democratic, put the local back into Council & honour the policy that Labor took to the last election.

DNA is calling for a process to allow smaller council communities to trigger binding plebiscites.

It is expected that Minister Ron Hoenig will bring the Labor Bill forward for debate in the Lower House this week.

The 2nd rally was organised by Save Greater Sydney Coalition, a new community coalition about the NSW Government's Transport Orientated Development program & the proposed Low & Mid Rise Housing changes. A number of speakers from both Councils & the Legislative Assembly spoke to the gathering & other Councils were represented by either Mayors or Councillors but did not speak.

Peter Middleton put forward via email a suggestion that in the 2nd half of this year that 2 members of the NBC Youth Advisory Group might address an NRA meeting. All members present thought it was a great idea.

Meeting Closed at 8.27 pm

Next Meeting: 16th April 2024 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm. All welcome.

NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family