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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 19th June 2018 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.01pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and special guests: Dr Richard West from PBWBA. Lynne Czinner(ex Councillor), Nicola Pellegrini, Northern Beaches Hospital Project Team, Frank Bazik, General Manager, Northern Beaches Health Service & Dr Andy Ratchford, Director of Emergency Medicine Mona Vale Hospital.

Apologies: Selena Webber, Glenn Moore, Di Cook, Kyle Hill, Janet Hay, Bob Grace, Jonathon Waye

Special Presentation Northern Beaches Hospital, Manly & Mona Vale Hospitals

Nicola Pellegrini announced the new Northern Beaches Hospital (which is a level 5 facility - Royal North Shore is a level 6) would be opening on 30th October 2018. They are currently going through the defects then there will be a commissioning period. We will be able to have a tour in September. The Hospital is 9 stories & has a helipad for emergencies.

The Ground floor will include the 50 bed Emergency Dept, a Medical Centre, Day Surgery, Oncology, Theatres, Radiography as well as a gift shop & cafe. It is a 4 star Green Star building and has room to build up & extend in the future. There will be green spaces planted with local natives and a car park for 1400 cars. Level 2 will be Paediatrics, Level 3, Mental Health, 4,5,6 will be patient rooms and then Specialist Consulting rooms. All the food will be prepared on site.

The Hospital will cater for everyone - Public & Private patients (60/40%). There will be a total of 488 beds. If you are admitted via the Emergency Dept. you will be a Public patient. Once you are assessed you can then choose to stay as a public patient or be admitted as a Private patient.

Frank Bazik then explained that Manly Hospital will close on 30th October & all services will be transferred to the Northern Beaches Hospital. Mona Vale will have aged care & rehabilitation facilities as well as the current Hydrotherapy pool. In addition a 10 bed inpatient palliative care unit and a 10 bed geriatric evaluation & management unit will be on site. He explained that the Northern beaches is a network of facilities that are designed to communicate & work together, complementing each other.

Dr. Andy Ratchford explained that the emergency dept. at Mona Vale will now be at the Northern Beaches Hospital. Mona Vale will have an Urgent Care Centre (UCC) open 24hrs which will bridge the gap between a GP service & emergency. It will be manned by fully trained Drs & Nurses. The UCC will offer a walk in service treating minor medical conditions & will have x-ray & pathology facilities as well as a pharmacy.

These changes to Mona Vale generated a number of questions and lengthy discussion especially over concerns of getting to the Northern Beaches Hospital in a timely manner considering the current traffic congestion. For example getting an ambulance now to Palm Beach & then back to Frenchs Forest. Many members were most concerned. In concluding it was thought that the Ambulance Centres at Narrabeen & Avalon needed to be expanded & improved and an Ambulance Centre should be provided at Mona Vale along with a helipad. It was suggested we ask a representative from NSW Ambulance to come to a meeting and explain their service. Frank Bazik said that in the event of some major surgeries - Heart, Stroke or Neurological, a patient will still go to Royal North Shore. They are looking at those facilities to be added in the future. If in doubt call 000.

Gavin Butler thanked the presenters for their time in attending our meeting & helping us better understand the changes taking place. He then continued with our monthly meeting

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 15th May 2018.

Moved: P.Middleton Seconded: G.Ross

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as at 01/05/2018	669.01
Add Receipts	0.00
Sub total	669.01
Deduct Payments	0.00
Net assets as at 31/05/2018	669.01

Moved: S.Young Seconded: G.Ross

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received emails from NBC acknowledging receipt of submissions on the Draft Code of Meeting Practice and the Northern Beaches Councils Delivery Program 2018, Operational Plan & Budget 2018/2019.

NBC is also seeking community views on what makes our town & village centres unique, vibrant & exciting. NBC in collaboration with Place Score is conducting a Town Centre Care Factor survey. They were in Newport last Saturday but they have an on line survey which can be filled in. It closes Sunday 24th June. One can make a submission via the Council website.

We were advised by NBC that it proposes to install 'No Parking 7.00am-10.00am Mon-Fri restrictions in Seaview Ave (Southbound) between Foamcrest Ave & Robertson Rd. It will be an extension of existing restrictions currently in place between Foamcrest Ave & Barrenjoey Rd.

An email received from a High School student was read out & GB will look into it further. She was requesting information on the B-Line.

Although not correspondence, WD advised the meeting of the closure of the Newport Post Office on Saturday mornings from 1st July. Avalon, Mona Vale & Narrabeen Post Offices will continue to trade on Saturday mornings.

There was no other correspondence.

Items for Discussion:

B-Line Bus extension to Newport, Roundabout proposal Update. REF update.

Gavin Butler opened the discussion on the B-Line by noting our submission in response to the NBC Draft Delivery Plan 2018/2021 which on Page 23, under the heading B-Line to Newport says 'Council will continue to advocate for the extension of the B-Line services to Newport to reduce congestion and provide more frequent and reliable bus services'.

Our submission clearly states 'We take issue with Council continuing to advocate for this extension and believe the B-Line should terminate at Mona Vale for the following reasons: Gavin went through all the reasons included in our submission. Refer our website for a full copy of the submission.

He then explained we have had a survey on-line which asked 2 questions:

Question 1 Would you like the B-Line extended to Newport? -11% said Yes, 82% said No & 7% were not sure.

Question 2 Are you in favour of a Roundabout at Neptune St?- 6% said Yes, 88% said No & 6% were not sure.

Our Email list now has over 250 addresses and we have set up a Facebook page under Newport Residents Association (whilst it is active it is still in the development stage).

The four communities north of Mona Vale have requested a meeting with Rob Stokes to make their position quite clear, that they do not want the B-Line north of Mona Vale. Gavin has also asked for Opal data but has been told that it is not possible to supply Opal data by postcode as Opal journeys are not distinguishable in this way.

PBWBA president Dr Richard West noted that a letter they received from Robert Miesegaes dismissed every suggestion they made for an improved bus service through to Palm Beach. It also stated 'TfNSW are committed to providing the best service the communities north of Mona Vale and we will continue to work with associations and local residents and businesses to understand how best we can achieve this'. In his response to the question raised by PBWBA 'What will happen to traffic congestion if the proposed Newport option at Barrenjoey Rd & Neptune Rd is approved? His response included 'The modelling results indicate that the predicted average delay & degree of service at the intersections are similar with & without the proposal & within appropriate parameters. The intersections would continue operate satisfactorily during all peak periods with relatively minor changes intersection performance. It is predicted that the proposed roundabout intersection would operate with a good level of service (Service A) during peak periods.' This modelling behind this statement was severely questioned by all at the meeting.

Greg Ross & Janet Hay have both received replies from R. Stokes in response to their letters on their concerns over the extension of the B-Line. Mr Stokes claims to understand their position and that he is continuing to convey all feedback he receives to Transport for NSW representatives. Rob also stated that it is also very important to reiterate that, to date, all that Transport for NSW has

done is commit to investigate and prepare a detailed proposal for community consultation. Also he said *'If a detailed proposal is presented by Transport for NSW which will have more negative impacts than positive impacts on Newport, I will not support it. However, at the moment there is not a detailed proposal on the table to either support or object to'*.

There was discussion over how we get to the broader community & in particular the younger members. Gavin introduced Jared Turlington who is planning to run at the next election as a Labor representative with a pro-Pittwater platform. It was suggested to pass on any comments to him. It was also suggested we get in touch with Peter Fitzsimmons and we should meet with our NBC ward councillors or speak at the Public Forum held at the beginning of the Council meeting so all Councillors are aware of our position.

Robert Orr & David Catchlove's proposal to have a rally sooner rather than later was discussed. Following much comment from the floor the general consensus was to adopt the NRA committee's recommendation that we wait until the release of the REF before determining what action is required. This position then led the meeting to a Resolution on the turnaround time after the REF is published, which had been notified to last only two weeks, and the meeting deemed strongly that this was not enough time for the community to respond.

The following Resolution was **RESOLVED** & adopted:

B-Line REF Resolution 19.06.2018

Resolved: That considering the more than EIGHT (8) months Transport for NSW is taking to issue a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) on the roundabout proposed for the B-Line at Neptune and Barrenjoey Rds Newport, fourteen (14) days for the community to understand the detail of the proposal and make submissions is grossly inadequate. We respectfully call for a sixty (60) day period as essential to obtain a realistic community response.

NBC Strategic Reference Group updates as applicable

To be reported on at the next meeting.

Forced Council Amalgamations - current state of play

Update at the next meeting

Foamcrest Ave Carpark

To be discussed at the next meeting

Newport Planning Applications

Gavin Butler alerted the meeting to the current situation at 62 Hillside Rd. Previous Subdivision applications had been knocked back twice by the Pittwater council but then it was recommended by the NBC planners and approved by the Independent Planning Panel. There is discussion with Council whether some of the money anticipated to be spent on the Pasadena project be allocated to look at this approval and what can be done.

Also the NRA had sent a letter to R Stokes on the decision by the Sydney North Planning Panel to support a change in zoning from E4 to R2 on a development at 2-4 Nooal St & 66 Bardo Rd. The letter was read out to the meeting.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Follow up at the next meeting

General Business:

There were no urgent items of general business

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Next Meeting will be the AGM to be held Tuesday 17th July 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.