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Minutes of Meeting Held 16th June 2020 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.08pm

Members present:	As per Covid19 attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	Kyle Hill
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore

President's note:

As there was no quorum for an ordinary meeting a committee meeting was deemed formed and the minutes represent those of the Committee. The President acknowledged & welcomed guest Annie Laing from NBC. The President also acknowledged positive feedback from members in response to notes from the Committee meetings held 20th April & 19th May 2020 & posted on our website.

Apologies: Sue Young, Greg & Sue Ross

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 18th February 2020

Moved: K.Hill Seconded: B.Thomson

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 29/02/2020	1,289.63
Add Receipts	
Sub total	1,289.63
Deduct Payments	134.00
Net Assets ass at 31/05/2020	1,155.63

Moved: P. Middleton Seconded:K.Hill

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received advice from NBC of proposed changed timed parking restrictions on Barrenjoey Rd and a no parking area on Bungan Head Road. Details were put on our website for comments. Traffic is becoming more of an issue on Bungan Head Rd including large buses using the road. Therefore we support the no parking & a suggestion from a member to NBC is to initiate a 3 tonne limit on this road. We understand the Barrenjoey Rd changes are also being considered by the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

Following our meeting 19th May, we are continuing to liaise with Council to install steps (crushed gravel) between Melaleuca St & Bungan Head Rd. Also the meeting agreed to write to Council suggesting a pedestrian crossing be installed on the corner of Bishop St and Gladstone Rd Newport to make it safer for the kids to cross, either attending Newport School or going to sporting activities on Newport Oval, in response to an email from a member of the public.

Jason Falinski asked for recommendations for infrastructure spending & we have requested a foot-path from no 2 to no 44 Prince Alfred Parade Newport as cars are often parked illegally on the council strip & pedestrians are forced to walk along the road which is especially dangerous around a high speed sweeping bend.

Other correspondence related to Council's decision to reverse funding in Public Art on the Coast Walk from Manly to Palm Beach. A Rally for Art was held in Manly on Sunday 14th June & received very good media coverage. The Palm Beach & Whale Beach association wrote to all Councillors expressing their disappointment that Council may reverse its decision to invest in the Public Art.

Items for Discussion:

Degradation of Village Masterplan: DA 351 Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd

Peter M summarised the issues with this DA & it's impact if it is approved on the Newport Masterplan. It will destroy the heart of the Masterplan which includes a plaza in Robertson Rd. A copy of our submission to Council was distributed to all Councillors, PCA groups and other parties, at the end of May, under the headline 'Do our local Village Masterplans really have a value or a future'? Three Councillors responded and we are waiting to hear back from Louise Kerr. Mona Vale Residents Association is also having an issue with resolving their Masterplan.

Newport Planning Applications including update Beaconsfield /Queens Pde DA. and DA advertising

The Beaconsfield/Queens Pde DA was approved with input from PM that resulted in the Developer agreeing to minimise any truck traffic during peak school periods especially before and after school as the kids are arriving & leaving.

DA's are now not being advertised in the Manly Daily. Annie advised Council have a new link regarding Advertised DA's on their website. Annie to forward details.

Both GM & WD receive Planning Alerts on line & it was agreed to pay for those alerts so the service continues. Neither have received any alerts during the last 3 months.

A resident in Bardo Rd contacted us over concerns for a Seniors Housing Development at 34-36 Bardo Rd. GB suggested they seek an extension while they get some planning advice. Another nearby neighbour also contacted Bill Thomson expressing concerns over the development. Bill to follow up on the density issue & check the online submissions.

NooalSt / Bardo Rd rezoning -update

There is no update at this time.

Pittwater Community Alliance Update

No update at this time. A zoom meeting with Council was recently held on the Draft Budget but GB was unable to attend. The Draft Budget is now available on-line.

Newport Outdoor Youth Space

GB will follow up with the Surf Club regarding their view of the proposed Youth Space. Annie understands Council may have a Landscape Architect looking at concept plans. No one is aware of a budget allocation for the proposed space.

Newport Activation Plan - Street Art

No meetings have been held due to Covid 19. Possibly they may recommence by the end of July.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

Both PM and WD 's group had Video conferencing meetings in May. Neither were able to participate due to internet issues. Main agenda matters included: Impacts of Covid-19 on the local economy & businesses: Northern Beaches business support plan.

PM summarised his group's meeting in February. Presentations & discussion centred on: NB's Employment Study draft, including Industrial zoning and how that can be maintained but it should include activation of unused space possibly for medium sized businesses and other uses e.g. Arts. not just big business. (Industrial zoning is very good for its future commercial benefit to the area). An NBC Street performance (busking) update, including putting a call out for street performers & buskers for auditioning prior to them performing at Manly & Dee Why and encouragement policies for young performers generally; Smart Beaches - Next steps, where PM explained the objective of Council's involvement to create Smart Beaches in the area, along the lines of Smart cities. A very interesting concept.

Newport Oval improvement update

Now that some restrictions have been lifted and the Oval is being used again GB to talk to the sporting clubs who use the oval about the proposed plans for it.

Council Election September 2020

Note: now being held 2021

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

Glenn M, Kyle H, Wendy D & Bill T met with Steve Lawler from NBC at Dearin Park & discussed with him some ideas for improving the ambience of the park so more people will enjoy it. He seemed very positive and had some great suggestions. WD to write to Steve to confirm the meeting. The steps at Melaleuca were also discussed & Steve said he would look into it.

NRA Website Review

GB advised, now that restrictions are being lifted he can follow up with Michael Mannington to update our website including installing a link to the Newport Masterplan. Also creating a new link mapping current Newport DA's.

Buses & B-Line survey, Keoride, privatisation

Glenn noted a recent Keoride survey he filled in. There was some discussion over the benefits of the Keoride and how it is providing a good transport option. Some concerns were raised over the number of Keoride cars being parked in Foamcrest carpark while they wait. Also seen in the carpark, cars being serviced by a mobile service van.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

Annie advised Eric Green sign is being replaced.

Bill commented that the Newport pool change rooms are not being cleaned regularly and asked Annie to please look into it. They should be cleaned daily. Annie will check their contract.

Council plan a resurfacing of Foamcrest Ave. It was recommended they check the gutters & curbing first as they are in need of repair.

It was suggested we contact Phil Devon & ask him to please check parking signage at Gretel Park where we have an ongoing problem with boat & trailer parking. It was suggested NBC check all their signage as there are a number of areas where trailers & boats are parked. We know the rangers check but they rarely get moved on. We need 8 hour (or less) parking signs installed.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Council is planning to waiver outdoor seating fees until September 2020. After some discussion we agreed to write to Council & all the Councillors and ask they extend the waiver through to Easter 2021 to give all the cafes & restaurants a longer time to take advantage of the warmer weather & to catch up after all the restrictions. Council is voting on the matter on Tuesday 23rd June meeting.

General Business:

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

A new on-line newspaper has just been launched. The Northern Beaches Advocate, based in Mona Vale. To receive it go on line to sign up.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 21st July2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00