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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 21st March 2017 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.10pm

Members present: As per attendance sheet
President Gavin Butler
Treasurer Kyle Hill (apology)
Secretary: Wendy Dunnet (apology, Sue Young deputised)
Committee members: Bill Thomson, Peter Middleton, Selena Webber, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Kyle Hill, Wendy Dunnet, Di Cook, Michael Peschardt, Kylie Ferguson, Greg & Sue Ross, John Gillham, Jeff Brady, Peter Brady.

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 21st February 2017

Moved: Peter Middleton Seconded: Glen Moore

Treasurer's Report:

Balance @ 31.1.2017	1,061.67
Add Receipts	70.00
Sub total	1,131.67
Deduct Payments	320.34
Net Assets as at 28/2/2017	811.33

Moved: Selena Webber

Seconded: Lorrie Morgan

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Matters Arising; Laneway for sale in Barrenjoey Road (there was no new clarification on this matter), St George Bank (closed its doors last Friday and it is understood the ATM has also closed permanently), Response form the Hotel 'The Newport' (there had been no response).

Correspondence; A bill for the last two months hall hire had been received, receipt for renewal of the PO Box at Newport, Advice from NBC that the DA for the construction of Mooring Pens (defacto Marina) has been withdrawn. E-mail received from Federal member Jason Falinski re Commonwealth Bank grants of up to \$10,000 available for youth focused community organisations promoting the wellbeing of Australian youth. Letter from NBC advising grants becoming available from the Stronger Communities Fund.

There was also received from the NBC a circular (details available on the NRA website under the NBC Matters post) advising what opportunities residents currently had for input into various policies and papers before council. One of the workshops was the 'Community Strategic Plan Towards 2028' to be held at the Mona Vale Golf Club on Tuesday 4th April 6 – 8pm. The President advised that it was critical that we have some involvement to ensure the ideals of the old Pittwater Council and our concerns re our Newport environment were protected and encouraged as many members to register for this. So far Bill Thomson and the President had registered.

Another matter open for resident input was the DA Service Integration to which you could register your interest. There ensued a discussion that it was currently becoming more difficult to view DA

information. Selena Webber also stated that there continued to be problems with the 'Private Certifier' concept and she suggested that in the interests of the community, large scale developments should be certified by council. The meeting was in agreement with Selena's concerns and the President asked her if she would kindly draft some notes so that we could adopt it as a policy and write to council accordingly.

Items for Discussion:

Council Amalgamations (see updated website)

Sue Young and Peter Middleton gave updates re the State Government By-elections in Manly & North Shore and they noted they were personally giving support to candidates with the SOCC banners 'Put the Liberals Last'. (It was noted that the NRA position re political party support would be discussed shortly). Sue noted that if any individual was prepared to assist, the pre polls started shortly and the election was on April the 8th.

The NBC council election

This topic brought about a wide ranging discussion re the NRA position re supporting or not supporting candidates in this upcoming election and what was the NRA policy on the matter. The President advised the Aims & Objectives of the NRA were actually silent on the matter and he read out those Aims & Objectives directly from a certified copy of the Rules of the NRA Inc. (*Those 'Aims & Objectives' and definition of the 'NRA' can be found on the NRA website under the menu item 'About Us'*).

The President advised that during his term of involvement with the NRA that it had been politically neutral. He did say that at the last council election, many members had personally become very involved with that election as Newport had received very little support up to that time from the then sitting councillors. At that last election four residents who were also members of the NRA had stood for council as part of two groups of three candidates standing for election. The outcome had been two of those NRA residents had been elected as councillors and served for nearly 4 years. The President went on to say that NRA members had always been very interested and involved with the council matters, including elections, as the way the council was run and its make-up had a huge effect on what happened to the Newport environment. This involvement with council was critical and was evidenced by many members sitting on various council reference groups and other similar committees.

The President advised the NRA had received a media release from the Chairman of Pittwater Forever together with a covering note and the full details of that had been sent to all members when the Agenda was sent out. A motion of support of the PFE position was moved however following discussion that motion was withdrawn and the following Amendment was adopted unanimously as the motion, Moved Dick England, Seconded Peter Middleton. *A notice of Motion be put to the following (April) meeting for discussion that 'The NRA supports the Aims & Objectives of Pittwater Forever as iterated in the media release regarding the council elections in September 2017'*

Land & Environment Court Hearings update

RMYC court hearing outcome, nothing heard to date. Old Caltex site court hearing also nothing heard to date. 30 Queens Parade West proposed Childcare facility: a court hearing was to commence onsite on the 29th March. The NRA decided it would maintain its current position as outlined in its filed submissions (available on the website).

Report on BLine bus service to Newport

Bill Thomson advised that there was still no decision whether the service would extend to Newport. There were concerns raised that the current works to remove tree and the mounds at Mona Vale village park to accommodate the BLine busses was getting support from the NBC as part of the proposed Mona Vale Place Plan. Comments were made that it was understood a shelter would be built and semi-mature trees would be replanted. It was further noted that 32 new busses had been ordered, the current 'Bus Only Lanes' would be time expanded to 12 hours from Mona Vale to the city, also that there was still strong demand that the proposed service be extended cross-country (towards Chatswood etc). Sue Young noted there was to be a demonstration against the BLine at Mona Vale on the 22nd March.

Kalina Street Parking Proposals

The new NBC parking proposals were linked to the Agenda and appear on the website. The proposals will reduce the unlimited and longer term parking and free up more spaces for people visiting shops and doctors. The President advised he had contacted both the hotel 'The Newport' and Easy 'Automotive' as the changes should most effect those businesses however he had not heard from either (although the Manager of the auto shop had indicated he was unlikely to object). There was a question as to whether the 'drop off' zone at the Kindy had been altered. It was Resolved that we should support the proposals following clarification that the existing Kindergarten 'Drop Off' zones at a minimum had been maintained.

New Reference Group Reports

There had been a number of reference group meetings held recently however the NRA members of those groups advised it was unclear how much they could say as the rules laid down appeared to prevent publication of the outcomes, The representatives were going to try and clarify the rules and the NRA would take up the matter as a priority if disclosure of the minutes was withheld.

Planning 327 Barrenjoey Road Newport

This site is the shops next to the new development at the old Liquorland site. The DA outlined a new shop top housing development. Selena Webber advised the DA was a vast improvement on recent ones whereby the breaches were minimal. However, Selena agreed to advise the President of those breaches and the NRA would make a submission in line with our policy of no objections unless the DA did not meet the Newport Masterplan guidelines.

Other Planning Applications

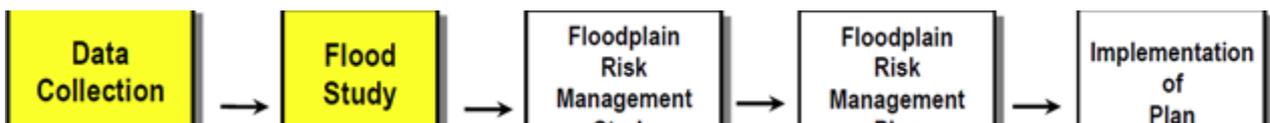
A list of other planning proposals was read out and no action was deemed necessary.

Newport Floodplain Working Group

Dick England on behalf of the NRA attended the first meeting of this group held recently. Dick advised the meeting was well attended. He said the functions of the group were as follows;

- Advisory body to Council on the draft Newport Flood Study.
- Forum for discussions between Council, the community and stakeholder agencies on technical, social, economic, environmental and cultural issues.

Dick advised there were 5 stages with the flood study being carried out by consultants.



The progress report to date was very professional and well formulated with the next meeting to be held on the 9th May 2017.

Meeting with Management of 'The Newport' and recent wood smoke event

No response had been received to our recent letters following the meeting we had with them late in 2016. With regard to a possible issue with the new restaurant in Newport with 'wood fire' ovens Bill Thomson advised we would need to wait until winter when he could use his measuring devices.

Enhanced Future for Newport Oval

Following the last meeting, Glen Moore was able to organise a meeting between the users (Mona Vale Junior Rugby & Peninsula Cricket) and Roger Johnston & himself. The meeting was a success whereby all parties agreed there needed to be improvement and that the only way to get it was cooperation. Roger Johnston also advised the Newport Primary School were also users and that he had positive feedback from them for oval improvements. There were now plastic fencing alternatives which had been found to be highly effective and a lot cheaper so this was a good forward step. A concept plan was now needed and then dialogue between the neighbours to the oval to try and

agree with them what were acceptable improvements to them. Roger has since been in touch with some architects who have shown good interest in putting together a design. The proposal would be to agree a design plan with the parties involved and then put that plan to council and look at the funding alternatives and access to grants.

General Business

Warwick Kitt brought up the dangerous laneway entrance at 356 Barrenjoey Road (next to the newsagent) for pedestrians if approaching from the north. Since the meeting Warwick has advised he has seen the owner again who said he was preparing signs to assist the safety aspects and so it has been agreed to wait to see whether the owner honours his commitment and how effective it is.

Jonathon Wales advised that due to a constant change of Managers at Coles Newport the delivery truck issues in Foamcrest Ave were becoming worse not better. The NRA had written to council last year pointing out all the issues and council had responded that they were not going to take the matter further after bringing the matter to the attention of the management and asking them to adhere to the approved traffic plan. As the meeting had run over time the President advised he would deal with the matter at the next meeting.

It was noted that someone had cut down the mature palm & pine trees that had only recently been planted outside the old Caltex site development but no one had any ideas who had done it or authorised it.

The matter of underground wires or bundling of them was briefly discussed but a longer discussion would be held over to the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.12pm

**Next Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18th April
at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**