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Minutes of Meeting Held 20th April 2021 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

Members present:	As per Covid19 attendance sheet
President	Gavin Butler
Vice-President	Kyle Hill(apology)
Treasurer	Glenn Moore
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Simon Barlow

President' Note

President welcomed members and special guests, Trish Chaney, Annie Laing and Claudia Brodtkd from NBC.

Apologies: Kyle Hill

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting held 16th March 2020.

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: D. Cook

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/03/2021	1676.13
Add Receipts	70.00
Sub total	1746.13
Deduct Payments	139.50
Net Assets as @ 31/03/2021	1606.63

Moved: D.Cook Seconded: P.Middleton

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

An email was received from Bill Thomson only a few days after our previous meeting with his comments regarding NBC's Local Housing Strategy & asking what the Residents Association position is on this matter.

GB read the letter to the meeting and summarised his reply to Bill. GB again acknowledged the presentation by David Poppleton & David Catchlove at the last meeting and all the work they have put in on this ongoing issue.

Items for Discussion:

351 Barrenjoey Rd (nth corner Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd)

GB summarised the current situation with a brief history of the site and the development of the Masterplan. Simon Barlow advised he has 834 people now on his Facebook page who are involved with this DA & the outcome for Robertson Rd. GB acknowledged & thanked him for the enormous work he is doing.

Both GB and Simon Barlow addressed the last Council meeting (23rd March 2021) which led to the Mayor deciding to table a Mayoral minute which was passed. It proposes Council aims to have representatives of all parties concerned with the development (s) of Robertson Rd, including property owners, the NRA & Council to discuss the best outcome. Ray Brownlee is currently working on this.

The meeting discussed options for Robertson Rd. W. Kitt had put forth a suggestion by email and this too was debated. Access for cars to any development and access for the Post office are major areas of concern. These need to be solved with the inclusion of a plaza area in Robertson Road.

Newport Planning Applications

DA2020/1172 at 54 Bardo Road Newport. Construction of Seniors housing. This DA is now subject to an appeal after it was refused by Council.

Classification 62 and 85 Hillside Rd

A report is expected to go the May Council meeting to decide the classification of these two sites.

Newport SLSC update & Youth Space Plans

Construction of the Youth space has commenced & depending on weather should be finished by the end of April, early May.

Fresh Produce Market

The Fresh Produce Market has been hindered by bad weather. Trish Chaney advised the meeting that Alison Cooper from NBC is working with the Market operator to help him to make the Market successful. WD offered some suggestions for NBC. Unfortunately there were only 2 operators the previous week and the market was closed the week before that. With winter coming it will be even more difficult to attract stallholders.

Local Housing Strategy

In summary, a Local Housing Strategy is required for the period 2016-2036 as part of the Greater Sydney Commission's Regional Plan for Sydney, The North District Plan and Council's LSPS. During the week prior to this meeting, Gavin Butler & Peter Middleton met with the Mayor and others to discuss the issues regarding the Local Housing Strategy. GB qualified with Trish Chaney who was

at the meeting that notes taken would be made available in due course. It will also be a subject at the next Council meeting.

As the State Government has resurrected the Ingleside project, the housing projections for 2036 now need to be revised. There should only be a need for an additional 275 houses. Council should limit density and Seniors developments although there will be some exemptions. An unknown factor is the number of 'Granny flats' and how many people are currently living in them. There have been 622 submissions to Council which will take time to process. The Council will include an FAQ section to answer the most common questions in the final document and Trish Chaney invited the NRA to advise of any FAQ questions they would like added. Pittwater, north of Mona Vale, should be exempt from the proposed housing strategy. It is not a Major Centre. It is a number of small coastal villages. Any development should be focused in & around the village proportionate to the size of the village & the surrounding restricted environment. We have enough zoned land to provide the housing we need.

Youth Crime in the Northern Beaches

The Pittwater Community Alliance propose to have a community meeting (thereby bringing in 12 community groups) with the new Superintendent. GB explained the NRA plans to have a meeting with Rob Stokes in regard to various issues including the Robertson Rd Masterplan, Nooal St ruling, and the need for a fully manned Mona Vale Police Station. In addition he will ask Rob Stokes to approach the Superintendent to come to a public meeting.

Newport Survey

Glenn Moore has set up our survey on Mail Chimp. It is now on the Save Robertson Rd Facebook page & the NRA website. He suggests we approach some of the other community groups including the Surf Club & the Chamber of Commerce to have a link to our survey. We need 500 responses and we currently have 150. We aim to have it completed by the end of May.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

Following on from an on-site meeting last year, Council has developed a draft landscape plan for Dearin Park (corner of Gladstone Rd and Kalinya St). The plan was distributed at the meeting and discussed. It was commented that the sea wall be more rustic than 'formal', we have a granite pathway to the water, and if possible some more seats. WD to contact Steve Lawler.

NBC has given notice it proposes to close a portion of Council's road reserve adjacent to 58 Herbert Ave. Upon closure the Council intends to sell the land to the adjoining landowner. GB approached residents in Herbert Ave he knows and there is no objection as the land is on a cliff face and it is being purchased to enable off-street parking to be built which is a good thing on the narrow Herbert Ave.

NBC Matters & Projects Open for Comment

Council has proposed a shared pathway/cycleway from Newport to the Serpentine (Stage 1) The newly formed Bilgola Beach Residents Association met with us to request our support of their concerns about this first section to the Serpentine. GB has written to Andrew Camarash (who gave us a very good presentation of the proposed pathway at our November meeting) noting that Council has deferred their decision on Stage 2 through Bilgola Beach.

One of the major concerns of the BBRA was the spilling of the users onto the start of the Serpentine shared roadway from the Newport section. GB has made the suggestion to Andrew that the shared pathway should be extended from the end of the Newport section alongside the eastern side of the Serpentine down to the carpark at Bilgola Beach (similar to how the first section follows the inside of Barrenjoey Rd). We hope Council will consider this as it gives a safe passage all the way from Newport to the Bilgola Beach carpark and overcome the concerns raised to us by BBRA.

General Business:

GB advised the meeting that he would be attending the Dawn Service on ANZAC day at Trafalgar Park at 5.30am with a wreath from the Newport Residents Association. He also noted AN-ZAC day celebrations will be held at the Newport Bowling Club from midday.

One of our members again discussed what a great job the clean-up people did on the beach (28th February) and that possibly they might do it on a regular basis. GB to contact the organisers to find out how often it is planned etc.

Following an article in one of the local papers the subject of Flood Proofing the Wakehurst Parkway was discussed and agreed how important it is to have the Parkway upgraded. The State Government has allocated funds. GB to add to his list for discussion with Rob Stokes.

G.Ross talked to the meeting about the proliferation of Indian Myna birds and the need to destroy their nests to stop them breeding. We need an eradication program. He will put a letter together to go to the Council's Environmental Team.

Prior to COVID 19, Council had initiated the Newport Activation group with representatives from the community, the Chamber of Commerce and the NRA to create activities and a 'brand' for Newport. GM asked Trish Chaney if Alison is planning to start the workshops again? Also sooner is better than later as we have already lost time through COVID. Trish to advise.

In late April/early May NBC will be giving a budget briefing to the community which is when the public can comment & make suggestions. Any ideas for projects to be included should be advised as soon as possible.

The Water board is due to start work on the water mains in Attunga St. in May. This is due to the major breakage of the water main on Australia Day which created massive flooding and no water to most of the northern area of Newport.

Meeting Closed at 8.12pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 18th May 2021 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm