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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 17th April 2018 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Selena Webber

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and guests and advised there would be no presentation on the Northern Beaches Hospital as planned due to Nicola Pellegrini being unwell. It was an unfortunate last minute cancellation. We look forward to her presentation at another meeting. The President made a special welcome to Virginia Christensen the Vice-president of Palm Beach Whale Beach Residents Assn.

Apologies: Sue Young, Ron Selman, Warwick Kitt, John Gilham, Brett Faulkner, Dick England, Greg & Sue Ross, Jonathan Wade, Robert Orr.

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th March 2018.

Moved: P. Middleton Seconded: L. Morgan

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 28/02/2018	946.26
Add Receipts	0.00
Sub total	946.26
Deduct Payments	412.25
Net assets as at 31/03/2018	534.01

Request from the Treasurer -Would non-financial members please pay their dues.

Moved: K.Hill Seconded: D.Cook

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Although we could not have a presentation on the new Northern Beaches Hospital due to unforeseen circumstances, GB advised at the next meeting we will have a presentation on Mona Vale hospital & hopefully on the new hospital at another meeting.

It was resolved at the last meeting we would send a formal submission to NBC to retain the public forums under the Draft Code of Practice. Also in the submission, prepared by GB he noted the need for additional Council meetings. 10 a year is not sufficient for the workload of the NBC. Both Peter Middleton & Glenn Moore sent submissions in support of keeping the Public Forums.

We also wrote, voicing our concerns, to the Greater Sydney Commission & Rob Stokes in response to the GSC North District Plan that effectively said that the B-Line will be extended to Newport. Both letters and responses were read to the meeting.

Jonathan Frost's report on the stone wall is now on the website. Pittwater on Line has requested via Gavin that they be given permission to run a special article on the dry-stone wall. Permission from Jonathan or Sue Frost was requested. Sue agreed.

Following up on last month's community meeting with the Mayor, GB noted it is up to us to put together a submission on the Private Certification process. Selena to assist Gavin.

An email from Craig Boaden from Avalon Preservation Association was received requesting support for Alfonso's at Avalon who have received from NBC a notice to restrict their music & pizza nights (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) due to a noise complaint. To sign a petition against this action by NBC go to :

<https://www.change.org/p/council-northernbeaches-nsw-gov-au-let-alfonso-s-cafe-have-their-pizza-night-back-please?>

We received an email for an art exhibition at Creative Space by 'The Pencil Tin'. Exhibition is on until 22nd April.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, Roundabout proposal Update. REF update, Bus schedule feedback, Keoride etc.

We are still waiting on the REF which is due mid May.

Since the last meeting David & Sue Frost received a letter from Robert Miesegaes, Project Director Northern Beaches B-Line in response to a letter they had written. Gavin Butler responded to that letter on behalf of NRA with copies to both R. Stokes & Mayor Regan. Both letters are on our website. CABPRA supported GB's letter & included the previous submission they wrote back in October 2017. Their position has not changed nor have they been consulted. GB has also received a copy of a letter from Peter Maymans, President of Avalon Preservation Ass. addressed to Robert Miesegaes in support of the matters raised in our letter. Gavin read out extracts of the CABPRA submission.

Virginia Christenson from Palm Beach/Whale Beach Association (PBWBA) enlightened the meeting with their transport issues including the fact it regularly takes 25 minutes for people to join Barrenjoey Rd from Whale Beach Rd to go to Avalon. She was asked if Palm Beach wanted the B-Line. She explained they want an Express bus from Palm Beach but Transport NSW won't consider it. All communities North of Newport have put this in their submissions. At a meeting they had with R. Stokes, Stokes noted if it (B-Line) slows traffic from the North he told PBWBA he won't support a roundabout. Virginia also noted PBWBA would also be writing a letter to Transport NSW advising their rejection of the new roundabout proposal and also other B-Line service issue that are affecting them.

David Catchlove updated the meeting on a flyer they (Friends of Newport) letterbox dropped prior to Easter. Their objective is to build awareness amongst the community in addition to the NRA. They are manning a table every Saturday (corner Robertson Rd & Barrenjoey Rd) from 10am-1pm answering questions, giving information and adding signatures to our petition.

GB is ready to send out a letter to all the addresses of the Newport people who previously signed the petition and inviting them to send us their e-mail addresses so we can update them on B-Line matters.

The letters written to R.Stokes & the Greater Sydney Commission by the NRA regarding their comment in the North District Plan which suggested the decision to extend the B-Line to Newport are on our website as well as their responses.

Concern was raised if the roundabout was used as per the Concept plan then everyone travelling north would have to get off the bus at the bus stop on the eastern side of Barrenjoey road. Kids & others, will then have to cross the road which would be very dangerous.

NBC Strategic Reference Group applications

NBC has set up 6 Strategic Reference Groups (SRG) to help shape the future direction of the Northern Beaches. Their first meetings were held during the month.

Wendy Dunnet reported on her Transport & Traffic meeting which was attended by a good cross section of community groups, the Mayor and Cr Gratan (chair) as well as a representative from RMS. The discussion concentrated on Council's Transport Strategy development by looking at what the mobility needs are of our community.

NBC has put together a Transport Strategy Discussion paper and the first step is to generate community discussion. There will be various pop up engagement events including shopping centres, markets, & major hubs. Also an on line survey & social media advertising. There will be 5 ward based community drop in sessions. Pittwater is Wednesday 2nd May 630pm-8pm at the Newport Community Centre. WD urged as many people as possible to attend and have a say. This is an opportunity to tell NBC what you want / we want in terms of transport. WD urged members to think outside the square. The paper is to provide guidance of investment in transport infrastructure for the next 20+ years. Comments close Sunday 13th May.

Peter Middleton reported on his SRG group - Economic & Smart Communities. Chaired by Cr Walton with a committee of 16 including the Mayor. Most members are in the area of business / technology. PM is the only member who has been specifically involved in tourism. The meeting focused on discussion for a Smart Northern Beaches Project to be funded by a Gov't. grant. Although unsuccessful at this time, there was discussion on the viability of other projects that could get funding including an app for parking & trialing rescue drones. There was discussion on attracting university/tertiary education campuses with a Committee suggestion that Ingleside be considered for a campus. Further discussion centered on creating procurement opportunities for NB businesses and the development of a 2018 /2019 Destination Management plan including a Tourism strategy. Tourism Survey results were circulated with the Agenda & discussed. PM's group also concluded there is so much work to be done that 4 meetings a year seem insufficient.

Lorrie Morgan reported on her group - Community & Belonging and discussed the Sculpture Trail which is going well. She asked members to take photos of places that are special to them so they can promote the Coast She noted A Performing Art Space is being considered in the grounds of Mona Vale public school.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Sue Young gave the meeting an update via email. The Protect Pittwater Association is holding a Community Forum 'Where are We Now' on Thursday 3rd May at Pittwater RSL from 7-9pm.

Speakers are Bob Grace - Protect Pittwater Association & former Councillor, Brian Halstead - President Save Our Councils, Phil Jenkyn OAM - Save Our Councils Coalition, Peter Primrose MLC - NSW Labor Local Government spokesman & David Shoebridge MLC - NSW Greens Local Government spokesman. Attend the meeting to find out the latest action to regain Pittwater Council & join the discussion about life since amalgamation.

Also, Protect Pittwater will be presenting the petition to bring back Pittwater Council to the State Government on Tuesday 15th May & would like interested members to attend. Protect Pittwater is considering organising a bus to Parliament House & printing t-shirts. Please contact Miranda Korzy by email miranda@wildwords.com.au or mobile 0416192602 for further details.

Bungan Head Reserve Barricade to walking track

GB is working on the preparation of a submission on behalf of the NRA to re-establish the track.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

David Catchlove, Warwick Kitt & Peter Middleton have had one meeting & will report back when they can.

Pittwater Community Alliance and NRA involvement

GB gave a summary of the Mission Statement & list of members (which covered 12 of the major old Pittwater LGA community associations). He noted that PCA had met with Scotland Island Res. Ass. on the previous weekend to explain what PCA was about with a view to SIRA joining. There will be a meeting with the Mayor in early May

Newport Planning Applications

We are now registered for Planning Alerts with the most recent ones involving Tree applications but the alerts will help keep us up to date.

Lorrie Morgan had raised the request from Flower Power at Warriewood to support the proposed broadening of the LEP which would allow them to broaden their product line for Garden Centres. GB sent the details to Chris Hornsby of Warriewood Residents Assn who replied that they did not see a problem with it. This was supported by a number of members at the meeting & it was agreed to write a letter of support.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Refer web site for details.

General Business:

There was no general business

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 15th May 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.