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Minutes of Meeting Held 16th February 2021 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

Members present: As per Covid19 attendance sheet
President Gavin Butler
Vice-President Kyle Hill
Treasurer Glenn Moore
Secretary: Wendy Dunnet
Committee members: Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Simon Barlow (apology)

President' Note

President welcomed members and special guests, Trish Chaney, Annie Laing and Alison Cooper from NBC.

Apologies: Greg & Sue Ross, Simon Barlow, Di Cook

Tribute: Gavin Butler paid tribute to Patrick Pollnow who was a long standing member of the NRA. He & his wife had the health food shop in Newport for many years. Patrick was always available to volunteer & help. Barbara Kendall, a retired Doctor, who actively got involved opposing the B-Line coming to Newport & stood in as Chairman during a previous AGM. Both members will be missed.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held 17th November 2020.

Moved: Ron Seldon

Seconded: Kyle Hill

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 31/10/2020	1539.13
Add Receipts	235.00
Sub total	1774.13
Deduct Payments	233.00
Net assets as at 31/01/2021	1541.13

Moved: P.Middleton Seconded: M. Hawkeswood

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received a press release advising Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber, Newport and Mona Vale Chambers of Commerce are merging with the intention of amplification of Northern Beaches voices at Council and Government level & potentially secures improved event approvals & the best possible funding for each of the areas. It will be managed by The Peninsular Business Executive Committee with members from each group.

Judith Brain, who is Chair of Save Little Manly Beach Foreshore wrote about the classification of 62 & 85 Hillside Rd. She noted the benefits of both being classified as Community. Not one Community & one Operational as proposed by Council. GB briefed the meeting on the history of Hillside and the submission the NRA and some individuals have sent to Council which supports both 62 & 85 being classified as Community.

We also received an email from a group called Voices Of Mackellar asking us to join the conversation. It is a community project and is designed to document the values, views & concerns of people living in the Mackellar electorate.. Formed in August 2020. People raise their issues at their Kitchen Table Conversations. More information can be found on their website.

Adam Fitzpatrick followed up a previous issue he had raised over increased aircraft noise in Newport. He attached a response from Airservices which noted unique movements of aircraft are due to Covid-19 and Sydney Airport operating in a single runway operation mode. Many flights in & out of Sydney are not flying to standard published routes but are being vectored by air traffic control. They expect this to continue until traffic levels return to normal.

Matters arising - GB advised attending a meeting with Council regarding the Melaleuca steps. Council's engineer noted bush steps are insufficient and that Council will put on next year's budget to install concrete steps. GB thanked Annie & Trish for organising the meeting. He also requested the yellow line marking on Myola Rd has still not been re-instated after last year's resurfacing and if that could be completed please.

He summarised for the meeting, Council's Environmental Zones Review and its impact on the LEP. The E4 classification should not be changed in the existing Pittwater area and we had been advised by council it should not change under the one LEP. GB noted we would have to look closely at the definitions of what was included under E4 in the new LEP. He thanked Selena Webber for her input.

Alison Cooper updated the meeting on the Eat, Stay, Play - Robertson Road closure. At this stage nothing yet planned for this year but there is a meeting to be held in March with the 3 Chambers to discuss this year's event ideas. She will forward information from the survey done during that weekend.

Items for Discussion:

351 Barrenjoey Rd (nth corner Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd)

GB summarised the current situation and gave a brief history of the site and the development of the Masterplan. The previous DA was withdrawn and a new one lodged. Submissions on this DA close 7th March. GB made the observation that this new DA again doesn't address the Masterplan and does not seem to be an improvement on the previous DA. An Urban Design Referral Response to the application notes the applicant has not responded to all the issues brought up during the Pre-Lodgement meeting & Design & Sustainability Advisory Panel meeting. GB summarised Simon Barlow's ideas for the site. In principal, he suggests the developers work together on all four land aggregations & proposes an underground carpark that could service both sites and their requirements. It could be a win win for both the Developers & the Community where the community want Robertson Rd to be available for plaza type events and enjoyment as per the Masterplan. Unfortunately Simon could not attend the meeting. He has set up a "Save Robertson Road" Facebook

page & now has over 600 followers. We need as many submissions as possible regarding the 351 DA and suggest you view Simon's Facebook page.
The DA for 349 Barrenjoey Rd (sth side) has been withdrawn.

