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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 20th March 2018 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Selena Webber, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests

Apologies: Di Cook, Janice Patterson, Michael & Sarah Lawrence, Ken & Kathy Read, Glenn Moore

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th February 2018.

Moved: P. Middleton Seconded: W. Kitt

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/01/2018	1,003.26
Add Receipts	70.00
Sub total	1,073.26
Deduct Payments	364.99
Net assets as at 28/02/2018	946.26

Payments: Banners 179.30
 PO Box Hire 127.00
 Newport Market Day & Xmas 135.95

Current Assets \$534.01

Request from the Treasurer - Would unfinancial members please pay their dues.

Moved: S.Young Seconded: L.Edey.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Gavin Butler advised NBC as requested our 'not for profit' status regarding our hire of the Newport Community Hall.

A representative from NSW Health will give an update on the Northern Beaches Hospital at our next meeting on 17th April and at the following meeting, on 15th May a representative will update us on Mona Vale Hospital.

The meeting with Mayor Regan was attended on behalf of the NRA by Kyle Hill & Selena Webber and commented on below under 'Items for Discussion'.

We advised NBC of the decision taken from the last meeting that Queens Pde East be given priority on their Footpath upgrade program.

Councillor Vincent De Luca advised an agenda item on an NBC Council meeting in February regarding Code of Meeting Practice proposals to cut Public Forum at Council Meetings & restrict speakers to items presenting information. Peter Middleton attended the meeting & reported the motion was carried to retain public involvement . The recent 'Your Say at Northern Beaches' notes a Draft Code of Meeting Practice is currently on public exhibition & submissions close 8th April. The community needs to comment on this matter and it was resolved the NRA would send a formal submission to retain the Public Forums. See NRA website or NBC website for Your Say at Northern Beaches.

Councillor Rory Amon (Narrabeen Ward) sent a Your NBC Autumn Update noting a motion he & Councillor Sprott put to Council to review the planning policy & put a ban on Boarding Houses. The motion was passed. He is also asking Council to lobby the NSW Govt to change the standard contracts for departing staff so our ratepayer funds are not wasted.

An article in the Manly Daily prompted a discussion on a Fast Internet set up by Simon & Karen Bond in Newport. One member noted it was very expensive & probably only viable for businesses but it was decided to invite them to a meeting to discuss it & the benefits for Newport.

The Greater Sydney Commission announced 'A Metropolis of Three Cities' - its Greater Sydney Region Plan has been released. This plan, along with Transport for NSW's Future Transport 2056 & Infrastructure NSW's State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-38 will bring together the vision of Greater Sydney. The Commission has also released the final 5 District Plans that support the implementation of A Metropolis of Three Cities at the local level. They state that for the first time Greater Sydney now has land use, transport & infrastructure plans that have been developed concurrently. Following this release they have invited us to a briefing from the Commission & Transport NSW on what is in the plans. The briefing will take place at Parramatta on 12th April at 530pm. RSVP by 10th April.

GB noted that the final District Plan for 'North' included a concerning note as follows;
'Mona Vale's connectivity to Brookvale-Dee Why and the Harbour CBD has improved with the commencement of the B-Line bus service which operates more frequent buses both during the day and into the evening. Further improvements to travel times, especially for those within the northern part of the peninsula, will be made when operations are extended to Newport.'

The fact that the GSC Final Plan includes a statement that effectively says the B-Line will be extended to Newport flies in the face of government insistence that that decision will not be made until after an REF is released and commented upon. It was agreed to write a letter to the commission and also contact our state member Rob Stokes.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, Roundabout proposal Update, petition & where to now? Keoride usage/experience & members feedback current bus schedules

Gavin Butler opened up the meeting for comments on the B-Line & service to date. A photo of a B-Line bus going around a roundabout at Narrabeen was a concern to those who had seen it and it was considered a smaller roundabout than proposed for Newport.

It was requested that GB put Jonathan's Heritage report on the stone wall on Neptune St on the NRA website.

WD read out a letter from a local resident outlining her concerns. She catches the E88 twice daily to & from the city. She reiterated the rumour a property had been sold on the corner of Neptune & Barrenjoey Rd, also the traffic congestion with a B-Line turning around every 10 minutes at the roundabout & although it will not be a problem getting on, to go to the city, the problem is getting back with queues of up to 200 people waiting at Wynyard. She thought the best transport solution would be to put on extra buses from Dee Why which is the problem area due to the density of all the apartment buildings. A further comment she raised was the need for multi-story carparks & how ironic it is that a bus improvement relies on people getting in their cars to catch the bus.

It was noted that not everyone is against the B-Line and one person vigorously supported it. In response, Selena commented the service is great, but we are concerned for the impact on Newport Village. We all want a better transport system.

David Catchlove summarised his thoughts noting the increase in congestion at Mona Vale, the need for better transport for those north of Mona Vale and a need for a service running from MV to Chatswood but the B-Line cannot go past Mona Vale. The buses are too big, the congestion at a roundabout south of the 'Bends' will be terrible & congestion on the Avalon side would be unacceptable. The solution lies in improving bus services north of Mona Vale with the B-Line terminating at MV.

A further comment from the floor noted the B-Line is all about development. The question was asked about Mona Vale Place Plan. GB understood council was currently reviewing it again. In summary GB recommended we should hold off further action until the REF is published. The REF will be opened for Public opinion.

It was also noted that people going north from Mona vale were still complaining of having to too long for a bus.

Comments were invited regarding the KeoRide trial appears to still be well accepted.

GB has a list of the people who signed the petition and he needs assistance in putting only the addresses on to an excel spreadsheet so we can deliver an update via letter to those addresses. The following people offered their help: Peter Middleton, Robert Orr & Sue Young.

Northern Pittwater community groups meeting with Mayor Regan

A meeting with the Mayor on Wednesday 28th February 2018 was attended by Kyle Hill VP and Selena Webber in Gavin's absence representing the NRA. They both thought it went well & that Mayor Regan was interested in the community's concerns. He re-assured them, that we, Newport, was not on the radar for increased density. Ingleside & Frenchs Forest will take up most of the additional density. Ingleside is outside of NBC as it is under the Dept of Planning. Selena raised the issue of Private Certification. He acknowledged the problem. Mayor Regan said Council will back the community. Therefore we must raise it further with Council.

In principle, the meeting was held to meet & develop a rapport with the Mayor and NBC and to be used as an avenue to be heard about matters affecting Newport and the Pittwater area.

NBC Strategic Reference Group applications

NBC has set up 6 Strategic Reference Groups (SRG) to help shape the future direction of the Northern Beaches. An inauguration meeting was held on 1st March and each SRG will commence

their quarterly meetings in April. Peter Middleton noted that Councillors/members of the public who are not SRG members may attend as observers but may not participate in discussions unless invited by the Chair. Those wishing to attend as an Observer need to apply in advance to the Chair or a Council facilitator.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Sue Young gave the meeting an update. Protect Pittwater is aiming to present the petition to de-amalgamate as close as possible to the May 12th anniversary of the forced amalgamation of Pittwater, Manly & Warringah Councils.

Residents are encouraged to come along for the presentation at Parliament House. Protect Pittwater is considering hiring a bus for the day & printing t-shirts. Anyone interested in attending the presentation or helping to collect more signatures please contact Miranda Korzy (mobile 0416 192 602).

Four of the Queensland councils who were forcibly amalgamated in 2007 de-amalgamated in 2014 and there are still communities in Queensland wanting to de-amalgamate.

Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to walking track

GB is working on the preparation of a submission on behalf of the NRA to re-establish the track.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

Warwick Kitt proposed at a previous meeting to create a small working group to look at the Foamcrest Ave Carpark and the Woolworths site with the objective of being pro-active in considering a plan for the site. The following people volunteered to work with Warwick: David Catchlove, Peter Middleton & Tim Skinner.

Pittwater Forever future and NRA involvement

Gavin told the meeting that the group agreed to rename Pittwater Community Alliance. He will update at the next meeting on plans for the group.

Newport Planning Applications

We are still working on getting Planning Alerts but the NBC system is very difficult to navigate. It was suggested we follow up with Mayor Regan so we can get all DA's sent to us as before.

The Hillside subdivision was approved.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment (Refer web site for details).

General Business:

Bill Thomson noted that any concerns we have with unleashed dogs we should go directly to Council & ask for the rangers to patrol the area. Bill was formally thanked by Council for supporting them in their proposal to upgrade dog off-leash areas.

Lorrie Morgan noted the new shower installed on the beach entrance from Myola Rd.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th April 2018