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Minutes of Meeting

Held 21st March 2023 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.08pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology)

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore (apology)

Wendy Dunnet

Simon Barlow, Sue Young,

Peter Middleton

President's Note

Kyle Hill as acting President, welcomed members and guests, Rowie Dillion from the Newport Chamber of Commerce, Trish Chaney from Northern Beaches Council & Guyren Smith, President, Newport Surf Club. Kyle gave the meeting an update on Gavin Butler after his skiing accident. Everyone wished him a speedy recovery & hoped he will be home soon.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, G. Moore, Sue Ross, Ray & Bronwyn Brooks, Allison Cooper from NBC.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 21st February 2023

Moved: S.Barlow

Seconded: R.Seldon

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 31/01/2023	\$1602.42
Add Receipts	\$0.00
Sub total	\$1602.42
Deduct Payments	\$148.00
Net assets as @ 28/02/2023	\$1454.42

Payment was Australia Post Mailbox \$148.00

Members' Subs 2022-2023 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

We received from Councillor Rory Amon, an update on Grandview Drive. Newport. There had been a number of issues and concerns raised by residents. Councillor Amon organised a survey & took the results back to Council staff. They are now undertaking consultation with residents on removing uphill speed humps & installing any appropriate & properly identifiable median strips for road safety. In addition, two speed cushions near 55 & 87 Grandview Drive are being reviewed. Also, Council is monitoring the speed cushions to determine the extent of them being slippery & what action can be taken. They are also looking at the overall pavement condition & scoping additional works to improve safety & drivability.

Email from Roger Johnston concerned, over the opening of a general goods shop in Newport selling tobacco & vapes. The shop is located opposite the bus stop which is well used by school children. The Newport Chamber of Commerce has investigated and it is all legal.

Glenn Moore contacted Council requesting Council to submit an EOI for the Stronger Communities Program for small projects. Our request was for bollards at both ends of Robertson Road with an alternate paving of the street to its current bitumen.

Appendum: Council responded to this request after the meeting closed, advising Council staff have looked at it, and there would not be sufficient funding for this project. The maximum grant amount was \$20,000 & Council estimates the project could cost in excess of \$50,000. Additionally, all projects must be completed by 31st December 2023 & given Council's consultation, tender & construction time frames this would be too narrow to meet.

Glenn also noted that North Curl Curl Community Centre, Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Mona Vale Village Green & the Peninsular carpark, Rialto Square, Manly, have received funding for local street art projects. Is there an opportunity for Newport?

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road Update

Simon Barlow reported to the meeting on Robertson Road. He & Glenn Moore met with the Federal Member, Dr Sophie Scamps to discuss the Post Office site & the possibility of it being re-located. He has also met with Stephen Pearse, Architect, who has very kindly offered to help draw up a Plan for RR which Council refused to help us with. Simon handed out a copy of the Concept drawings that Stephen has done. SB also noted discussions are taking place between other owners in the Robertson Road precinct to bring everyone together.

Newport Planning Applications

An application for a senior's development of 6 units at 36 Bardo Rd Newport (which has now closed for submissions) was discussed. John Colquhoun has put in submission. A group called Newport Today has posted a story about this development, on-line. We will monitor the progress of this DA.

We have been advised, the NSW L&EC Commissioner granted approval for the DA2021/2621, 27 Nullaburra Rd Newport with some conditions.

Conservation Zones - update

Following the public exhibition last year of the Conservation Zones Review & Technical Studies, Council received over 900 submissions. They have now issued a Consultation Report which summarises the key issues & Council's responses to this feedback.

Sue Young spoke to the meeting summarising how this has come about. The State Government wants one LEP for the Northern Beaches which includes zoning. Our main concern is that Council is supporting the NSW government to have us all under the same zoning criteria but Pittwater has the most Conservation Zones which have been recommended to be changed to an R2 residential zoning. This will have a huge impact on Pittwater as it will allow for more development. This is a major ongoing issue. Sue recommended reading the Summary on the Council website.

PCA Update

The PCA conducted a Public Information meeting on Wednesday 15th March at the Newport Community Centre to meet the Candidates for Pittwater Ward in the NSW State election. Approximately 200 people attended and discussion about the meeting was positive. All candidates were given equal opportunity to present and answer questions. The NRA is very appreciative of Stephen Todd who acted as MC for the evening. Members commented on the lack of people attending who were under 45years old.

Newport Chamber of Commerce Update

Rowie Dillon, President, of the Newport Chamber of Commerce noted the chamber had a members meeting mid February and propose 3 major events for the forthcoming year:
Car Show at the RMYC 28th May,
Beach to Beach 27th August
Newport Summer Celebration 4th November (including the Timber Boat festival.)
Each of these events may include a Robertson Rd closure.

This Easter, there is a Family Easter Trail event 8th-24th April between Newport & Avalon in conjunction with Council. Kids can scan a decal on participating stores and go in the draw for a large box of chocolates. The Chamber is signing up businesses to join in.

The Coastal Walk - Art Project time line has changed due to the State Election. Once the brief has been prepared, it will be shared with the Newport group to have their input. It will then go to an internal working group in Council prior to it going to the Councilors.

Rowie noted that to conduct the events & have a viable chamber we need businesses to sign up & become members. Subscription is \$100.00. All our members are encouraged to talk with the local businesses, including home based businesses, & get them to join. Both the Surf Club & Merivale are members.

Louise Kerr has been made interim CEO at Council with the departure of Ray Brownlee on 24th March.

Shared Pathway to Bilgola

There is no further update on the progress of the pathway. Trish Chaney assures us the funding is there. Council is still preparing details which will then go to the Councilors for approval.

Newport Surf Club

Kyle introduced Guyren Smith to the meeting. Guyren announced that Newport has won the Club State championship for the 9th year in a row. A fantastic achievement.

He then updated us on the current situation regarding the DA. The North Sydney Planning Panel was due to consider it, 22nd March. This has been cancelled but it does need to be heard by 5th April. If that does not happen, then it will go to the NSW L&EC. The main issue is a new concrete revetment wall which would replace the one built after the 1974 storm. The north - south footprint stays the same. The northern end of the building will be replaced.

General Newport Maintenance

The pedestrian crossing at Bishop & Gladstone Streets has now been completed & the road surface upgraded. Also, the footpath on Palm Rd has been built and is a great improvement. Many thanks to Phil Devon & his team at Council. The footpath in front of Coles has also been repaired.

Rowie Dillon & Allison Cooper have requested Council to maintain the gardens better around Newport Oval & Porters Reserve.

Other NBC matters and General Business

Greg Ross put it to last month's meeting a request (to Transport for NSW and NBC) to install No U turn signs at Trevor Rd & Queens Parade East. He is concerned there will be a major accident there. Trish to follow up with Phil Devon.

We have had two email communications concerning the Coles loading dock & truck movements. One email involves the use of Snap Send Solve Accessibility report. Trish Chaney will follow up on the report but advises that any incidents should be logged directly into Council's website. <https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/> This is because the other charges Council for the information.

There was further discussion regarding the Coles loading dock & it was agreed there needs to be more management by Coles & compliance to the DA conditions.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

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

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