Newport Planning Applications

Last year the NRA put in a submission re: DA2020/1172 at 54 Bardo Road Newport. Construction of Seniors housing. This DA is now subject to an appeal.

Classification 62 and 85 Hillside Rd

The NRA has put in submission to have both sites classified Community. GB to contact Rob Stokes re: Deed of agreement between Council & the State.

Newport SLSC update & Youth Space Plans

Submissions closed at the end of January. We supported the Club but suggested improved toilet & change room facilities would be possible if they enlarged the building footprint, or possibly by adding an additional building. Construction of the Youth space is planned to start soon. We are still concerned over its location and in particular, emergency access to Bert Payne Park.

Fresh Produce Market

The Fresh Produce Market will continue. Council put the operation of the Market out to tender in January and Jade Markets, currently running the Newport Market, will continue for 1 year with a one year option. The market has been hindered by bad weather & the COVID19 lockdown but now the Operator has been decided, hopefully more stalls will now start attending.

Local Traffic Changes

The NBC Traffic Committee approved the following:
No Parking restrictions on Livingston Place on waste collection days Properties 1-6.
No stopping & indented Bays on Hillside Rd at Property 29.
Seaview Ave, Robertson Rd & Ocean Ave speed cushions to be installed on approach to the roundabout. The speed cushion departing Seaview to be removed.
A proposal for Trafalgar Park is soon to be listed on Have Your Say for public comment.

Local Housing Strategy

The Northern Beaches must add 11,995 dwellings over the next 15 years to meet forecast growth targets according to the draft local Housing Strategy now on exhibition. Even with this number, there will be a shortfall. The focus of the growth will be within 1km of key town areas i.e. Brookvale, Dee Why, Mona Vale, Manly Vale & Narrabeen. It was discussed for GB to take it to the PCA meeting for possibly a joint PCA submission as well as one from the NRA.

Youth Crime in the Northern Beaches

Recent articles (Northern Beaches Advocate, Pittwater On Line News) and media reporting have highlighted the current situation with Youth crime on the Northern Beaches and in particular distressing incidents in Newport. Northern Beaches Councillor de Luca has been calling for the Police station at Mona Vale to be returned to a fully manned station. The meeting discussed this situation at length and it was resolved that the committee approach both our local Member Rob Stokes (to contact the Police Commissioner) and the Council to get

better police response times (reportedly currently up to 2 hours) and increased manning levels at Mona Vale Police station (people are now being directed to Dee Why & Frenchs Forest).

A Community meeting with the new Northern Beaches Police Commander, Superintendent Patrick Sharkey would encourage everyone to better understand what we need to do together as a Community & to assist the Police. GB to put on the PCA agenda for discussion & to contact Pittwater Life. Also, Council have a Safety Committee and it was suggested we have this issue put onto their agenda as well as raising it with the Youth & Development team who were involved with the Youth Space design.

Newport Survey

We have put together a survey to get responses from the public about their concerns & issues with Newport. Due to COVID 19 lockdown we have not been able to undertake anymore surveys since last year. G.Moore is planning to set up a on-line survey. Once the survey is completed then we will review the responses.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

PM due to have an SRG on 17th February. WD attended a Teams meeting of the Transport & Travel SRG on 11th February 2021. Items discussed included Developing a Community Resilience & Emergency Strategy that will tie in with the Sydney Resilience Strategy. It aims to draw upon the strengths of the community so the whole community has shared responsibility and is therefore stronger. A resilient community has plans in place and recovers quickly from whatever threatens it. The recent pandemic showed how unprepared businesses were. We would share resources with Councils within our area. Also discussed the Safer schools program and an external road safety audit which will lead to upgraded facilities and ways to avoid congestion around schools. Newport Public School was included last year. Parking of boats, caravans & trailers is an ongoing issue which needs State support. Lastly a discussion on speed limits on residential streets e.g. The Serpentine. GB noted the establishment of the Bilgola Residents Association.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

No current issues at this time.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

The deadline for submissions on the Draft Local Housing strategy has been extended by two weeks to 7th March. Comments on the Rates Harmonisation are due 28th February. Sue Young raised the problem of rate increases on Manly businesses although the implementation will take place over 4 years. Pittwater residents will see a small decrease on their rates.

GB noted the Draft Avalon Place Plan is open for comment and thanked Trish Chaney for providing a hard copy.

General Business:

No General Business at this time

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 16th March 2021 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm