



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting

### Held 16th March 2021 at Newport Community Centre

#### Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per Covid19 attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young (apology)

Simon Barlow

#### President' Note

President welcomed members and special guests, Peter Robinson & Annie Laing from NBC.

**Apologies:** Sue Young and Dick England

#### **Guest Presentation by Peter Robinson, Northern Beaches Council, Executive Manager, Development Assessment.**

Peter Robinson gave a very concise presentation on the DA process. The process itself, is quite confusing to many people, especially concerning exempt ( you do not need an approval e.g. for a letterbox) & complying development (which has stricter controls, no variations & is signed off by a Certifier e.g. granny flats, pools, some houses) as well as the more complicated applications.

Council receive over 2000 applications per year & all are logged via the State portal. From there it is sent to Council. Once a DA is received by Council it is lodged, checked and then it is decided if it can be submitted. His team of town planners refer to other relevant groups e.g. engineers, RFS, RMS etc. There needs to be concurrence from all the Statutory authorities, landscaping, Urban Design Sustainability etc. Nearby parties to the address of the DA are notified and submissions are invited and given 14, 21, 28 days or longer will be allowed depending on the Application. Decisions are not made in isolation. They are referred to a Design & Sustainability Advisory Panel which will contribute to the final decision. State policies, the LEP, impacts on the surrounding area & public interest - All have an input in assessing the DA. 95% of all DA's are determined by the Managers Development Assessment group. The Development Determination Panel determines DA's over \$1 million & with 3 or more objections. The Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel determines DA's which have conflicts, are controversial or with 10 or more objections & any SEPP65. It determines 2% of all applications. The Sydney North Planning Panel determines DA's over \$30m.

There were many questions from the floor clarifying different issues. It was a very interesting presentation.

GB thanked Peter for taking the time to go through the details of the DA process.

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

Moved:Peter Middleton

Seconded: Kyle Hill

**Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as @ 31/01/2021	1541.13
Add Receipts	135.00
<b>Sub total</b>	1676.13
Deduct Payments	
Net assets as @ 28/02/2021	1676.13

Moved:R.Seldon

Seconded:D.Cook

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

**Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

An email was received from Susan Coleman, Secretary of the Owners Corporation at 75 Beaconsfield St Newport, objecting to a modification lodged by the developer of DA2019/1280. Unfortunately submissions had closed before we received her email. We did lodge a submission on the original DA.

We also received notification from Marita Macrae advising that NBC had adopted its Bushland & Biodiversity Policy. PNHN will be advocating for action plans & significant funding to get that policy into effect.

Allison Cooper sent us the survey results from the NBC survey conducted during the Robertson Road 'Streets as Shared Spaces' program. The results show a positive response to the program and how important Robertson Rd is for Newport.

**Items for Discussion:**

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

GB summarised the current situation and 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 closed 7th March. The NRA committee had a meeting last week & discussed sending a letter to the Mayor, Councillors & the Director of Planning to reinforce the seriousness of our submission and if this DA is approved it will impact our ability to have a plaza and events in Robertson Rd as per the Newport Masterplan.

Simon Barlow advised he has over 780 people on his Facebook page who are now involved with this DA & the outcome for Robertson Rd.

In addition we received notification that the eucalypt tree in Robertson Rd was approved by an NBC officer to be removed from community land. It has also had its classification changed to a lesser rating which now allows for its removal. GB wrote to Ray Brownlee immediately, & received a reply from Louise Kerr, noting the DA is under assessment & that the applicant is not able to act upon the

recommendations of the landscape officer as they are only referral comments at this point in time, however she will seek clarification of the issues.

### **Newport Planning Applications**

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 a submission to have both sites classified Community. Rather than one Community & the other Operational. A report is expected to go to Council at the May meeting.

### **Newport SLSC update & Youth Space Plans**

Construction of the Youth space is due to commence 22nd March 2021 & depending on weather should be finished within 4-6 weeks. During construction, access through the carpark onto the reserve will be limited to pedestrian access only.

### **Fresh Produce Market**

The Fresh Produce Market has been hindered by bad weather & the COVID19 lockdown but now hopefully more stalls will now start attending. GB encouraged everyone to support it.

### **Local Housing Strategy**

A Local Housing Strategy is required for the period 2016-2036 as part of the Greater Sydney Commission's Regional Plan for Sydney, The North District Plan and Council's LSPS.

The strategy must meet a 5 year housing target of 3,400 dwellings (2016-2021)

Develop a 6-10 year housing supply target

Identify Council's contribution to the North District 20 year housing target

Inform affordable housing targets

Since mid-2016 2,835 dwelling completions have occurred on the Northern beaches.

The NRA made a detailed submission on 6th March. GB invited David Poppleton who spoke at the PCA meeting to address our meeting over his concerns. An example of low rise/medium density or better known as 'the missing middle' is Warriewood. That is, 2-3 storeys, townhouses, etc. It is not the answer for everywhere. If it is according to the 'plan' it can be signed off by a certifier.

Pittwater must be exempt from the proposed housing strategy. It is not a Major Centre. It is a number of small coastal villages. Any development should be focused in & around the village proportionate to the size of the village & the surrounding restricted environment. We have enough zoned land to provide the housing we need. More development will destroy our environment. The Northern peninsular is geographically not suited to increased traffic & congestion that this increase in housing would create. There is one road in & one out. Also the disparity between Seniors housing & providing housing for younger people & families. Currently Seniors housing is for over 55's yet most people are now staying in their own home until their late 70's & older. Younger people are missing out. Older people who are downsizing from other parts of Sydney are pushing prices out of reach.

David Poppleton has a petition he wants to take to Rob Stokes with as many signatures as possible. He is planning a rally on Sunday 21st March in Mona Vale park at 2pm & encouraged everyone to attend.

David Catchlove spoke in support off David Poppleton's comments and the rally on Sunday.

## **Youth Crime in the Northern Beaches**

Following discussion at our February meeting, GB took the matter to the PCA committee meeting and they have decided to host a community meeting (thereby bringing in 12 community groups) with the new Superintendent.

## **Newport Survey**

We have put together a survey to get responses from the public about their concerns & issues with Newport. G.Moore has set up a Mail Chimp survey and it will be up & running soon. Once the survey is completed we will then review the responses.

## **NBC Reference Group updates as applicable**

Peter Middleton attended his E&SC SRG Teams meeting on 17th February. They were given a brief summary of the NBC Resilience Strategy being developed by Council. One of a 20 city group, worldwide. It will include an overarching framework plus an implementation Plan, covering natural disasters, economic, demographic and other changing factors.

NBC launched on 5th January a Business Support Service providing a 24/7 contact on a dedicated business@northernbeaches address. This has cut through red tape and provided a single point of contact for businesses in light of COVID -19 & the shutdown of the Northern Beaches.

In March, an interim report will go to Council on the Destination Management Plan (Tourism Strategy). A total of 267 submissions were received.

A Brookvale Structure Plan of the existing industrial areas in Brookvale & DeeWhy is now being developed further after it was suspended in 2017 subject to a major transport study being completed.

## **General Newport Maintenance Matters**

Following on from an on-site meeting last year, Council is finalising a draft landscape plan for Dearin Park (corner of Gladstone Rd and Kalinya St). Annie to send through when it becomes available.

At the monthly Traffic meeting, it was approved to install 'No Trucks - Vehicles under 10.5m excepted' signage at the entry to Hillside Rd. Advance warning signs will be installed in Neptune Rd on the approach to the intersection.

## **NBC Matters & Projects Open for Comment**

Council have proposed a shared Pathway in Trafalgar Park connecting Newport Public school with Gladstone Street. GB encouraged everyone to find the link on Council's 'Have your say' page and support the pathway. Submissions close 28th March.

## **General Business:**

On Sunday 28th February 2021 a local community group organised a cleanup of Newport Beach. It was professionally organised and yielded amazing results. Over 3500 items were picked up. The amount and variety of rubbish collected was amazing. It was agreed we would send this group a note of thanks for their efforts and results.

**Meeting Closed at 8.55pm**

**Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 20th April 2021 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**