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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 16th July 2019 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.18pm

Members present: As per AGM attendance sheet
President Apology (VP Kyle Hill acted as chair)
Vice-President Kyle Hill
Treasurer Bill Thomson
Secretary: Apology (Peter Middleton deputised)
Committee members: Sue Young, Glenn Moore

President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill, on behalf of the President, welcomed members and guests, including Trish Chaney (NBC)

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Sue & Greg Ross, John Harston

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 18th June 2019.

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Selena Webber

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @01/062019	1,175.83
Add Receipts	110.00
Sub total	1,285.83
Deduct Payments	-
Net assets as @ 30/06/2019	1,285.83

Moved: Adam Fitzpatrick

Seconded: Di Cook

The Treasurer gave a reminder that 2019/2020 membership fees are now due.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

- **Station Beach Off-leash Dog Trial.** PM thanked Sue Young for the detailed assimilation of the appendices to the REF, discussed at the previous meeting. This resulted in a unanimous Committee decision, to send a follow-up NRA submission to that in January. A summary of the submission was read to the meeting.

- NBC email to SRG members re special 25 July workshop for input to the **Entry Markers**, which are to be erected at the main 3 NB road entries. Comment was made that the tender had already been let to a firm outside the NB area. **ADDENDUM:** This was subsequently explained by the infor-

mation that no NB companies had tendered to the brief, so the project was let to a company committing to execute design through completion to RMS specs.

PM has registered to attend the workshop.

- 2 emails from the **Greater Sydney Comm**, which were little more than propaganda on their recent and current exploits and announcing release of their 'The Pulse of Greater Sydney' doc.

- Email from Avalon Preservation Assn notifying the **Avalon 4Way Pedestrian Priority Plan** to address traffic calming, being exhibited for community input at the street closure Saturday 27 July.

Items for Discussion:

Northern Beaches Council Newport Activation Plan

Selena Webber reported on the community meeting, attended by several NRA reps. She particularly emphasised that "Newport is the wharf to the beach" necessitating inclusion of the Kalinya St "village". Also that Newport is so visible with village main road and beach coinciding.

Trish Chaney reported there had been some excellent suggestions from the workshops, advised she will liaise with Nikki Griffith re further follow up and that it was intended the Activation Plan be finalized within 3 months. The next public Community Centre workshop is Wednesday 7 August.

Newport beach & Micro-plastics

TCh advised that the Coastal Environment Centre Narrabeen staff are involved with this research, thought to be initiated by UNSW (details available at ausmap.org)

For more details, we may invite an NBC officer to present to the NRA .

Pittwater Waterways Strategy

PM read an extract from the RMS response to Greg Ross' letter confirming the audit of his mooring and vessel. He pointed out that these audits should result in improvements of moorings/vessels but might also precipitate surrender of moorings as less costly to pay the \$500 RMS removal fee than to bring vessel up to standard.

Selena Webber commented it might be a business opportunity for PW boat maintenance/ broker-ages, leading to an overall lift in boat/mooring standards.

Glen Moore reported that NBC adopted the Draft Strategy at 28 May meeting, with an amendment putting strict constraints on marine expansion.

SW proposed a proactive approach to Rob Stokes re rationalizing "mooring minder" craft (estimated at c700) before release of any new moorings. This was felt to be a PW-wide matter.

Motion: *That the NRA approach PCA for that group to write to Rob Stokes proposing that Pittwater moorings not being occupied in line with legislation, be vetted and rationalized before any new moorings are released.*

Moved: S Webber

Seconded: Di Cook Carried unanimously

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues

PM referred to applications for 3 Beaconsfield St, 61 Bardo Rd, 78 Seaview Ave, 31 Raymond Rd, 127 Crescent Rd, 17 Gertrude Ave, 132 Crescent Rd and 431 B'joey Rd, none of which were felt to need specific NRA involvement. Reference was also made to an NBC advertised proposed 5 year lease of 38sqm of road reserve adjacent to 4 The Avenue. KH will endeavour to take a look.

Bill Thomson commented on the futility of checking site cover for neighbouring developments as it appears no longer a consideration.

Discussion on the difficulty of assessing/submitting re DAs, when the detail (e.g. room type) is no longer mandatory in plans submitted to Council.

TCh indicated more former Council historic data is still being loaded but current privacy constraints inhibit what can be publicly displayed.

NBC Reference Group updates

PM reported on workshop for SRG members re design and erection of Entry Marker signage at the 3 main entry points, being The Spit, Roseville Bridge and MV Rd Belrose. (See *Correspondence*)

There will be a follow-up workshop prior to the proposal(s) going to Council.

Sue Young commented on the local aboriginal communities desire for input to names/signage (eg the culturally insulting nature of "Bushrangers Hill).

Foamcrest Avenue Carpark

Observed that the Woolworths shops and forecourt facing B'joey Rd plus the arcade and its shop-fronts are currently being spruced up and offered for lease.

Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd

Nothing further since June update.

Noaal St / Bardo rd Rezoning setback & current position

Reported that NBC continues to pursue Dept of Planning Infrastructure & Environment opposing the current status.

76 Herbert Ave proposed subdivision

Nothing further since June update.

Seabins Project & support

PM quoted from current RMYC newsletter re their boat owner fundraiser, bringing current funding towards Archie Mandin's Pittwater cleanup campaign to \$6,320. This covers supply and imminent installation of RMYC's initial Seabin and puts them on the path to a second. Donation link advised as: <http://www.gofundme.com/f/pc2gy>

Assisting with positive Local Youth outcomes

PM advised that we had not received an acknowledgement to the previous month's letter to Supt D Darcy and he currently had no email address to follow up.

Discussion re the group sausage sizzle adjacent to Newport Beach, post school most Thursdays.

Believed to be an Avalon based group. Kyle H advised he had chatted with them and believed they'd had a small grant and needed to involve more participants to secure ongoing grants.

TCh advised Avalon Youth Hub run a Wednesday afternoon bbq to inform youth on support for emotional issues etc:

Glenn M advised of a Netball Gala to raise funds to support the Avalon group.

Craig Bowden added the group had been founded by teens, who would now be in their 20s.

KH suggested we seek out an organizer from this group, invite them to present to us plus supply us a notice for display in the Newport community noticeboard.

Newport Oval & environs upgrade

Nothing further since June update.

Newport Netball Courts, Avalon

CB advised Avalon Preservation Assoc supports the concept but not 4 hard courts in the proposed location. APA supports 2 courts plus basketball half court and proposes funding balance be used to upgrade Newport netball facility.

GM added the original request was from PW Netball Club and the B-line linked funding precipitated the Avalon move. He exemplified difficulty of practice facilities for the girls and this would facilitate.

TCh added there are 1,000+ registered netballers north of Mona Vale.

Members were encouraged to attend the Avalon drop-in session the next Saturday for more info.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Refer to Council's website for details. Current include: NBC Draft delivery Program 2019-2023; Management of Beach & Water safety Policy; Naming of Reserves, facilities & Roads Policy; Ocean Beaches Plan of Management amendments – Avalon Netball Courts

General Business:

SY advised **Mona Vale Hospital** and **NBH Upper House Enquiry** was now open with terms of reference available (link from *Save Mona Vale Hospital's* facebook page). She encouraged anyone whose family had experienced the NB Hospital to make a submission, no matter how brief.

David C specifically drew attention to the need to submit any experiences of difficulties due to the distance to NBH and/or the lack of Emergency at MV.

SY advised **SOC** continues to liaise with the forcibly amalgamated regional councils and the group will meet again shortly. The *Protect Pittwater* petition, which was presented to our Member fourteen months ago has still not been tabled in Parliament.

Meeting Closed at 9.11 pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 20th August 2019 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.