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Minutes of Meeting Held 20th October 2020 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

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

President's note:

Kyle Hill as acting President welcomed members and special guests, Trish Chaney, Annie Laing and Alison Cooper from NBC. As there was no quorum for an ordinary meeting an informal meeting was formed and these minutes represent the members present.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Glenn Moore, Greg & Sue Ross, Sue & Tony Young

Tribute to the passing of past president Robert Dunn Kyle Hill acknowledged the contribution Robert Dunn gave to the Newport community. Members shared their recollections. A moments' silence was held to recognise and remember.

Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting held 15th September 2020

R. Seldon raised a query regarding a sentence in the minutes from the NBC reference group meeting. It was decided to change the wording and an amendment put up at the next meeting.

Moved: N/A

Seconded: N/A

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/09/2020	1,445.63
Add Receipts	120.00
Sub total	1565.63
Deduct Payments	46.50
Net assets as @30/09/2020	1519.13

Moved:D.Cook Seconded: P.Middleton

Note: Members Subs 2020-2021 Now Due & Payable

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Following on from our approach to NBC earlier in the year, regarding a pedestrian crossing at the corner of Bishop St & Gladstone Rd, we received an email from Ricky Kwok (Engineer - Traffic) asking for comments on a proposal to install a raised crossing at this location. Council have carried out further investigations including traffic & pedestrian counts. Council invites comments on this proposal. Please respond with Support or Non support & any other comments by 9th November to Council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. Once feedback is received, the matter will go to the NBC Local Traffic Committee. It was agreed by those present to support doing the crossing.

Both Gavin Butler & Glenn Moore have attended meetings on the proposed shared pathway to connect Newport to Avalon. Following those meetings, GB has written to Mr Phil Devon, Acting Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure, suggesting Council consider installing similar traffic calming measures along Prince Alfred Parade between the 2 clubs to eliminate the illegal parking, reduce speed & generate a few appropriately placed & spaced parking bays.

TransportNSW advised bus changes over the next few months including more weekly services, a 24/7 B-Line service & buses every 10 minutes between Dee Why & Chatswood. From December, changes will be made to the existing network increasing the frequency of services on key routes, with improved connections for customers travelling to the city or within the local area. For the first time the B-Line will offer overnight services every 30 minutes, 7days a week between Mona Vale & the CBD between midnight & 4am.

WD noted correspondence from Courtney Kovac from batyr regarding a Northern Beaches Mental Health Summit that was going 'live' from the International Convention Centre on Monday 19th October. The details were posted on our website for anyone who was interested.

Trish Chaney advised nominations are open for Council's Australia Day Awards 2021. Nominations close 9 November 2020. There are a number of categories including Citizen of the Year & Outstanding Community Service. See NBC website to nominate.

GB wrote to Mayor Michael Regan to say thanks & acknowledge Council for saving the eucalyptus tree in Robertson Rd & the proposal to close Robertson Rd once a month under the 'Beaches Eat, Play, Stay initiative. This cements the aims of the Newport Masterplan for activating the centre of Newport via Robertson Rd.

Correspondence was received from a member of the public regarding a DA in Foamcrest Ave at nos 85,87 & 89. Subsequent investigation shows submissions closed 03/08/2020 and it is being considered by Council. There was an attempt to have one of the properties heritage listed. NBC looked into this & put a condition on the property to have a full photographic record created prior to any demolition.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Village Masterplan and DA 351 Barrenjoey Rd (& Robertson Rd)

The DA for 351-355 Barrenjoey Rd has been withdrawn by Council staff as at 13/10/2020. Alison Cooper advised the meeting that a substantial redesign is required.

DA 2020/1042 - 349 Barrenjoey Rd (sth corner Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd)

Submissions for this DA close 30/10/2020. It was noted that Crawford Architects are doing both 351 & 349 Barrenjoey Rd developments

Newport Planning Applications

WD asked Annie Laing if the new app for planning was finished yet? Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Council staff are behind on their workload due to managing through the pandemic. New projects were put on hold. WD also asked for an update on the Rukus DA for the premises at the Newport Bowling Club. Alison advised they are working on it as quickly as possible. Unfortunately Rukus did not realise they needed a new DA.

