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Minutes of Meeting

Held 16th May 2023 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.07pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet (apology) P Middleton deputised

Simon Barlow (apology) Sue Young (apology),

Peter Middleton

President's Note

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Guest Speaker Sam Treharne

Guest Speaker: Gavin Butler introduced Sam Treharne (architect, naval architect, engineer and a former adviser to R Stokes MP)

Sam spoke to his Tree Planting Proposal for Queens Parade West, Newport, with a graphic display of the concept, backed up with shadow diagram, key utilities locations, etc, and circulating some A4 copies. Sam gave a brief background to his motivation for the concept, stemming from personal and family frequenting of the area, and aimed at adding to its environmental and ecological nature, its beautification, while not detracting from its utility as a carparking zone for the western village shops and the other commercial operations in the area.

The concept was enthusiastically received by the meeting, with positive input from those present and offers of professional help, including from a horticulturist Penny Hunstead and NRA's VP Kyle Hill. Sam saw this as a likely 2-year project and that he would maintain contact to progress it while overseas. He plans to circulate a single-page flyer, with QR code for feedback and updating.

GB thanked Sam for his work and his presentation and undertook that the NRA Committee would involve itself in coordinating ongoing contact and liaison with Sam.

Apologies: Wendy Dunnet, Kyle Hill, Sue & Tony Young, Simon Barlow, Selena Webber, Sue & Greg Ross, Rowie Dillon (Newport Chamber of Commerce)

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 18th April 2023

Moved: R. Brookes

Seconded: M. Hawkeswood

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 1/4/2023	\$1306.82
Add Receipts	\$0.00

Sub total	\$1306.82
Deduct Payments	\$0.00
Net assets as at 30/4/2023	\$1306.82

Moved: L. de Klerk

Seconded: G. Butler

Members' Subs 2023-2024 Due & payable, 1st July. (\$20 per person or \$25 per family)

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Pittwater Life – Approach for comment: GB advised of an approach from the Editor for resident comment re proposed **EV parking/charging facility** at cnr of The Boulevard & B'joey Rd. GB had indicated our input to NBC when the location address had been advertised as B'joey Rd, being an intrusion into retail parking availability, but NRA saw no need for additional comment.

Robertson Rd bollard proposal, NBC response: There has been a response indicating that mechanized, retractable bollards would be too complex and expensive to install. That was never the main proposal. NRA will continue to pursue more basic proposals (detachable bollards, street texture paving, etc).

Pittwater Waterways Strategy: GB advised he and Glenn Moore had attended a meeting at NBC invitation. NBC has joined with the other Hawkesbury region councils to develop an integrated strategy. It is early days, between the bureaucracies of each Council. NRA will continue to monitor and report as a first draft is evolved.

ANZAC Day, Memorial in Trafalgar Park: NRA has advised Council of our intention to lay a wreath at the Dawn Service. Kyle Hill has ordered the wreath.

Coastal Walk Strategy: This is currently on hold but renewed action expected to be reported soon.

Shared Pathway, Newport/Bilgola: Awaiting return from leave of NBC officer. We will suggest inviting her to a future NRA meeting.

'No U-turn' at Trebor Rd: The proposal has been initiated with NBC. Being a major-road intersection, NBC has advised of requesting TfNSW to assess.

PEP-11: GB advised of an acknowledgement from NSW Government (*CEO Mining, Exploration & Geoscience*) to PCA's request of current status on the testing application. Basically the response advised that as this was now under consideration by the Commonwealth & State Joint Authority, she was "unable to comment further on the matter at this time".

SLSC DA progress: GB advised this was under review, today, by a new Sydney North Planning Panel and release of the outcome is expected within days.

Coles Supermarket noise & safety problems, etc: GB advised of receipt of an interim response from Cr Rory Amon, flagging the non-compliances with DA conditions and seeking NBC action.

Optus antennae upgrade notice: GB advised of receipt of this proposed upgrade to Mitala St antenna. This was understood to be an upgrade to existing equipment on an existing tower. NRA saw no need for comment.

Items for Discussion:

New LEP Character Statements: GB read the draft NBC had supplied re Newport. (See www.newport.org.au for this plus the CS from the former PWC) He expressed the concern that the new proposal is pan-area-based vs the more pertinent, soon obsolescent Newport-centric CSs of PWC. He invited members to consult these website links and feedback any comments.

NBC 2023/24 Operational Plan & Budget

GB had attended the NBC Newport community invitation meeting, where what was discussed was quite broadbrush. He also touched on:

- The limited effect of the recent official valuations of an average 60% across the LGA.
- Proposed expenditure for resheeting a number of our local roads and work on the Newport/Bilgola pathway.
- If NBC were to balance this draft budget, it would require a Special Rate increase to c10%.

Robertson Road Update

(Nothing further at this point, beyond the bollards matter mentioned above.)

Newport Planning Applications

(No new planning application received.)

Conservation Zones / PCA - updates

Further to last month's report, another PCA meeting with NBC, including an initial meeting with new State MP, Rory Amon (who has a pertinent shadow-ministerial portfolio) is to be sought.

PCA has had feedback from NBC on their submission and that Council is now carrying out a "desktop" assessment, with particular attention to mapping accuracy. Resulting site visits are unlikely until at least September. Work will continue on the P/W LEP standards but are unlikely to be resolved until 2024.

Newport Chamber of Commerce Update

Having conveyed her apologies, Peter Middleton summarized a written update supplied by Rowie Dillon, NCoC President.

This included:

- Chamber/NBC events on 28 May (tied in with RMYC Car Show); 27 August (around the Rotary Beach to Beach event); 4 November (Newport Summer Celebration).
- Continued involvement with Public Art Program, when NBC reactivates.
- Community liaison re embellishment of recently erected site hoarding at burnt-out shops.
- A multi-organisational plan to increase businesses in Newport village: currently 15 for lease.
- Offer to work with NRA & NBC re achieving Coles' compliance with public protocols.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

(See report in Matters Arising, above)

Other NBC matters and General Business

Electric Bikes problems

GB reported on the motion to address, considered and unanimously carried at the recent Council Meeting. Authorities are working on an urgent safety audit, for all vehicles using pedestrian ways.

Fences at Newport Beach

NRA to check if broken fence at northern end of carpark yet restored and if potholes filled. Attention was also drawn to significant potholes on approaches to Myola/Queens Pde roundabout.

Meeting Closed at 8.16pm

Next Meeting: will be 20th June 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm

NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family