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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 18th June 2019 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.04pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Apology (VP Kyle Hill acted as chair)

Kyle Hill

Apology

Apology (Peter Middleton deputised)

Sue Young, Glenn Moore

President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill, on behalf of the President, welcomed members and guests, including Allison Cooper (Place Co-ordinator for Pittwater) from NBC.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Lorrie Morgan, Di Cook, Bill Thomson, Pat Stewart, Barbara Kendall, Mike & Sarah Lawrence, Sue & Greg Ross

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 21st May 2019.

Moved: Ron Seldon

Seconded: Peter Middleton

Treasurer's Report:

PM read the May report supplied by the Treasurer:

Balance as @30/04/2019	1,320.83
Add Receipts	-
Sub total	1,320.83
Deduct Payments	145.00
Net assets as @ 31/05/2019	1,175.83

Current cash at bank is \$1,285.83 (not including any June EFTs)

Moved: John Harston

Seconded: Denis Dillon

The Treasurer's prior reminder that 2019/2020 membership fees are now due, was reiterated.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

- Allison Cooper (NBC) reported on the progress of community consultation on the **Newport Activation Plan**, as indicated under the Agenda item, below.

- Trish Cheney had responded to further query re state of southern **Change Rooms**, confirming that they were being regularly serviced but that this was under review, especially as some older amenities could be sound but not aesthetically pleasing.

- Email from NBC re **NB Coast Walk Public Art Strategy**. Noted, see Council website for details.

- Email from NBC re new **Grants Hub** applications facility plus confirmation that Wendy Dunnet has registered NRA for ongoing liaison.

- Email from NBC attaching link to **REF for Station Beach Off-leash Dog Trial**, for which submissions close 12 July. PM reported he had scanned through the REF, which seemed thorough but it identified numerous required mitigation measures, spread over 7 aspects. Cardno, which conducted the REF were proposing the trial proceed subject to those measures being put in place. Sue Young added, that with the onerous conditions, what would be the cost to police compliance?

Items for Discussion:

Northern Beaches Council's Newport Activation Plan

Allison Cooper updated the meeting, recapping on the Business community input to date plus a further workshop for 1 July. (In particular, some of the newer businesses were contributing new ideas.) All members are invited and encouraged to participate in the **Community Workshop, on 26 June** at the Community Centre.

NRA will promote the workshop to its database and display poster, to be supplied, on Community Noticeboard.

Selena Webber encouraged that the program include the Kalinya St retail area & environs.

Double Garbage Bin Costs

As advised at the previous meeting, NBC had responded to enquirers that 2 years fees would be refunded. Members reported that the refunds were awaited.

Pittwater Waterways Strategy

Further to his report to the previous meeting and his drafting of the subsequent NRA submission, Greg Ross led discussion on the density of the proposed increase in mooring numbers, the drawbacks of the self-policing aspect and the need for ongoing investigation and monitoring.

PM advised that NRA had agreed to our neighbouring BCPRA request to use the NRA submission as the basis for their own.

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues

PM referred to applications for 2 Lovering Plc, 183 B'joey Rd, 376 B'joey Rd and 111 Crescent Rd, none of which were felt to need NRA involvement.

He also identified 14 Gladstone St, which is the corner block at the SW corner of the oval. Indicated as a flood-prone area, the application is for demolition, construction of a dual occupancy and strata subdivision. NBC information showed considerable pre-consultation with Council, resulting in significant flood mitigation conditions and re-fronting the development as one residence to each street.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

WD had supplied a summary on the **Transport & Travel SRG** of 23rd May. Key areas covered were: the development of *NBC Road Safety Plan*, with particular emphasis on school-aged; reports by *Manager, Transport Network* on recently adopted *Walking Plan* and the *Draft Bike Plan*; upcoming change to LED street lighting; termination of the Manly area *Ride Plus* minibus service on 25 May.

PM reported on the **Economic & Smart Communities SRG** meeting of 29 May, including: significant debate on *Outdoor Dining Fees* across the NBC, including 80+% increases to Newport* charges in 18 months; constructive progress on the *Destination Management Plan* for NB; the various village *Activation Plans*; current demise of businesses in Freshwater retail strip; ongoing action in the *Smart Beaches* initiative.

*Suggestion from meeting of consideration of 'Winter rate reduction' due business' seasonal nature.

Pittwater Community Alliance update

No significant activity beyond the 29 April extensive *Planning* meeting and the May Federal election 'meet the candidates' session, both previously reported.

The NRA *Pittwater Waterways* submission had been circulated to all member associations, generating some wider participation.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use

NBC CEO response letter to summary of site history GB supplied previously. CEO noted: "Council will continue to keep this location in mind for any possible future opportunities that may occur."

Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd - update

No further updates.

Nooal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback and current position - update

No further updates.

76 Herbert Ave proposed subdivision – update

Meeting was advised the current subdivision application has been withdrawn and that a more definitive flood study of the zone will likely be required before any possible further proposal.

Seabins Project & support

It was suggested finding Archie (the local youth championing Seabins introduction) to assess any NRA involvement, might be facilitated by contacting Church Pt Marina.

Assisting with positive local Youth outcomes

NRA letter to Police Supt Dave Darcy supporting his public appeal was read to the meeting. This item will be kept active for ongoing input.

Newport Oval & Change Room Upgrade

Allison Cooper reported that the fencing quote obtained by Roger Johnson has been forwarded to the appropriate NBC staff for evaluation.

NRA involvement in Anzac day service, 2020+

2019-2020 Committee to follow-up to facilitate.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

(Refer to Council's website for details and further matters.)

- **Household Chemical Disposal:** MV Beach carpark, 22 & 23 June (*Paintback*, prior weekend at MV Mitre 10 was also mentioned as a collection to watch for.)
- **Warringah DCP (Adaptable Housing):** Submissions close 7 July
- **Station Beach proposed Dog Trial REF:** Submissions close 12 July
- (For MV Road Upgrade progress, see NSW Gov't website)

General Business:

Mona Vale Hospital – Announced that *Head of Nursing* had resigned earlier that week. SY advised that an NSW Upper House Enquiry into the NBH function would commence in August. She encouraged community submissions, once the Terms of Ref were given.

Microplastics Research – There was a query from the meeting re any NBC view on the high concentration of microplastics on Newport Beach, publicised in a recently released Sydney assessment study. SY commented that there had long been concern re leeching from the old tip (under current playing fields). It was suggested Angus Gordon may be able to illuminate on the subject.

Save Our Councils – SY reported that SOC President was analyzing financial performance of the merged councils; there is still no response from the State Gov't on the petition lodged; the new Minister for LG is to allow an extension to 2020/21 of the rate freeze; the deadline for **LSPSs** from councils is likely to be extended.

Community Garden – SW advised that the Woolcott St garden would have an Open Day on the coming weekend. She also advised that the ***Northern Beaches Permaculture Group*** had held a workshop earlier in June.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 16th July 2019 at the Newport Community Centre, immediately after the AGM which commences at 7.00pm.