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Minutes of Ordinary General Meeting Held 21st May 2019 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

Members present:	As per attendance sheet
President	Apology (Peter Middleton acted as chair)
Vice-President	Apology
Treasurer	Bill Thomson
Secretary:	Wendy Dunnet
Committee members:	Glenn Moore

President's welcome to all present:

Peter Middleton on behalf of the President & Vice President acted as chair and welcomed members and guests, including Trish Chaney (Community Liaison Coordinator), Nikki Griffith (Manager, Place & Economic Development) & Alison Cooper (Place Co-ordinator for Pittwater) from NBC.

Apologies:, Gavin Butler, Kyle Hill, Sue Ross, Sue Young

Approval of Minutes of previous Ordinary General Meeting held 16th April 2019.

Moved: Ron Seldon Seconded: Bill Thomson

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @31/03/2019	1,275.83
Add Receipts	45.00
Sub total	1,320.83
Deduct Payments	
Net assets as @ 30/04/2019	1,320.83

Moved: Greg Ross

Seconded: Di Cook

The Treasurer noted 2019/2020 membership fees are now due.

Northern Beaches Council Newport Activation Plan

Peter M welcomed Nikki Griffith, Alison Cooper and Trish Chaney to introduce to the meeting the Newport Activation Plan initiated by Council. Nikki summarized the objectives of the plan, which has

come about from the Place & Economic development team in conjunction with consultants, *People, Place & Partnership*.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide effective management of partnerships and activation of public space in various locations. NBC is currently focusing on Newport to provide feedback to Council to improve the vitality of our Village. This spans art, culture, events & activities, partnered with NBC, the Newport Chamber of Commerce, the Surf club, schools and other community groups or any alternate partner sourced by NBC.

They have already conducted a Retailers workshop. Initially an 8 point quick plan will be developed and discussed then a long-term plan.

The meeting embraced the concept and gave the team many suggestions for consideration. They were questioned on: budget (approx \$65,000 for the LGA); items missed in the implementation to date of the Masterplan, e.g. the laneways & arcades; and how Council planned to measure the success or otherwise of the plan. A return on investment matrix is being developed.

All members were encouraged to participate in the workshops as the Activation Plan represents a real opportunity for Newport.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

- We received advice from Trish Chaney following a number of **housekeeping issues** raised at the last meeting. All issues have been given a reference number from Council for action. Already there have been Rangers patrolling south Newport Beach and the cleaners have been to the change rooms. Trish can be contacted on ph 9942 2954 with any queries.

- As members of Council's SRG meetings, we were invited to attend a **Northern Beaches Industry Tourism Summit** held on Monday 20th May. PM attended and noted it was a very interesting meeting with excellent speakers. Insights from the Summit will be used by Council in their *Draft Destination Management Plan*, which will come back to the community for comment.

- Council organized a number of information sessions on the **NBC Delivery Program 2019-2023**. WD attended at Mona Vale. GB put in a submission requesting further information on the surplus, pre & post amalgamation.

- We received notification from the **Community Centre** of the fees & charges for 2019/2020. A minimal change has been made.

- GB wrote to the CEO with an additional submission on the **Newport Flood Study** due to concerns of a proposed subdivision at 76 Herbert Ave Newport. On behalf of a neighbour at 70 Herbert Ave who has noted a natural watercourse, GB has requested an officer visit the site to review the effect of stormwater. Photos were attached to the correspondence.

Items for Discussion:

Double Garbage Bin Costs with no 2nd service

One of our members, John Harsden, raised the issue of being charged for 2 garbage bins, which he did not have. It was only when the new bins were delivered and he received 2 that he found out he has been charged for many years. NBC has offered to refund him for the last 2 years. JH to forward a copy of his letter. Maybe other members have a similar problem.

Newport Planning Applications & other Planning issues

WD referred to applications at 87 Hillside Rd, 4 Irrubel Rd & 75 Myola Rd Newport, none of which necessitated involvement.

Herbert Ave: In addition to the above it was noted that 3 other neighbor's to this property did not receive notification of the subdivision submission. Other members also commented on seeing application notices but not receiving a written notice. This again raises the issue of NBC not following the process of advising relevant neighbor's of a DA/subdivision/rezoning nor publishing all submissions. Trish Chaney noted this and will follow up.

Pittwater Waterway Strategy

We received a copy from Glenn Moore of the *Pittwater User Group* Minutes of their meeting on 7th May, which noted the *Pittwater Waterway Strategy*. We all have major concerns over increases in the number of moorings on Pittwater. Greg Ross addressed the concerns, noting boats should be taken away if they are not on a surveyed mooring and if they don't comply with safety & seaworthy standards as well as being insured. He will draft a letter to Council for the NRA to submit.

NBC Reference Group updates as applicable

WD has a *Transport & Travel SRG* on 23rd May, PM has a *Economic & Smart Communities* meeting the following week. DE noted his group has delivered the *Draft Flood Study*.

Trish reported that they were looking at the Charters for the SRG's to allow a group's substitute to fully participate.

Pittwater Community Alliance update

PCA organized a Federal election 'meet the candidates' community session at Narrabeen on Thursday 9th May. It was well attended and appreciated by all. It was suggested that on future occasions that it be set up for Streaming the meeting and/or creating a Podcast for people who could not attend. Trish advised the meeting rooms at Council have these facilities therefore a room could be booked there for such a meeting.

A meeting between PCA members & NBC, represented by Director Planning & Place, Louise Kerr, Manager Strategic & Place Planning, Andrew Pigott & Trish Chaney took place on 29th April. Key points of discussion included the *LSPS*, *Character Statements*, *Place Plans/Master Plans*, The future of *Ingleside* and the chance of *spot rezoning*, *Complying Developments* and *Private Certifiers*. The meeting was very productive and will be followed by further consultation between NBC & PCA.

Foamcrest Ave Carpark future use

GB wrote to the CEO of NBC following their drive around last December. He reiterated the scenarios that an NRA sub-committee had put together which were itemized at the previous meeting. PM again summarized the main points to the meeting.

Support for Acquisition of 62 Hillside Rd

We understand negotiations are continuing.

Nooal St / Bardo Rd Rezoning setback and current position

Although opposed by NBC, local residents and NRA, the NSPP support has now pushed it to the gateway process. We are waiting on that outcome.

Seabins Project & support

Trish advised Council has been monitoring the Seabins with the view to supporting it depending on the results. Glenn advised he has not been able to contact Archie (the local youth championing Seabins introduction) to find out how the project is progressing.

Newport Oval & Change Room Upgrade

Roger Johnson advised discussions are ongoing and after the earlier discussion regarding the Newport Activation plan it was thought the Newport Oval should be included especially the erection of a fence for safety reasons. A quote for the fencing has been sent through to Council.

NBC Matters & Projects open for Comment

Refer to Council's website.

General Business:

WD noted Kyle Hill's suggestion to **support the Anzac Day service** in Newport next year with a wreath laid by the NRA along with other local community groups.

There was a Motion from the floor:

Motion: NRA provide for the laying of a wreath at the Newport Anzac Day Ceremony.

Moved: Jane Fitzpatrick Seconded: Di Cook Carried unanimously.

Many members commented on the wonderful service this year and congratulated the people who organized it.

Di Cook raised the article in the Daily Telegraph newspaper (front page) featuring Supt Dave Darcy pleading with **Parents to control their children**. There followed a lengthy discussion on the issue of groups of kids congregating in Newport & the consequent vandalism involved. Dick England suggested he talk with local schoolteacher friends & his grandchildren to gauge a better understanding of the motivation behind these activities.

It was unanimously agreed the **NRA would write to Superintendent Darcy** congratulating him on his action and asking 'what can we do to assist?'

It was noted if you see something or are concerned dial 000, to optimize police response.

Trish Chaney advised some trees in the **Foamcrest Ave carpark have been marked for either removal or pruning**. There is no other work being done at this time.

Meeting Closed at 9.02 pm

Next Meeting will be held Tuesday 18th June 2019 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.