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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 17th September 2019 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Apology (VP Kyle Hill acted as chair)

Kyle Hill

Bill Thomson (apology)

Wendy Dunnet

Glenn Moore, Peter Middleton, Sue Young
(apology)

President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill, on behalf of the President, welcomed members and guests, including Trish Chaney (NBC) and Toni Wilson & Alicia Lloyd from the Coastal Environmental Centre, Narrabeen.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Sue & Greg Ross, David Catchlove, Sue Young, Elizabeth Brown, Rhonda Keen, Jane & Adam Fitzpatrick

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 20th August 2019

Moved: Glenn Moore

Seconded: Ron Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/08/2019	1575.83
Add Receipts	25.00
Sub total	1600.83
Deduct Payments	136.50
Net assets as @ 31/07/2019	1,464.33

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Di Cook

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

- Both Gavin Butler & Wendy Dunnet attended R. Stokes PW Community Leaders reception on 12 September. Ian Hutchinson was recognised for his Community project, CPRfriendly.org.
- Note from Glenn re: Marine Rescue Broken Bay is one of 3 projects that has received funding through the My Community NSW Government grants. Also successful were a Community kitchen

to serve the vulnerable in our community, enhancement of facilities for the Narrabeen Sharks & a Course Flood mitigation project for Mona Vale Golf Course.

- GB wrote to all NBC Councillors re: Station Beach trial and the NRA's position. Although some read his correspondence only 2 voted against the trial at the NBC meeting 27th August 2019.

Presentation from NBC re: Micro-Plastics & Waste Education

Toni Wilson & Alicia Lloyd from the Coastal Environmental Centre at Narrabeen presented a very interesting synopsis on micro plastics which continue to break down into smaller & smaller pieces on our beaches. They demonstrated how they gather the particles by mapping & sifting the sand with sieves along the high tide line. They sort by colour, size & type - including plastic film, foam & fibres which are then checked at a laboratory. They are looking for solutions & strategies from the information they identify of the type of micro plastic they find. The microplastics attract toxins which the fish eat and in turn we eat the fish. This is an issue.

They have a program they are instigating to people and businesses - 'Swap this for That' e.g. plastic straws for paper straws, reusable cups for disposable coffee cups etc. 'Re-Use what we have' 'Swap for Good'. They have printed guides e.g. 'How to have a party without plastics'

Their presentation generated a number of questions & good discussion including, Do we have a filter on our Storm Water pipe on Newport beach ? Where does the 10c go from the recycling of bottles in NBC garbage collection? The important message was to '**Stop it at the Source**'.

Items for Discussion:

Northern Beaches Council Newport Activation Plan - update

Glenn Moore reported on the meeting held 11th September which was well represented including Glenn, Selena Webber, Lorrie Morgan & Cllr Kylie Ferguson. Apologies from Patsy Fry & Bill Thomson. The meeting's objective is to generate ideas to activate Newport along Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd. The attendees have nominated the top 3 projects - Improved signage, Clean up of Barrenjoey Rd via streetscape & ambiance & Robertson Rd activation with seasonal and pop up activities e.g. turning car spaces into dining areas. A hashtag for Newport is to be confirmed at the next meeting as well as activities for 'Newport in November'. Installation of Christmas lighting was suggested. Next meeting 25th September .

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning Issues

WD noted applications received via PlanningAlerts for various dwellings, were for alterations & additions including pools. Trish commented Council is reviewing LEP's & DCP's as part of the Draft LSPS which is due to go to Council on 24th September for exhibition. The principles which will develop the strategy include: Employment, Housing, & Environment studies as well as connectivity around Transport. GB & Sue Young will attend a 30th September NBC meeting for PCA members.

Outcome of Station Beach Off Leash dog trial for Pittwater

The Station Beach trial was adopted with some conditions. Proposed to commence by December 2019 for 12 months.

NBC Reference Group Updates

Dick England advised the Floodplain Study has been adopted. It was suggested an officer from NBC should be invited to a meeting to present the Study & explain how some properties are included which were not previously and others excluded. There was discussion on the reliability of some of the data. DE to contact a representative to present at the February meeting.

Peter Middleton reported on the LGA Entry Markers to be erected at the 3 main road entry points to NBC area. The proposal is due to go to Council.

Pittwater Community Alliance Update

In addition to the upcoming LSPS (Local Strategic Planning Statement) meeting on Monday 30th September PCA has written to NBC in response to NPWS discussion paper "Leases, Licences & Consents' regarding Barrenjoey Headland. The PCA is supporting the detailed submission made by the Palm Beach Whale Beach Association.

Foamcrest Avenue Carpark

No update at this time.

Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd

Good news. The land has now officially been acquired by a joint State Government & NBC contribution. GB thanked both R Stokes & M Regan at the Stokes function last week. There will be an event on site on 29th September to celebrate.

Nooal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback & current position

GB to follow up

Seabins Project support & Pittwater Waterways Strategy

Trish confirmed NBC monitoring the bins currently installed.

GB taking up the motion from the last PCA meeting on the Pittwater Waterways Strategy.

Assisting with positive Local Youth outcomes

Trish suggested Justine Gordon, CEO of Burdekin Assoc & the Avalon Youth Hub would be a possible speaker to talk to us on how we can help local youth in Newport. To be discussed further.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

WD raised the ongoing matter of signage. Trish noted that Council have done an audit and are working their way through it. Trish to follow up with Council on replacement of Eric Green Reserve plaque & graffiti removal.

New Netball Courts, Avalon / Newport

Newport Netball club needs more courts. Trish confirmed that submissions had only recently closed and a report will go to Council for a Sept/October decision.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Refer to Council's website for details.

General Business:

Sue Young emailed an up date on forced council amalgamations for tabling. Protect Pittwater will be following up on statements made in response to questions asked at Parliamentary Budget Estimates on 2nd September 2019 by the Minister for Local Government, Shelley Hancock, the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government, Mr Hurst & others.

The transcript of the hearing includes questions about the release of the full KPMG report, staffing & the financial performance of forcibly amalgamated councils.

A number of questions were taken on notice including David Shoebridge's on Pittwater.

The Minister is currently examining the Tumbarumba-Tumut & Gundagai-Cootamundra de-amalgamation submissions and stated that a decision will be made as soon as possible in regard to these two proposals. Link to the transcript: Portfolio Committee no7-Planning and Environment, 2 September 2019, Local Government

Other matters raised were the on-going Hospital Parliamentary inquiry, this time the Doctors are talking. Also the potential flight path over Newport when the new airport opens in 2024. At this stage it is not confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 9,02 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th October 2019 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm