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Minutes of Meeting Held 19th April 2022 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per Covid19 attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore - apology

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Simon Barlow

Sue Young - apology

President's Note

Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guest Allison Cooper from NBC.

Apologies: Sue & Tony Young, Glenn Moore, Ron Seldon, Trish Chaney.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 15th March 2022.

Moved: G.Ross

Seconded: K.Hill

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/03/2022	2291.68
Add Receipts	
Sub total	2291.68
Deduct Payments	381.00
Net Assets as @ 31/03/2022	1910.68

Moved: K.Hill

Seconded: P. Middleton

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

MVRA (Mona Vale Residents Assoc) had asked in a general email, if Council's draft Housing Strategy had been given approval. The answer is Yes it has been approved and all principle issues accepted.

In response to questions raised with Councillors Amon & Korzy regarding the Shared pathway/Cycleway - Newport to the Serpentine, we received an email from Eva Havenstein, Executive Manager, Capital Projects. Her response was read to the meeting & in summary, construction cost estimates are being updated which will assist them in finalising the recommended approach to progress the project. A report is due to Council and hopefully we will see something finalised this year. We first supported this project in 2018.

There has been extensive community concern regarding access to the Newport pool and the landslides near the pool, meaning access is both difficult with all the exposed rocks and dangerous. Following NRA approaches to the council regarding these concerns Steven Lawler, Executive Manager Parks & Recreation, has responded with a detailed explanation regarding the situation. His response was read to the meeting. Mr Lawler noted Council has engaged an experienced consultant to undertake emergency geotechnical inspections of selected coastal headland sites & South Newport beach has been inspected. Staff will be receiving recommendations and any requirements for emergency works for Council to undertake. They will prioritise any actions for specific geotechnical hazards. It was noted that some sections are on private property and Council may need to work with those residents to address concerns in the longer term. Council have erected warning signs.

We received an update on Dearin Park from Council. The stainless steel bench seat & picnic table frames have been ordered & once they arrive, will be installed in the locations we agreed with Council. There is no forecast budget to undertake an overall upgrade at this stage but Council is able to prioritise the trees once the seat & table are installed. Then we can tidy up the vegetation.

Concept designs have been released for the new amenity building at Barrenjoey Headland. The designs can be downloaded from the project webpage at NPWS.

Robertson Road Update

Gavin Butler delivered a summary of a meeting held on 31st March 2022 with Council on Robertson Road. The meeting was attended by Gavin Butler, Simon Barlow & Selena Webber with Ray Brownlee, Michael Regan, Louise Kerr, Miranda Korzy and Michael Gencher & Rory Amon (via Zoom).

Discussions with other Land owners on the southern side of Robertson Road are continuing with Council expecting to receive initial plans/concepts of a possible amalgamation within 6-8 weeks (mid to late May 2022). We will be informed in due course.

GB acknowledged we are continually looking at where we go from here to create Robertson Road as the heart of Newport.

Council, unbeknown to us, initiated a meeting with the retailers in Robertson Road on Monday 4th April, to discuss how the construction will impact them. This meeting was premature as Council & the Developer have not agreed a Building Management plan including a construction timetable and details. The idea to have the meeting was a good one and some constructive suggestions were made to Council to help these retailers through the construction period, estimated to be 2 years. We were disappointed that Council did not give us the courtesy of advising us of the meeting as the construction is going to impact all of Newport.

Sue Young via email suggested we bring to Council's attention the letter containing the Notice of Determination with Conditions of Development Consent for DA 2020/1756 at 351 Robertson Road Newport dated 15th February 2022 is listed on Application Tracking under the date 17th November 2021. That makes this important document difficult to find on Application Tracking as it is out of sequence with the progress of the assessment. GB to write to Council highlighting this issue.

Newport Planning Applications

DA2021/2173 for the Newport Surf Club building is now available for any additional comment prior to determination. This DA does not require public exhibition as it was on exhibition prior to Christmas and submissions have been made. A submission can still be sent to Council by the 2nd week of May 2022.

Pittwater Ward Councillors' Community Meeting

The first meeting was held at the Newport Community Centre last month on 24th March and was well attended. Both Peter Middleton and Gavin Butler attended and noted it was an excellent forum for discussing community concerns with our Councillors. Anyone can attend, but they must pre-register on the Council website. Next meeting will be 28th April at the Avalon Annexe. The following month will be in Terry Hills. The Community meeting is on the 4th Thursday of the month after the NBC meeting.

PCA update

PCA have sent out an invitation to all Mackellar Candidates standing for election, to address a public meeting which is being held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at the Newport Community Centre, Main Hall between 6.45pm to 9.00pm. Included in the invitation was a list of questions that each candidate is asked to answer.

The PCA steering committee is meeting with R. Stokes on Friday 29th April to discuss /request Rob Stokes to:

- 1, Lobby to ensure that Character statements will be in the new LEP.
- 2, That LEP proposed amendments to make re-zoning simpler looks like a proposal to make life easier for the major developers?
- 3, Review of clause 4.6 of the Standard instrument LEP - varying Development standards. Explanation of intended effect - refer to the LGNSW submission on the matter
- 4, Other matters

GB noted to the meeting that some recommendations have already been overturned by the new Planning Minister.

NBC Reference group update

WD summarised her Transport & Travel SRG meeting on the 24th March 2022 (held via zoom). Again, unfortunately the meeting did not have a quorum. The SRG especially needs a representative from Transport NSW. Council staff updated those in attendance on the Safer Schools program, (funded by the Federal & State Governments & implemented by Council) Place plans for Mona Vale & Manly, and a B-line from Dee Why to Chatswood. Electric bikes have had an enormous increase in sales during this last year.

Other papers being prepared by Council include a Parking plan & Freight plan. Council currently conducting a parking audit across the NBC.

Marina Safety & Houseboats on Pittwater

Greg Ross spoke to the meeting of his concerns regarding the proliferation of Houseboats on Pittwater. In particular, a 2 story houseboat hooked to a pontoon. He put forward the suggestion that they should have to submit a DA to build on a pontoon. Greg explained there is precedent to require a DA and used as an example, Packer's helipad on a fixed pontoon.

Greg to follow up with a proposal. Rules should be the same for either a houseboat or a boat on a marina lease.

A submission to council and Rob Stokes re the House Boats issue had been sent from BCPRA (Bayview & Church Point Residents Assn) and Gavin Butler advised we are one of 5 Pittwater Residents' Associations supporting BCPRA on this matter.

Newport Activation Group

No update at this time.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

Pot holes are still a big problem on our roads. Contact the RMS online to report any holes you see. The Newport to Bilgola path needs to be repaired and upgraded. WD to contact Council.

NBC Matters & Projects Open for Comment

Trish Chaney noted via email, the Community Safety Advisory Committee are looking for nominations for community members to represent a broad range of community views. Nominations close 6th May. This Committee implements the community Safety Plan.

General Business

Anzac Day, Gavin Butler & Kyle Hill both plan to attend the dawn service in Trafalga park and lay a wreath on behalf of the NRA.

Greg Ross raised the issue of groups of people during low tide, quite often on a Sunday, collecting shellfish & molluscs in large quantities at the Southern end of Newport Beach. This is extremely damaging to our sea life & the environment. He recommends Council put up a sign in English & Chinese to explain this is illegal. If anyone sees this happening, then please call the Fisheries Hotline and they will get on to it. K.Hill to follow up.

Meeting Closed at 8.33pm

Next Meeting: will be 17th May 2022 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm