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Minutes of Meeting Held 21st July 2020 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.08pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Acting Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per Covid19 attendance sheet

Apology - VP Kyle Hill acted as chair

Kyle Hill

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Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton (apology) Glenn Moore

(apology) Sue Young (apology)

President's note:

Kyle Hill as acting President, welcomed everyone. As there was no quorum for an ordinary meeting an informal meeting was formed and these minutes represent the members present.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Glenn Moore, Bill Thomson, Trish Chaney & Annie Laing.

Approval of Notes of previous Meeting held 16th June 2020

Moved:K.Hill

Seconded: W. Dunnet

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/05/2020	1,155.63
Add Receipts	120.00
Sub total	1275.63
Deduct Payments	
Net Assets as at 30/06/2020	1,275.63

Moved: D. Cook

Seconded: G.Ross

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received an email from Total Earth Care. This was a generic email but always good to have an update on what they are doing. Also correspondence from Friends of Mona Vale with a copy of a letter from them to Rob Stokes registering their concerns of the lack of transparency by the RMS on the Mona Vale Road East Upgrade, and, in particular, the draft amended plans for the altered truck arrestor bed and relocated footpath / cycleway. A concern to all of us as we all remember the terrible truck accident so many years ago.

WD showed the meeting a photo of the new Eric Green sign that has finally been installed by NBC. All agreed it was very good.

The MVplace group forwarded an email from the Planning Institute of Australia regarding Local & Regional planning changes, Deferral of Infrastructure Contributions & Fast Tracked assessments. Further information is available from the PIA website.

Craig Boaden forwarded from the Better Planning Network information on Four Reviews open for submissions including Housing strategy & Homelessness, Green Spaces, Crown Lands & Infrastructure. For more information refer to the Better Planning Network website.

We were asked by NBC if someone could attend a focus group meeting on Local Housing Strategy . This is relevant to the LSPS Towards 2040. Selena Webber has offered to attend. Focus groups to be held early August via Zoom.

The Palm Beach Whale Beach Association has responded to Council regarding the Avalon Place Plan with constructive points being made before the draft document can be completed. Once they have more information then they will make a submission.

We received a response from Ray Brownlee regarding our suggestion for a pedestrian crossing at Bishop & Gladstone Sts. NBC have conducted a safety audit around Newport school & this area has been highlighted. As a result staff have arranged pedestrian & traffic counts in term 3. Once these are completed Council will decide what solution to install to assist pedestrians & improve safety.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Village Masterplan and DA 351 Barrenjoey Rd (& Robertson Rd)

Following last month's correspondence and very good coverage of the issue of the Newport Masterplan and this DA's impact on that plan, including an article in the July issue of Pittwater Life, Gavin Butler, Peter Middleton, Wendy Dunnet & Selena Webber are due to have a meeting onsite next Tuesday 28th July with Louise Kerr, Rod Pigott (Manager Development Assessment), Claire Ryan, Principal Planner & Trish Chaney. Just prior to this meeting, we received an email now saying the meeting would be on-line via TEAM ,not on site.

In addition to our correspondence noted in last month's minutes, Peter Middleton has separately written to Rob Stokes with a copy to all NBC Councillors, over concerns with this DA & the impact on the Masterplan. He is currently waiting on a reply. The meeting noted the support for Newport by the Pittwater Community & Alliance.

Newport Planning Applications

We are not aware of any new applications. Neither Glenn nor I have received anything from Planning Alerts. Now there is no advertising of DA's one needs to go to the NBC website & use this link.

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/planning-and-development/building-and-renovations/development-applications/advertised-development>

On the website there is a heading Advertised Development - Consents & Proposals. Application Search will allow one to find an application when it was received & its Determination.

Or you can go to our website which will also provide the link.

NooalSt / Bardo Rd rezoning -update

There is no update at this time. NBC to advise any new information regarding this rezoning.

Illegal Parking Prince Alfred Pde

Glenn & Gavin have been corresponding with NBC on illegal parking on Prince Alfred Parade between No's 2-44. We received a response from Phillip Devon which we have responded to, highlighting the problem with clear images from Google Earth. Mr. Devon believes that the yellow no-parking line is a deterrent, but the Google Earth photos clearly show that it is inadequate. The situation is very dangerous. One Member asked why do the Rangers not book all the people who are parking there? We are now waiting on a reply from NBC.

Pittwater Community Alliance Update

There were some concerns we would lose the planned Coastal Artwork but subsequent to the last Council meeting, the Coastal Artwork will proceed as planned & the COVID 19 sculpture that was proposed is no longer on the agenda.

Newport Outdoor Youth Space

GB spoke to Glen Borg, Newport Surf Club president, who confirmed he has no additional information to what we have been advised, regarding this space. He understands that it is going ahead in the same location although NBC are working on a revised concept plan. The Surf Club has not been invited to be a member of a review committee. Glen noted NBC had requested more information regarding access issues for Ambulances. There maybe a problem with the budget. We are not aware of any budget allocation for the proposed space & wonder who is behind this idea. Hopefully we will get more clarification from NBC.

Newport Activation Plan - Street Art

There have not been any meetings due to COVID19. There were discussions at previous meetings on the concept of using Street Art in various locations around Newport. This is unlikely now that Kylie Fergusson has proposed a Street Art work project for a laneway in Mona Vale. Glenn to update at the next meeting.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

No meetings were held in the previous month.

Newport Oval improvement update

No update this time.

Council Election September 2020

Note: now being held 2021

Melaleuca St & Bungan Head Rd access path & Dearin Park improvements

We received a reply from Steve Lawler confirming our meeting & hopefully steps from Melaleuca St to Bungan Head Rd will be completed very soon. He also confirmed he would get one of the Landscape architects to draw up plans for Dearin Park.

NRA Website Review

GB has updated our website installing a link to the Newport Masterplan. He has also created a link mapping current Newport DA's.

NRA AGM

The Government has extended the time frame for businesses & organisations to hold their AGM's due to COVID 19. Our date for our AGM to be advised.

Buses & B-Line survey & Keoride

Annie advised after the last meeting, that Council are trying to get Keoride to relocate their office.

Our Student's B-Line study report has been finished & is on our website. Members were impressed with the quality of his report.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

Council have confirmed they will check the damaged kerb & gutters first, before resheeting is carried out on Foamcrest Avenue.

Bill Thomson had personally written to Council about the increase in Dog Attacks - 70 dog 'attacks' in the last quarter. The reply from Council noted a commitment from Council to take proactive initiatives to promote responsible pet ownership. Also Rangers have recently undertaken a 3 week intense tasking program that targeted dog offences at known hotspots. In addition, NBC is increasing staff numbers in the unit responsible for animal controlling in an effort to meet the enforcement demands. NBC is confident these approaches will make a difference. NBC also encourages the community to report all dog related matters promptly so a response can be arranged by the Rangers team.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Council decided at the 23rd June Council Meeting to waiver outdoor seating fees until 31st December 2020.

General Business:

The meeting discussed the issue of getting new members & generally having more people interested & involved with the Newport Community. The idea of a survey which would ask people what is important to them was raised. Some members responded that they would not fill in a survey & therefore were hesitant of its value in representing the Community.

Members generally thought there is so much apathy in the Community it is difficult to get people interested & that the only time people react is if something e.g. B-Line will affect them.

Having Guest speakers has been very good & hopefully we can do that in the future.

A brochure (similar to the Newport Chamber of Commerce brochure) could be printed & handed out in the village by Members who could then talk to people about joining.

WD also noted in Peninsula Living Magazine (Pittwater issue) they have a Community page. We could ask them to include us on it. (see p38-39 in July Issue). We could also ask Pittwater Life if they might give us some editorial to explain what we do & hopefully get some new people interested.

The members at the meeting thought people should pay subs to be a member & that it was important that only financial members could vote on matters.

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

Meeting Closed at 8.12 pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 18th August 2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00