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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 16th October 2018 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)

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Di Cook, Kyle Hill, David Catchlove, Robert Orr, Cathy & Ken Read, Sandy Hawkeswood

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 18th September 2018.

Moved: Patrick Pollnow Seconded: John Gilham

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as@ 01/09/2018	1,646.01
Add Receipts	0.00
Sub total	1,646.01
Deduct Payments	0.00
Net Assets as @ 30/09/2018	1646.01

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Ron Seldon

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Letter received from a local resident, Mrs Kubacki who is concerned about the advertising signs in the middle of the beach car park near Neptune Rd. There was a discussion on the benefits of this

signage to local community groups & it was decided WD to reply with the meeting's response. That the signage was of benefit and no one thought it needed to be moved as it is only temporary signage.

It was noted that Councillor Rory Amon's Spring Update announced increased funds now available for additional footpaths. This appears to be an opportunity to again ask for Prince Alfred Pde (as per Glenn Moore's correspondence to Councillor Amon) and also the current footpath work to include Myola Rd through to Ross St. Bill to follow up.

GB read Council's response to G.Moore's question of 'What are you doing with the money' from the recycling? The response noted NBC is in negotiation with Kimbriki and any money received will be used to offset the cost of the waste service.

Shot Lab cafe has requested via P Middleton we try and have parking times changed on Barrenjoey Rd to allow more short term parking from early morning to assist his customers.

Councillor Kylie Ferguson has advised GB she will set up a meeting between him & the new CEO of NBC.

Items for Discussion:

Bus Schedule & other Improvement proposals, north of MV incl NRA Survey

Gavin Butler confirmed again the key points in the survey, with 90.4% Yes (to proposals), 3.8% No and 5.8% 'Prefer a variation' (See website). GB to convey these results by letter to TfNSW Robert Miesegaes. A copy of that letter to be sent to Rob Stokes, Philip Devon (NBC) & Michael Regan to assist in facilitating a meeting with TfNSW and all groups north of Mona Vale to instigate these improvements to the bus service as promised by TfNSW and our member Rob Stokes

Mona Vale Hospital Rally

Held on Sunday 14th October 2018.

The president was contacted by a representative of the rally to make a special note of how Anne Mitchell had been doing a great job in support of the Mona Vale Hospital saying *'As you know, she had always been a marvelous deliverer of flyers, and this occasion has been no exception with the distribution of over 500 flyers for the hospital campaign. However, quite a few people have commented on the "woman in black" who had been out on the road, rain, hail or shine, waving a "Save Mona Vale Hospital" sign. Without a doubt, this would have had a significant effect on the number of people who came to the rally. And of course, there she was again at the rally with her sign'*.

A special thanks was given by the President to Anne Mitchell for her tireless efforts, not only with regard to this particular event, but in all events related to the NRA over many years.

Parliamentary enquiry re: Resident Action Groups

We received an inquiry from the Office of Dawn Walker, Member of the Legislative Council of NSW who is undertaking research into Resident Action Groups. It asked a number of questions. GB gave the meeting his responses and all agreed to him forwarding those to the Minister's office.

NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates

Peter Middleton updated the meeting on his Economic & Smart Communities SRG. Council is completing the framework for its Draft Proposal for competing with other Councils with a plan also due on tendering for local businesses. Other issues raised were restrictions on the use of 457 visas and the 56% increase in levies on outdoor seating in Newport. Apparently these increases were set by an outside valuer who did not differentiate between the different communities. GB advised that Nigel Wall from Pittwater Life noted the NRA had already objected to these increases when NBC presented its budget for the new financial year. Pittwater Life to follow up in next month's issue.

Lorrie Morgan advised the Art Precinct will be established at Avalon & either the Scout Hall or the Golf Club is being considered.

Dick England advised the Floodplain Working Group has completed its Draft of the Newport Flood study & will be seeking endorsement from Council at NBC's 27th November meeting to place the draft Flood Study on public exhibition. In summary, the worst & best case scenarios have been analysed & a plan provided to handle these situations. It is planned to brief the NRA prior to the public exhibition commencing.

Glenn Moore attended as an observer to the Transport & Travel SRG. Move Northern Beaches has been on public exhibition. Main discussion at the meeting was on the proposed Tunnel under the Spit & the impact/concerns of the community.

GB & WD to write to the Mayor & Council on their decision not to allow an alternative representative from the NRA as was allowed.

Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track – Mayor's response

The letter from Mayor Regan ruled out the reopening of the track for the reasons given in NBC's earlier consideration. A Pittwater Council commissioned geotech report said it was dangerous. Another report said it could reopen with some remedial work. Tourism Australia still has the track going around the Castle. Further consultation needs to be considered with Council due to too many misconceptions about this section of the walk.

Sculpture Trail Launch

Opening 26th October 2018. All invited to the Kave Bar in Newport at 5.30pm. Also volunteers were again called to help with the delivery of planter boxes the Wednesday 24th. (Glenn Moore, Peter Middleton & Gavin Butler have volunteered).

Footpaths & South Bilgola Headland track update

Bill T will draft a letter for the NRA to thank Council for the Queens Pde East footpath and asking for it to be extended to Ross St so their walkway can be completed. It was noted that weather had delayed work on the Sth Bilgola Headland track.

Pittwater Community Alliance update

GB discussed the action items from meetings with Rob Stokes, Mayor Regan, and David Kerr compiled at a PCA meeting on 9th October 2018. Items to be followed up include:

- * asking D. Kerr for a copy of all planning proposals/decisions to be sent to the relevant community group, and a copy of all DA's (except Tree lopping)
- * Pittwater Waterway Review -where is it up to?
- * Determination on the status of Beeby Ave car park & Golf Ave issues & resolution thereof
- * Boat trailer parking - what next after the trial
- * Social Media Policy- has council commenced drafting yet?
- * Signage-when will the review be available
- * Tree canopy- the Urban tree canopy Draft has been released & members need to review it
- * Update of 62 Hillside Rd Newport –Secretary of PCA to contact Jason Falinski to pursue Federal funding
- * Medium density/boarding house review - need to discuss with & offer assistance to NBC. They are investigating whether some locations are more suitable than others during 12 month moratorium
- * Other items to be considered at their next meeting were 'Private Certifier Issues' and 'Public Land Encroachments'.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use

The Chairman of the sub-committee, Warwick Kitt, put forward a suggestion of having a meeting with the Mayor of NBC and subsequently with Woolworths (both meetings could be facilitated by Ian

Longbottom, former Mayor of Lane Cove Council). GB, whilst thanking Warwick and the sub-committee for their work, indicated that the NRA should come up with a wider number of suggestions for the site before any approaches or discussions with council take place and members of the NRA committee to resolve the full range of options for the location as soon as possible (including a discussion whether to seek support from the Newport Chamber of Commerce).

Forced Council Amalgamation - update

Protect Pittwater wrote to the Minister for Local Govt on 3rd October requesting an urgent response to the proposal presented under the Local Govt Act on 15th May 2018 to Bring Back Pittwater Council. Tumbarumba is also awaiting a response. Other communities forced to merge are considering their positions including Guyra, Gundagai, Gloucester, Harden, Leichhardt, Holroyd, Botany Bay & Bombala. Other political parties except the Liberal & National, support the right of electors in forcibly amalgamated council areas to have the opportunity to de amalgamate if that is what the community wants.

Support for acquisition of 85-62 Hillside Rd & petition

An ongoing issue. It was noted that council had contacted us for us to give approval for the release of a copy of our submission to the Federal Member Jason Falinski, which approval was given.

Nooal St / Bardo Rd rezoning position

There appears to have been no response to the NRA letter to Rob Stokes asking him to support the rejection of the Proposal.

Newport Planning Applications

There are no major planning applications at this time.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Refer to NBC website for 'Have Your Say'

General Business:

The lack of lighting in Newport needs to be raised with NBC. It's particularly dark near the Mobil service station & on the corner of The Boulevard & Calvert Pde.

It was suggested we invite the new CEO to address our meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 20th November 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.