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Minutes of Meeting Held 15th August 2023 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Simon Barlow (apology) Sue Young (apology)

Peter Middleton (apology)

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston, NBC, Rowie Dillon, Newport Chamber of Commerce and Carman Meehan from Dr Scamps MP office.

Apologies: Greg & Sue Ross, Allison Cooper NBC, Peter Middleton, Simon Barlow, Sue & Tony Young.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 18th July 2023.

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: P. Hunstead

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/07/2023	\$1204.22
Add Receipts	\$385.00
Sub total	\$1589.22
Deduct Payments	\$180.00
Net assets as @ 31/07/2023	\$1409.22

Moved: P. Hunstead

Seconded: R. Brooks

Members' Subs 2022-2023 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

GB thanked Andrew Johnson for his prompt response after last month's meeting with his Council Update on current matters. He noted Avalon Beach customer contact centre's proposed closure will probably be on this month's Council meeting Agenda. He has reported to Council several issues including the condition of painted lines at Kalinya St Carpark, prolonged parking of boats & trailers adjacent to Trafalgar Park & the footpath on The Boulevard leading to the beach. He has also noted the condition of Robertson Road and will follow up with Council.

Council has met with representatives from Avalon & Bilgola regarding the shared pathway from Newport to Bilgola. A report is being prepared for Council.

WD read an email from Sam Treharne to Kyle Hill advising he will be finalising the tree planting proposal for Kalinya Street carpark soon & he hopes to present to the NRA at the September meeting so we can then get it submitted to Council.

We received an email from Allison Cooper introducing us to Paul Davenport from the Terry Hills Progress Association. Hopefully we can do some networking together for the benefit of the Community. WD to follow up.

Items for Discussion:

Report on meeting with Jeremy Smith NBC Executive Manager Parks & Reserves

WD, Peter Middleton & Kyle Hill met with Jeremy Smith & Andrew Johnson at Dearn Park to discuss various matters concerning Newport including Dearn Park. Jeremy advised a footpath is not possible this financial year but maybe next year. He will aim to have the deadwood pruned and maybe organise 2 more picnic tables as per the plan.

We also discussed with him Heron Cove Marina, installing bins for dog waste at Newport Oval & possibly Trafalgar Park as well as maintenance of Robertson Road. It was a very positive meeting and Jeremy has agreed to be guest speaker at our October meeting which is also our AGM.

Robertson Road Update

WD discussed with Jeremy Smith & Andrew Johnson the urgent need to revitalise Robertson Road. The wheel stops & concrete walls need painting, the footpaths need cleaning & the gardens pruned and replenished. Also, the Post Office wall needs repainting and their sign repaired. It was stressed that the work should be done asap to be ready for spring/summer. Jeremy to discuss with Phil Devon.

Robertson Road will be closed off for 4th November festivities.

Newport Planning Applications

WD advised applications received during the month. All were for alterations & additions except for the licence application for Le Petit Marche in Robertson Road. Queen Esther had also applied and has had hers approved. Rowie noted she would follow up with the store and hopefully they may be able to get a licence.

The meeting subsequently discussed the ongoing problem of accessing DA's. Currently we rely on Planning Alerts to notify us of new applications in our area. Glenn Moore advised, to navigate the changes Council has made on its website for finding DA's is extremely difficult. & time consuming. The other issue is Complying Developments that therefore do not need to be advertised or advised to neighbours. Council needs to address both major flaws in the system.

Newport Citizenship Ceremony

GB explained to the meeting the decision by Council not to have Citizenship ceremonies at Newport on Australia Day as we have done for many years. One reason used by Council was the cost of setting up a marquee. Also, they only wish to do the ceremonies at Glenrose. There is apparently, a need for more ceremonies due to a waiting list. We believe it is important to be able to have it in the community where our new citizens are living. Council has also decided not to allow family and friends to attend at Glenrose due to the numbers. GB noted that the ceremony could be moved to other places on the Northern beaches. This is a very disappointing decision by Council. Carman Meehan told the meeting she would take it to Dr Scamps MP.

West Pittwater Tree Shade Proposal

Note: comments under Correspondence

Newport Chamber of Commerce Update

Rowie Dillon updated the meeting on the Chamber's current plans. August 27th is the Beach-to-Beach event. The Timber Boat Festival is 4th November; Robertson Road will be closed off, there will be entertainment and other activities across Newport on that day.

She is waiting on 2 grant applications -one which could result in a Welcome to Newport & Thank you signage plus, Shop Local / Dine Local decal stickers. The other grant to activate an Artisans Trail to help the village shops where there are vacancies.

Recent statistics from the Chamber suggest a -41% drop in business (revenue) in June 2023 versus sales 12 months ago. July and August are also believed to be slow with many not shopping or dining in Newport.

We continue to have a problem with the youth, which is not only in Newport, but it is an issue.

Recent damage to the Newport Surf Club highlighted the problem.

Vaping Shops in Newport

The Chamber of Commerce and all of us in the Community are concerned with the recent openings of shops in Newport (& Mona Vale) selling vaping equipment.

GB sent an email to members prior to this meeting encouraging all to write to both Rory Amon & Sophie Scamps to act quickly for the health of our children.

Apparently, there is money in the Federal budget to enforce that sales of vaping material in general is illegal for minors, and to strengthen restrictions on the sale (physical or on line) of all vaping equipment containing nicotine, unless via a prescription. Unfortunately, Minister Butler does not seem to have this issue as a priority.

We also need the NSW Government to act by writing to the Health Minister, Ryan Park, as well as our local members.

The meeting concluded that everything must be done to stop this.

(Police can only act if a minor is involved. An article in Pittwater On-line news Issue 589 details the issues. P Middleton, at last month's meeting recommended to everyone, to read it).

PCA Update

GB advised there will be a full PCA meeting probably Sunday 27th August (so the off-shore members can attend) to discuss not only current matters but also the way forward for PCA itself. He has asked for items for discussion which so far include the draft LEP, how to tackle non-compliant DA's & the possibility of PCA incorporating under the Associations Act.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

Note comments in Correspondence

General Newport Maintenance

Glenn Moore raised the ongoing issue of Marina safety which was once again highlighted by the recent boat fires at Church Point.

Other NBC matters and General Business

John Harston congratulated the contractors who recently did the work on Trevor Rd. Both the contractors and the result are excellent. Andrew Johnston commented that Hollywood Rd is next and the footpath on Bardo Rd. Council is working on plans for a new playground in Trafalgar Park and had Newport school representatives meet on site to discuss the proposal.

Warwick Kitt asked if there was anything further being done to install 'No U turn' signs on Barrenjoey Rd as previously discussed. Andrew Johnston to follow up with Trish Chaney.

Meeting Closed at 8.26 pm

Next Meeting: will be 19th September 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm
NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family

Note: AGM will be held 17th October 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm