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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 19th March 2019 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.06 pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

(As per attendance sheet)

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Bill Thomson (apology)

Wendy Dunnet

Glenn Moore, Sue Young, Peter Middleton

President's welcome to all present:

The President welcomed members and special guest Trish Chaney, Community Liaison Coordinator Northern Beaches Council. He thanked Duncan Howley for meeting with the Committee earlier & discussing the Draft Newport Flood study.

Apologies: Dick England, Di Cook, Bill Thomson, Kyle Hill, Lorrie Morgan

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 19th February 2019.

Moved: Greg Ross

Seconded: Sue Ross

Treasurer's Report:

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| Balance as at 01/02/2019 | 1,585.51 |
| Add Receipts | 50.00 |
| Sub total | 1,635.51 |
| Deduct Payments | 130.00 |
| Net Assets as at 28/02/2019 | 1,505.51 |

Moved: Peter Middleton

Seconded: Greg Ross

Receipts : Donation Anne Mitchell

Payments: PO Box

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received a response from NBC regarding the Creative Art Space North, Project. It was resolved at a Council meeting on 26th February 2019 to refurbish the Avalon Golf Club House lower ground floor to include artist's studios & teaching space and to repurpose the Mona Vale Civic Centre into a creative arts space, including exhibition, artist studios & teaching space. Lorrie Morgan had written to the Mayor noting we were to be allocated \$1million from the Merger Savings Fund to create an arts facility in either Newport or Avalon. No one is against the Mona Vale project but this money was allocated to be spent providing an expanded facility in either Newport or Avalon. The Golf Club House renovation does not include exhibition space & is therefore seen as a compromise with funds going to Mona Vale.

We received an email from The Palm Beach Protection Group re: Station Beach off leash dog trial. They presented a very valid submission against the trial. GB spoke to their representative, Richard Kovacs & noted our submission. WD followed up with a phone call to a representative from Newgate Communications who are working with The Palm Beach Protection Group.

Letter sent to Ray Brownlee thanking him for instigating the Myola Rd footpath between The Boulevard & Ross St which is now completed except for a small section (near no.22 Myola Rd) which is covered with a piece of carpet. GB also wrote to Rob Stokes urgently requesting a Footpath for Prince Alfred Pde Newport from number 4 through to number 46 effectively connecting to the RMYC, on both the western & eastern sides. In response Rob Stokes advised that a new footpath is included in the Council's Draft Walking Plan. A link to Hudson Pde. Was also requested however council have indicated via the letter to Rob Stokes that this request would be a long way off.

Correspondence from the Newport Community Centre noted incidences of graffiti & other acts of vandalism. We are asked to contact police if we see anything suspicious & accompany each other to our vehicles.

We received a newsletter from Friends of Currawong giving an update on the area & offering free membership. GB to put on website.

Address by Trish Chaney Community Liaison Coordinator NBC

GB introduced Trish who explained her role at NBC. She was a senior corporate planner in Council with 5 years experience at Warringah and commenced her new position in November 2018. She will work with the chairperson of each of the community groups from Palm Beach to Manly and out to Ingleside & French's Forest, helping them liaise with Council. She will also tell us what Council is doing. They are working towards a consistent plan including maintenance of Parks & Reserves, vehicle Parking, Trailer & Boat parking and general management. The problem with Boat & trailer parking is the number that are registered outside of the Northern Beaches therefore they are looking to specific Resident stickers and dedicated areas. Employment of Rangers is critical & they are trying to employ more Rangers. It was discussed how effective 'Vehicle only Parking' signs are but they are being vandalised. David Catchlove expressed his disappointment that NBC hasn't supported the Save Mona Vale Hospital people in getting an Emergency Dep't at the Hospital. WD to forward to Trish our Housekeeping matters for her to assist in following up.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Flood Study

Duncan Howley from NBC gave a summary of the Draft Flood study to the committee prior to the meeting. One on one sessions have been well attended. There are 2 more sessions - Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd but you must make a booking to attend. If you are concerned about your property then it would be wise to attend a session or contact Duncan. Submissions close 9th April. Each area is reviewed, updated and an on-site inspection check made per submission before a final report

goes to Council for adoption. Included in the final report will be flood mitigation recommendations. (Council already has a 'critical list' whereby at the approach of expected major storms crews are sent out to these sites to ensure they are clear). An additional 500 properties are affected since the last study although some properties are now low risk whereas before they were high risk. Complying developments can be a problem on flood prone land. Should a parcel of land be noted that it is flood prone any future planning application will have reference to this current flood study to determine the appropriate ground levels.

Mona Vale Hospital / new NBH

Sue Young reported on the rally held Saturday 16th March at Mona Vale park. She believed it was an outstanding success with participants asking for a level 3 Hospital at Mona Vale. She discussed their concerns with expressions of interest for future development on the site. The group is planning to attend polling booths to persuade voters to vote against the Government.

CoolHand factory

Peter Middleton talked about local group, The CoolHand factory and suggested they be invited to come to a meeting and tell us all about their initiatives. They provide professional & community based clubs with the tools to expand & grow their network. It was agreed that was a good idea.

Pittwater Community Alliance update

The PCA organised a public meeting to 'meet the Pittwater candidates' on 11th March at Warriewood. It was chaired by Craig Boaden. The evening was well attended. PCA will aim to do the same again prior to the Federal election.

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues including new NBC LEP

WD noted there were no significant planning applications that we are aware of. GB to liaise with Trish so we get notifications in a timely manner so we can respond. GB raised the issue of the Local Strategic Planning Statement workshops and his concerns of a new NBC LEP. Workshops did not seem to be available to members of the community groups to attend. He asked Trish to follow up on this.

NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates

GB explained to Trish that we have 3 members of the NRA represented on 3 of the SRG's but when we've needed to have a replacement (as per Glenn Moore filling in for Wendy on the Traffic & Transport SRG he can only attend as an observer ie: he cannot speak or contribute). She said Ray Brownlee had discussed this with her before Christmas & there were inconsistencies between the different SRG groups and their charters. WD noted that again at a Traffic & Transport SRG Glenn attended in February, he once again could only attend as an observer. GB made the point that there are no community groups represented if a substitute cannot contribute. Trish confirmed that there is nothing that is confidential. All minutes for the SRGs are available on the NBC website. GB & WD to follow up with Trish.

Bungan Head Reserve Walking Track

GB to communicate with Trish on the background of the Bungan Head Track with a summary of the issues.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use

Trish is aware of the car park having looked at it with Patsy & Lorrie. We will liaise with Trish further on this.

Forced Council Amalgamation update

Sue Young updated the meeting by encapsulating the situation vis a vis the State election. Sue noted that both the Greens & Labor candidates supported a plebiscite. A petition from the Council area needed to be 10% of the local population and a referendum needed 51% to be approved.

Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd

GB noted he questioned the candidates at the PCA meeting, asking will they help. Only Rob Stokes committed to helping purchase 62 Hillside Rd but only if he is re-elected and in Government.

Noal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback and current position

GB to follow up email received 10th January.

Seabins Project & support

Following from the last meeting, Glenn Moore advised that there is a young man from Avalon that is crowd funding to have 20 Seabins placed around Pittwater. It was discussed that this would be good for local Newport Marinas to be involved & decided that the NRA should ask the Marinas to support this initiative as well as asking Pittwater Community Alliance to talk to the Marinas in their locations. Glenn to contact Archie to come to a meeting and present to us. A short video is available to show the merits of the proposal cruiseweekly.com.au/videos

Newport Oval & Change Room Upgrade

Trish aware of the Oval & all agreed how good it would be to get a white picket fence in between the oval & Barrenjoey Rd. All concerned with the safety of the kids playing there & a ball coming across the road. The facilities need demolishing & upgrading. Recent work on the drainage was excellent. Hopefully NBC can get it into the budget for the work to be done.

Clearways & Future Improvements

GB read an email from Cr Kylie Ferguson in response to Glenn Moore's email requesting an update on providing extended Clearways in both directions on Barrenjoey Rd through to Bassett Street Mona Vale. Cr Ferguson explained that Barrenjoey Rd & Mona Vale Rd are both State roads & therefore the responsibility of the RMS. Council has previously requested they consider extensions to the existing Clearways at some of the suggested locations to reduce congestion & delays. The RMS has requested from Council support for changes in parking restrictions along both of these roads.

In respect of other changes to parking restrictions & Clearways, Council can only request that the RMS further review & consider our suggestions on Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale Rd & Barrenjoey Rd.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

NBC 'Have Your Say' notes Council is exhibiting Policy Reviews. Comments close 7th April 2019. Included is a draft Outdoor dining & Footpath merchandise policy. This does not include fees & charges. Also a Code of Meeting Practice (draft). Comments close 14th April 2019. Scotland Island group has raised the issue to Pittwater Community Alliance, on the use of Social Media.

General Business:

There was no further business.

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 16th April 2019 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.