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Minutes of Meeting Held 18th July 2023 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Simon Barlow (apology) Sue Young,
Peter Middleton

President's Note

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston, NBC.

Apologies: Allison Cooper, NBC, Rowie Dillon, Newport Chamber of Commerce, John Colquhoun, Kyle Hill, Ray & Bronwyn Brooks, Dean Cormack, Simon Barlow.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 20th June 2023. Andrew Johnstone advised that regarding the shared pathway to Bilgola, it is subject to Council approval with completion expected late 2024. The minutes have been corrected to reflect these changes.

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: P. Hunstead

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/06/2023	\$1306.82
Add Receipts	\$45.00
Sub total	\$1351.82
Deduct Payments	\$147.60
Net Assets as @ 30/06 2023	\$1,204.22

Moved: P.Middleton

Seconded:S.Young

Payment was NBC room hire \$147.60

Members' Subs 2022-2023 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

GB noted email from Janet Hay who is concerned over the recent sale of Heron Cove Boatshed & Marina and the rumour that the new owner is planning to apply to double the length of the Marine arm. With the current systems in place it is very difficult to be aware of any DA's that may affect their property. She requested a copy of a flyer she has prepared, be posted on the Community Notice Board. This was discussed at length by the meeting and it was decided that it would not be appropriate to install the flyer as it is only hearsay & rumours at this time. The Committee will look into it and be mindful of any applications.

We were advised by Craig Boaden that the Avalon Customer Contact Centre was due to be closed. GB explained to the meeting Council's reasons for its closure. He has emailed our 3 Pittwater Councillors that the NRA supports the retention of the centre & that nothing should be done until at least the Avalon Place Plan & its improvements are completed. He noted in his email there are no other facilities beyond Mona Vale.

Items for Discussion:

Vaping Shops in Newport

Two shops that have recently opened in Newport are causing great concern due to them selling vaping equipment. Without the Government stepping in to ban the sale of nicotine vaping equipment it is difficult for us to do anything except get in touch with our State & Federal Parliamentary representatives to do something. Police can only act if a minor is involved. An article in Pittwater Online news Issue 589 detailed the issues. P Middleton recommended again to everyone, to read it & contact our local members.

Vehicles for sale on Barrenjoey Rd Newport

GB summarised the situation of cars for sale on Barrenjoey Rd Newport & Pittwater Rd, Long Reef where there have been some complaints & concerns from neighbours. Therefore Council is now looking for community feedback.

We are in favour of keeping Barrenjoey Rd as it is currently. You can have your say on the NBC website regarding Long Reef. Submissions close 23rd July.

Character Statements

Peter Middleton on behalf of the NRA made a submission to Council re: Draft Character Statements. He summarised his submission noting the character statements are integral to application of the NBC Master document "Towards 2040". Emanating from the Document is the Destination Management Plan "Destination Northern Beaches" adopted by Council on 28th September 2021.

This is the template on which our LGA is to be maintained, protected, developed & advanced as a sustainable tourism destination: "The Northern Beaches is an extraordinary destination offering world-class beach and bushland experiences, with vibrant villages that reflect our contemporary coastal lifestyle."

The individual natures of our suburbs are critical to defining the character of each suburb/village. This draft has been worthwhile to define topographical zones but this is not sufficient to be an effective working document for optimal future development of our individual suburbs.

The existing locality Character Statements can be adopted but they require updating, using additional information. There have been numerous areas where developers who choose not to address the character of our locale, push their demands through such gaps when they refer issues to the Land & Environment Court .

PM on behalf of the NRA suggested a small working group of NBC Planning & a couple of local professionals to tighten the content elements in the draft so we have a set of Character Statements that can be much more effectively applied in practice, that are specific & unequivocal.

Robertson Road Update

There are no updates at this time although there are many rumours which should probably be ignored. We continue to request Council to close off RR for certain events.

West Pittwater Tree Shade Proposal

We are waiting on Sam Treharne to provide his drawings.

Newport Citizenship Ceremony

Peter Middleton spoke at the June 27th Council meeting for the Citizenship Ceremony to be re-established at Newport on Australia Day. He summarised the comments made at the meeting by various Councillors that showed they are not aware of the significance to Newport residents of this event on Australia Day. WD read out the letter Gavin had received from Mayor Sue Heins confirming the motion was not successful.

The meeting agreed that the Glen St Theatre lacked the atmosphere of Newport Beach. It was also agreed that the ceremonies throughout the year could still be held at Belrose but there should be one at Newport on Australia Day. Possibly PCA could support us in trying to get this event returned to Newport.

Newport Planning Applications

WD updated the meeting on the various DA's received during the month. One in particular was for Unit 5C, 349 Barrenjoey Rd Newport for a new license on the premises. This is for the cafe, Queen Esther. It was agreed it would be good for Robinson Road. Other applications involved additions & alterations. One at 32 Prince Alfred Pde was for a strata subdivision of an existing dual occupancy. Glenn advised that Selena was looking into it. Another at 61 Cheryl Cres Newport was 1 lot into 2. John Colquhoun advised the DA for 36 Bardo Rd had been rejected by Council.

PCA Update

The 7 associations met with MP Rory Amon in May & reinforced a number of matters of concern. The PCA continues to look at common interests vs local interest and where we can support each other. The old LEP has been dismantled by the current LEP being developed, therefore existing precedents will then not be relevant.

Newport Chamber of Commerce Update

Next major event is 27th August - Beach to Beach. Further update of events for this year will be advised at the next meeting.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

No further update at this time. Still to be approved by Council. It is being prioritised. Anticipated completion late 2024.

General Newport Maintenance

Andrew Johnston advised there are 8 EV charging stations currently being installed and one of those is in Newport on The Boulevard virtually opposite the Community Centre. It will provide 15 minutes free charging.

A member brought attention to the increase in Graffiti around Newport & what can we do about it. Apparently the police are taking note & will take action when they have sufficient evidence.

Other NBC matters and General Business

Greg Ross asked if there was anything further being done to install 'No U turn ' signs on Barrenjoey Rd as previously discussed. Andrew Johnstone to follow up with Trish Chaney.

Peter Middleton asked if Council could re-establish the Beach Volley ball net at the northern end of Newport Beach. The net would be in storage having been taken down during the period of sand erosion.

Meeting Closed at 8.16 pm

Next Meeting: will be 15th August 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00p
NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family