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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 21st August 2018 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.07pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology)

Kyle Hill - Acting Chair

Bill Thomson

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young (apology),

Glenn Moore

Vice President's welcome to all present:

Kyle Hill acted as chair in the absence of President Gavin Butler and welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Sue Young, David Catchlove, Cathy & Ken Read, John Waye, Dick England, Sandy & Michael Haynes

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 17th July 2018.

Moved: Greg Ross Seconded: Lorrie Morgan

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/07/2018	1203.51
Add Receipts	630.00
Sub total	1833.51
Deduct Payments	36.00
Net Assets as at 31/07/2018	1797.51

Receipts : Member Dues 495.00

Donations 135.00

Payments: Website Host 36.00

Members Subs are now due.

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Seconded: Lorrie Morgan

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Previously we made a submission to support Flower Power Nursery with amendments to the definition of 'garden centres' by the State Government. We received notification these amendments have been made to the SI LEP .

Roger Johnston emailed an update regarding Newport Oval. He is still trying to get NBC to commit to a vision for the Oval. He also noted the increase in boats & trailers near Gretel Park since Council changed the signage in Bassett St West Mona Vale to Vehicle parking only. He suggests we ask NBC to take action to have Ross St & The Boulevarde similarly signposted.

The Northern Beaches Coast Walk, Special Interest Group, is having a meeting on 23rd August at Avalon. Bill Thomson said he would attend.

Cr Rory Amon has contacted Grant Tighe, the Acting Executive Manager, Transport & Civil Infrastructure, regarding Continuous Yellow lines, Horseshoe Cove, Newport. (from the kerb of Prince Alfred Pde from the Southern End to at least the RMYC). Mr Tighe's response noted the issue with vehicles crossing the centre line is caused by residents parking illegally on the unformed footpath area due to the misconception that they are allowed to. However, due to the increased hazard & risk, Council will provide some additional controls. There will be yellow continuous 'No Stopping' lines that will extend from the intersection of Mitala St & Irrubel Rd along Prince Alfred Pde. It is envisaged by NBC this will assist Rangers in the enforcement of possible parking breaches. He has also contacted the local police and asked them to look at driver behaviour in this area & conduct additional patrols.

We received an email regarding a new private bus service which we declined to support.

There was no other correspondence.

Items for Discussion:

Improving Bus Services to Newport

The Chair asked for suggestions from the members regarding an improved bus service from Newport. A lengthy discussion followed with some members being more concerned with getting home from the city while others were concerned with the morning commute.

One solution would be an Express bus that skips Narrabeen, Collaroy & Dee Why due to the large numbers of commuters getting on & off at these stops.

A consensus was reached with the need for additional Express (E88) buses which are the quickest way to get to the City - more needed during Peak hour and the L90 needs to be retained with more buses & increased to 3 per hour from 3pm - 9pm. Also the L90 & 199 must continue to service the Newport Loop & run to North Avalon or Palm Beach.

There were some concerns that the Keoride is unlikely to be financial without Govt subsidy but also there is the concern it is too expensive for some commuters. Currently a bus is \$4.60 to the city whether you take it from Newport or Mona Vale. If you take a 199 or L90 in Newport you can change onto a B1 at no extra cost whereas a Keoride is an extra \$3.20 (per adult fare).

We need to ensure there is a late night & weekend bus service that caters for us North of Mona Vale.

There were concerns over the lack of parking at the stations (Mona Vale & Narrabeen) & surrounding streets as everywhere is full by 730am.

A suggestion was made & supported by members to have the Clearways extended M-F 6am -7pm and weekends 9am-6pm as is now the situation on Warringah Rd. We also still have cars parked in front of the Mexican restaurant despite Cnr Kylie Ferguson advising this was to be changed to no stopping. The suggestion was made to start & finish the clearway from Bassett St. rather than Park St.

NBC Strategic Reference Group Updates

Lorrie reported she had a Community & Belonging SRG on 22nd August & would report at our next meeting. She also clarified that the Walk is now the 'Coast Walk' not the 'Sculpture Walk'. Macquarie University Art dept is looking at possibly having a local campus due to the number of people wanting to do art at the University. An Arts & Culture Centre is to be decided between Newport & Avalon.

Wendy Dunnet noted the Draft Transport Strategy will be delivered to Council at its 28th August meeting & will be on public exhibition until October.

Peter Middleton reported on the Economic & Smart Communities SRG. Council is looking at ways to engage with local businesses regarding the tendering processes of Council. One of its' guiding principles is Social Sustainability & Local Supplier Engagement. Councils generally are being encouraged to be 'smarter' & NBC is looking into what other Councils are doing in the Smart Communities space. This is done through Smart Communities Forum & FutureGov.

NBC is working with UTS which has developed TULIP (Technology for Urban Liveability Project). This is a collaboration between Govt, industry, research, civil society, communities & citizens to harness via the Internet of things to build better, more liveable cities. Further information can be found at <https://www.tulipnetwork.org/>

The 2 goals of the Smart Beaches Project are: Beach safety & Visitor Experience e.g. NBC has been involved in a trial using a drone to help save someone.

The SRG discussed the benefits of a University for the Northern Beaches. Council would be open to any kind of tertiary educational campus & would consider all options.

Further discussion involved what Council may do for Small Business Month in October - suggestions included presentations with expert presenters, Speed Dating style 'networking for local businesses & 1 event a week during the month, up & down the beaches.

NBC is developing a Destination Management Plan based on Manly's plan. It will be used to both market the area & apply for grants. This will assist Council in being recognised as a Regional Council.

Although Dick England was an apology, he forwarded a report regarding the Newport Floodplain Working Group which last met in December 2017. The next meeting will be scheduled as required. It is anticipated that meeting will be held after the Draft Final report for the Study has been prepared & reviewed by Council. The report is planned to be sent to the working Group Members at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting to allow members to read it and discuss at the next meeting.

Support for acquisition of 85-62 Hillside Rd & petition

A petition at [change.org](https://www.change.org) was set up by Pittwater Natural Heritage Association (PNHA) to save 85-62 Hillside Rd from being developed. In response to the petition signed by over 2000 people, Councillor's McTaggart & Amon requested an Extraordinary Meeting of Council on the 1st August 2018 to consider the purchase of the land by Council. It was unanimously agreed that Council would aim to save this land and therefore Council would write to both State & Federal Members to request assistance with funding this purchase.

Nooyal St / Bardo Rd rezoning position

We received a letter from Council dated 9th August noting the Planning Proposal for 2-4 Nooyal St & 66 Bardo Rd, was being referred to the Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel for advice. The Panel considered the Planning Proposal at its meeting on 1st August 2018 & supported the recommendations as detailed in the planning report by the Principal Planner, and that the Planning Proposal not proceed and the matter be referred to Council for their determination.

The proposal will then be forwarded to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination as required by the Sydney North Planning Panel.

Gavin subsequently wrote to Rob Stokes asking him to support the rejection of the Proposal.

Footpath Upgrades

Bill outlined the new footpaths that NBC are undertaking along Queens Pde East and Myola Rd. It seems it does not extend to Ross St. Bill has been in touch with Michelle Carter requesting NBC look at the footpath at Ross St & Myola Rd.

We have also asked Council to upgrade the steps from North Newport Beach to Bilgola.

Newport Planning Applications

Wendy read through the list of DA's that we are aware of. There are no major planning applications at this time.

NBC Matters & Projects open for comment

Refer to NBC website for 'Have Your Say'

General Business:

Sue Martin from Save Mona Vale Hospital contacted us asking for volunteers to help with a letterbox drop. Kyle to organise and liaise with Sue. Greg & Sue Ross, Kyle, Peter Middleton, Glenn Moore & Bill all volunteered. They are also asking for donations to help and they have a website: <https://www.facebook.com/SaveMonaValeHospital/>

There was some discussion over what is happening at Mona Vale Hospital e.g. the Rehabilitation Centre & Palliative Care unit as well as the re-location of the Helipad. It seems the main concern is the loss the Emergency department (& what that means) as well as what will remain & what will be demolished.

Sue Martin also noted that NBC are meeting on 28th August or to make a decision on General rubbish clean ups vs On-demand clean ups. It was suggested members make their thoughts known to one of our local councillors.

The meeting was also advised that a Boarding House with 49 rooms may possibly be developed in Dee Why. Nothing else is known at this time.

Warwick Kitt suggested a B-Line type service through Frenchs Forest.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 18th September 2018 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.