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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting **Held 18th February 2020 at Newport Community Centre**

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Members present:	As per attendance sheet
President	Apology (VP Kyle Hill acted as Chair)
Vice-President	Kyle Hill
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill on behalf of the President, welcomed members and guests, including Trish Chaney & Annie Laing from NBC.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 19th November 2019

Moved: Ron Seldon

Seconded: Di Cook

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/12/2019	1,356.23
Add Receipts	45.00
Sub total	1401.23
Deduct Payments	
Net Assets as @ 31/01/2020	1401.23

Moved: Kyle Hill

Seconded: Sue Young

Note: Members Sub 2019-2020 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We are happy to advise Michael Mannington was awarded OAM in this year's Australia Day awards. We congratulate Michael & note all the work he has done for our Community.

Glenn Moore advised us that Kaiser Ryu Jujitsu have a new training room above Woolworths so will no longer be next door on Tuesdays when we have our meeting. He also forwarded an article in the Daily Telegraph on 1st February on an announcement by Rob Stokes to overhaul the Independent Planning Commission.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Outdoor Youth Space

The Chair discussed the proposal by Council, noting submissions have now closed. The NRA put in a submission which is on our website. We supported the position of the Surf Club in that it is a good idea but the wrong location. There was some discussion on the benefits of a half basketball court, the importance of the enjoyment by so many of the grassed area & the need throughout the year to use that area for major events. Trish noted over 300 submissions were received with some in favour, others in favour but with changes. It was agreed that we should be able to talk to someone about the concept.

Northern Beaches Council Newport Activation Plan - update

The next meeting of the Newport working group is Monday 24th February. Unfortunately the Shopfest in Robertson Rd on 30th November 2019 had to be cancelled half way through the day due to extreme weather. Lorrie Morgan is planning to attend and possibly Glenn Moore. We hope to have update at our next meeting.

B-Line to Newport- Peninsular Living Article

The article was shown to the meeting for those who may have missed it. KH summarised the history of the B-Line. It was suggested we wait until there is an official announcement if there is any?

Newport Planning Applications including 351-353 Barrenjoey Rd & Beaconsfield /Queens Pde DA.

WD noted the only applications received were for various residential dwellings, for alterations & additions. Trish looked up Application Tracking on Council's website re: Barrenjoey Rd and advised there are a number of requirements to be met before the DA can be processed including: the condition of the tree on the footpath in Robertson Rd (there is also some discussion on the type of tree it is): secondly, Council require an amended traffic report, the waste storage does not comply, there is no Heritage report nor Flood management report. Submissions on the Beaconsfield /Queens Pde. DA have only recently closed.

NooalSt / Bardo Rd rezoning -update

NBC have lodged an appeal. Trish to forward an update.

Installation of Real Time Air Pollution Monitoring Equipment on Northern Beaches

The chairman invited Bill Thomson to present to the meeting his letter to Rob Stokes outlining the issues of not being able to monitor air quality in real time and make that information available to people who have health issues. A network of 'Purple Air 'monitors (or similar) would be an ideal solution They are inexpensive, easy to install & can be set up to send regular reports over the internet. We need it due to the impact of our narrow peninsular. Currently air pollution is monitored in Western Sydney. His letter was forwarded by Stokes to the Minister for Energy & Environment who had someone in his office reply on his behalf.

Bill asked the meeting if he could put forward a motion requesting the NRA write to Council or Stokes. The meeting discussed his motion and plan extensively & the majority agreed that the NRA support Bill. It was also agreed that Trish talk to the CEO & NBC Environmental department to gauge where they are before we send off a letter.

NBC Reference Group Updates

Lorrie has unfortunately had to step aside from her SRG group to concentrate on other projects. Peter Middleton is meeting on 20th February.

WD had a Transport & Traffic SRG. The focus of the meeting was the Draft Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan which essentially focuses on training all road users. WD passed around the Draft Plan. In addition the SRG was updated by Transport NSW (the RMS does not exist anymore) on the Northern Beaches Hospital Road. The Underpass is due to open March/April 2020 which will then allow more work to continue on the upper surfaces. The Mona Vale Road East project is due to be finished 2022. There have been unforeseen delays with extensive asbestos contamination in the bush.

A new Residents parking scheme for Manly, has been on exhibition & is now closed with the debate continuing over pricing.

Pittwater Community Alliance Update

The PCA wrote to Rob Stokes raising their concerns of the closure of the Mona Vale Police Station in it's current location and the Privatisation of the Northern Beaches Buses. Stokes replied noting the NSW Police Force is assessing their requirements and the current strategy is to maintain their presence for the long term. Regarding the buses, of the 15 bus contract regions in Sydney only 3 are serviced by State Transit including the northern beaches. Transport NSW is seeking expressions of interest from bus operators who may wish to manage the services of these 3 regions. All assets including buses & depots will remain with the Government. A prospective new operator would coordinate staff & service provision on behalf of Transport NSW. All routes, timetables, bus stops & Opal fares would continue to be owned by the government.

Youth Hub Update

No information currently available.

Newport Oval improvement update

Roger has continued working towards getting this upgrade started. He wrote to Council & the Councillors asking for support, including architect's impressions & an onsite appraisal by an experienced fence manufacturer. Cnr Ian White suggested waiting until the Council elections. A response from Council said that other sporting facilities needed upgrading before this one & the Cricket & Rugby clubs don't want fencing. The representative from Council suggested Roger comment on Council's Open Space & Recreation strategy. He also said he would meet Roger on site. Cnr McTaggart suggested it be put to Council now. It was therefore suggested someone ask McTaggart to put a motion to Council.

Increased off-leash dog numbers at south Newport Beach

A local resident has noticed an increase in off-leash dogs at the Southern end of Newport Beach. The information has been sent to Council. The rangers will continue to monitor the area.

Council Election September 2020

Noted

General Newport Maintenance Matters

Trish advised Eric Green plaque replaced and a new sign being made.

One of our members raised their concerns over increased traffic on Myola Rd and the speed of these vehicles. He suggested either a roundabout or traffic calming chicanes.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Check website

General Business:

WD asked Di Cook how the annual Newport Beach neighbours get-together went on 2nd Feb. Unfortunately the weather was inclement so not as many turned up as previously. It was still a good night.

Save Mona Vale Hospital

Enquiry report due at the end of the month. Once that has been published then Save Mona Vale Hospital will call their next meeting.

Council De- Amalgamations

Currently, the Minister for Local Government has progressed 2 de-amalgamation proposals to the next stage of assessment. One of the proposals is from residents of the former Tumbarumba Shire Council area to demerge from the Snowy Valleys Council and the other from residents of the former Gundagai Shire Council area to demerge from the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council. There has been no response from the Minister regarding Pittwater .

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 17th March 2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00