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Minutes of Meeting Held 16th April 2024 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

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

President's Note:

Kyle Hill on behalf of Gavin Butler welcomed members and guest, Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Sue Ross, Simon Barlow and Michael Gencher.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 19th March 2024.

Moved: G.Moore

Seconded: R. Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/03/2024	\$1153.27
Add Receipts	\$0
Sub total	\$1153.27
Deduct Payments	\$309.30
Net assets as @ 31/03/2024	\$843.97

Moved: S. Young

Seconded: P.Middleton

Ventra IP Internet \$115.30

NBC Hall Hire \$154.00

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

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

The only correspondence was from Dr Scamps office noting current issues in Mackellar. Her email included a survey asking for personal housing experiences and any ideas for policy solutions. It was suggested if a member is interested to fill in the survey to contact WD and she will forward the email to them.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road Update

Simon Barlow had a meeting with Rory Amon & our 3 Ward Councillors to consider how Robertson Road can be developed.

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

Pittwater Waterways meeting update

Glenn Moore & Gavin Butler attended a Council meeting on our coastal waterways management plans The meeting's focus was the Hawkesbury River and surroundings. A draft will go to the Community in October. Palm Beach was also represented at that meeting. Eight Councils are involved in developing the Hawkesbury Management plan. Meetings are held 6 monthly and also deal with all other matters regarding our waterways.

Newport Planning Applications

DA 2023/0951 lodged by Royal Motor Yacht Club was the prominent planning issue. Council has proposed it be approved and as it received a number of submissions it has been referred to the Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel to be heard on Wednesday 17th April 2024. As there were less than 10 unique submissions it is not subject to a public meeting. Glenn Moore spoke to the meeting on his concerns. There was a general discussion on the Planning process and in particular the lack of notice from Council when a DA is lodged as well as the difficulty in finding all the information on Council's website.

Andrew Johnson advised submissions have closed on the renaming of streets on the Northern Beaches. Council is in the process of renaming Walworth Court in Newport to be named Syncarpia Court. Andrew will advise if this is accepted.

NSW Govt Planning Reforms

Andrew Johnson advised the meeting there is only vague information as to how the Government is proceeding with its' Housing Reforms. A Draft Amendment should be available mid year for Community consultation. All the Councils between us and the Blue Mountains have relayed their concerns to the Government. There has been some discussion by the Department of Planning regarding Transport Oriented Development (TOD).

Newport Chamber of Commerce

No up date was available. Peter Middleton commented on the closure of the Beach cafe and that Shot Lab is planning to move into that space.

Recycled Tree stumps as flower planter

The meeting discussed Patsy's proposed flower planters that she presented to last month's meeting. Also the proposed tree planting on Kalinya St West Newport. Both projects to be progressed.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

Andrew Johnston confirmed that the funding is still available for the Newport to Bilgola section of the Coastal Walkway. Tenders are out for Design & Construction.

Andrew Johnston to advise when its on Council's agenda.

It was discussed that the NRA will meet with our 3 Ward Councillors before it goes to Council.

General Newport Maintenance

Bramley Lane car park new line marking is due for commencement soon.

Ausgrid has fixed the lighting at the Newport Surf club and other lights have been restored. Council is organising the repair to the Eric Green memorial.

Andrew advised construction has started on the Trafalgar Park playground

Anzac Day - Parking of boats & trailers at the Anzac memorial is still an issue. Council has agreed to 8 hour parking 7am-7pm on Gladstone & Stewart Streets but the signage hasn't been installed yet. The meeting also discussed the pros & cons of Newport Anzac Memorial being registered. Currently it is not and the feeling is that it should remain that way.

The meeting commended the work done by Matt Stevens in maintaining the Memorial and encouraging the Community. Last year 400-500 people attended the service.

The NRA will again lay a wreath on behalf of its members & the Newport Community.

The position of the shipping container next to Newport oval, belonging to the Mona Vale Rugby League club, is an ongoing issue yet to be resolved.

Other NBC matters and General Business

Sue Young updated the meeting on Council De-Amalgamations. There are 2 De-Amalgamation Bills before the NSW Parliament. Labor's Bill in the Lower House and the Greens in the Upper House.

Labor's Bill should not be supported by the Liberals, Nationals or Cross Bench unless there are amendments made to:

- 1) provide a pathway for smaller communities such as Pittwater that were merged into large Councils
- 2) Include the one off cost of de-amalgamation
- 3) Make the plebiscites binding on the Minister.

WD asked when will Council's budget be available for public comment due to concerns in the Community of Council's financial situation. Andrew Johnston suggested asking any questions to the Councillors.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

Next Meeting: 21st May 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