Other DA's applied for during the month related mainly to residential alterations & additions.

Coast Walk - Shared pathway Newport to Avalon

Gavin Butler & Glenn Moore attended meetings on the shared pathway to Avalon. It was suggested Eva Havenstein, Executive Manager Capital Projects attend an NRA meeting to discuss the Coast Walk. Unfortunately she could not attend October's meeting but will attend the meeting on 17th November 2020. This will still allow time for comments before it goes to Council.

Parking Changes Newport

This month's Council Traffic Committee approved timed parking restrictions on Bardo Rd 8am-5pm Monday-Friday and Herbert Ave at the Wallumatta end.

They also approved the closing of Robertson Rd for the Streets For Shared Spaces Program.

There seems to be some confusion over how often Robertson Rd will be closed. We understood, from the Mayor, this would be one weekend a month but Alison clarified, the decision at the Traffic Committee meeting was only for one weekend in November. Robertson Rd will be closed off from Friday evening 13th November until Monday morning 16th.

NBC Newport Activation Plan

Alison advised the program for the November weekend. On Saturday morning there will be a fresh produce market. Pop-up liquor applications have been approved so there can be outdoor dining into the evening. Council will provide security & traffic control. Planter boxes will be installed.

Alison also said there is a sense of optimism in the village. Shops are being leased including Pinot & Picasso (from Manly) opening - a paint & sip experience. The Mirage hotel has re-opened with their 1st wedding post COVID. Although the Newport Activation meetings have not been held

Council has been communicating with businesses & the community. There are plans for Christmas to install 6 planter boxes either side of the pedestrian crossing (near Bakers Delight) which will be maintained by a Council contractor, plus flags & decorations (as per last year). A mural, similar to the one recently completed in Mona Vale is being considered for Newport. Possible location is the southern wall of Lucky & Pep's.

Also a one month trial of a fresh produce market every Wednesday, will commence Wednesday 28th October, in Bert Payne park. This idea was very positively received by the meeting.

Environmental Zones Review

GB and others have been involved with the NBC focus group meetings on the review of the Environmental Zones. We are concerned to ensure there is no reduction in the Pittwater E4 zoned areas or a change in the definition that might erode its current status.

Newport Survey

PM spoke to the meeting on the current situation. The Newport Chamber has conducted a survey amongst the businesses in Newport. Our survey is broader and will require interviewing of both locals & visitors to get their thoughts & opinions about Newport. PM to follow up with Glenn Moore & Michael P.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

PM 's SRG had an EGM. He will update at the next meeting after the minutes have been distributed.

General Newport Maintenance Matters

The beach remediation has commenced. WD asked when NBC will finish it and in particular the stairs & beach access from The Boulevard? The beach is currently being accessed via the grass to the south & that is now being eroded. A suggestion was made to look at the stair access near South Narrabeen Surf Club as a possible solution.

WD also requested an update on the Melaleuca Street stairs to Bungan Head Rd and work on Dearin Park. Both places have had maintenance work carried out and look great.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

There are a number of projects due for consideration by members - Better Together - Social Sustainability strategy 2041 closes 1st November, Draft Public Space Vision & Design Guidelines also due 1st November & the NBC Summer Action Plan. The Summer Action Plan was discussed following on from comments at the last meeting over congestion of people at the traffic lights, corner Barrenjoey Rd & Coles Pde. As the weather gets warmer & more people are going to the beach this problem will increase. WD (filling in for GB) to discuss at a Zoom meeting on Thursday 22nd October, with NBC & other Pittwater Resident group representatives. Sue Young provided a Submission on the Merger Performance Report prepared by Brian Halstead. Kyle Hill gave a summary of the report. GB & SY to follow up.

General Business:

John H raised the ongoing issue of Dogs on Newport beach, that despite signage noting that they are not permitted people are regularly taking their dogs onto the beach. The majority are unleashed and the owners are not controlling them. John requested more Ranger patrols. There was some discussion over the issue but while it is not permitted then the Rangers should be enforcing the regulation and more often.

The AGM will be held at the December meeting. Followed by Christmas drinks.

Members are reminded subs are now due for 2020-2021 year.

Meeting Closed at 8.40 pm

Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 17th November 2020 at Newport Community Centre at 7.00