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Minutes of Meeting

Held 20th June 2023 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.03pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology) K Hill deputised

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore (apology)

Wendy Dunnet (apology) P Middleton deputised

Simon Barlow (apology) Sue Young (apology),

Peter Middleton

President's Note

VP Kyle Hill welcomed members and guests. He noted that the Agenda needed correction to the previous meeting being held on 16th May, not as shown.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Glenn Moore, Sue & Tony Young, Simon Barlow, Sue & Greg Ross, Robert Orr

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 16th May 2023

Moved: J. Colquhoun

Seconded: P. Hunstead

Treasurer's Report:

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| Balance as @ 1/5/2023 | \$1306.82 |
| Add Receipts | \$0.00 |
| Sub total | \$1306.82 |
| Deduct Payments | \$0.00 |
| Net assets as at 31/5/2023 | \$1306.82 |

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: P. Middleton

Members' Subs 2023-2024 Due & payable, 1st July. (\$20 per person or \$25 per family)

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

NBC Updates (Allison Cooper advised on the following):

355 Barrenjoey Rd damaged shops: NBC and CoC combined to produce and erect (4.00pm today) an artistic decal on the site safety hoarding. This now covers the graffiti, which had begun to accumulate. A rebuild is anticipated to take 12 months.

Newport 'Place Score' face-to-face survey: NBC had advised NRA of a street survey scheduled for 10 June. Allison expanded this would update on changes since a similar 2018 survey, indicating returns on Council's investment in the village. More than the required sample of responses were completed. A report is due to NBC on 29 June. Similar surveys will likely be rolled out to other villages.

Newport C of C update: (Rowie Dillon advised of the following):

- Reiterated planned **events** (as per May) adding: 27 August evolving to a "Finish Festival" in Bert Payne Park, in cooperation with SLSC at the finish to beaches run; 4 November "Summer Celebration" which may include Robertson Rd closure; CoC meeting this Friday, including MP Rory Amon, to intensify lobbying for State gov't support to enliven Newport business; R Dillon's commerce efforts recently acknowledged by R Amon in Parliament session.

NBC's Andrew Johnston was welcomed by VP Kyle, in Andrew's recently confirmed role as *Community Liaison Coordinator*. Andrew commented on the NRA and Newport as an oft-quoted example of an actively involved community. KH asked that Andrew pass to Trish Chaney the NRA's thanks for her prior service to us in this role and our very best wishes in her new role.

Letter from R Amon to NRA president Gavin Butler to attend Rory's **maiden speech to Parliament**. Gavin had expressed the NRA's honour in attending as our invited representative.

Email from NBC's Jeremy Smith, Manager Park Assets, inviting NRA Sec, Wendy Dunnet, to set up a meeting on her return to sound out re ideas for Newport which fall into his domain.

Increase to 2 Vapes Shops at main Newport Busstop

Peter Middleton had written a personal email of concern to relevant Councillors and State and Federal MPs, regarding the imminent opening of a 2nd such shop at the main stop for homecoming school children. G. Butler had requested that this also be endorsed as an NRA communication and copied to *Pittwater Life* and *Pittwater Online News*. Responses of support for our concern were received from CoC, both MPs and local Councillors (with particular mention of Cr Gencher and the action he had already taken with a similar, earlier situation at Mona Vale).

ADDENDUM: Subsequent to the meeting extensive coverage was given to the matter, including much of the NRA submission, in June 25 issue 589 of *Pittwater online News* under the heading:

[Residents Call For Immediate Ban On E-Cigarette Shops In Areas Where Teenagers 'Hang Out'](#)

Items for Discussion:

Draft Northern Beaches Local Character Statements

NRA had received communication from NBC, with draft Area Statements, for feedback by 26 June from community groups, prior to NBC completing their draft for general circulation and comment. NBC's A Johnston stressed the desirability of this community representative feedback, prior to the finalizing of the draft, which will ultimately be negotiated between NBC and NSW Dept of Planning. NRA will make a submission stressing the need for greater detail than the circulated samples.

Robertson Rd Update

Mention was made of a new 'Bad Boys' kebab shop recently opened on the site of the former Angan Curry House. A food outlet which is open till late is considered a welcome addition.

West Newport Street Parking Tree Proposal

K Hill followed up with Sam Treharne, who spoke at the May meeting re his proposal. We are awaiting Sam's flyer draft (with QR code) before a wider community circulation of the proposal can be made. Penny Hunstead reiterated her earlier support for the prop, adding suggested species for consideration. She and Kyle agreed considerable thought would need to go into matters, including planting substrate, canopy plan, leaf litter, etc before it would be sufficiently developed to present to NBC.

Newport Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony revitalization

R Amon had formally raised this at his final meeting as a Councillor. A Johnston confirmed it would be on the Agenda for the June Council Meeting. NRA will endeavour to register to speak to the item.

Newport Planning Applications

Only one Newport DA had been found: for a secondary dwelling at 8 Wallumatta Rd. The ongoing, unsolved problem was reiterated: that there is no simple way for a member of the public to access info on recent DA's lodged unless you already know the address or Application number. Further work needs to be done by NBC to facilitate this reasonable community-important information.

Conservation Zones update

Nothing further to report since last meeting.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

NBC officers invited our Committee to meet for a Coastal Walk update on 1 June, where the proposal to proceed with the Newport-to-Serpentine section was detailed and with which the NRA concurred. A Johnston further advised that this c\$5million section would now go to tender, with completion expected 2024.

PCA Update

7 association representatives of the PCA, had an inaugural briefing meeting with MP Rory Amon at his electoral office on 19 May. After congratulating him, the meeting reinforced Pittwater community stances on a number of matters, including: Barrenjoey headland; Conservation Zones (further work required); Character Statements (echoed in the NRA submission); Avalon traffic; completion of Mona Vale Rd (including pollution problems from run-off); Pittwater Waterways study; PEP11; review of fees and charges for commercial use of parks and other government lands.

Other NBC matters and General Business

Footpaths for Prince Alfred Pde: Glenn Moore had conveyed the answer he had received from Rory Amon (in his prior Councillor role) which boiled down to there being a total lack of funding for a footpath in the dangerous area between the two yacht clubs. He and other PA Pde residents were pursuing this with further submissions and he requested further support from NRA. To be discussed further.

SLSC DA progress: The report referred to at our May meeting, from the second Sydney North Planning Panel, was still awaited.

2023/2024 Membership Subscriptions: A comment from the floor expressed surprise at the low subscription amount. It is not intended to raise it for the current renewal, as there were no specific matters in train which might be expected to require additional NRA funding. There was a request for *NRA to recirculate Direct Credit information*, especially as cheque payments were declining rapidly.

Meeting Closed at 8.29pm

Next Meeting: will be 18th July 2023 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm

NRA annual membership renewal falls due end June: \$20 per person or \$25 per family