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Minutes of Meeting Held 21st May 2024 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

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

President's Note:

Kyle Hill on behalf of Gavin Butler welcomed members and guest, Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Gavin Butler, Wendy Dunnet, Sue & Tony Young, Peter Middleton, Penny Hunstead and Simon Barlow.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 16th April 2024.

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: G. Moore

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/04/2024	\$843.97
Add Receipts	\$0
Sub total	\$843.97
Deduct Payments	\$276.00
Net assets as @ 30/04/2024	\$567.97

Payments

Wreath ANZAC Day – Wild Lotus \$120

NBC Hall Hire \$156.00

Moved: R. Seldon

Seconded: K.Hill

Members' Subs 2024-2025 Now due & payable. \$20 per person or \$25 per family

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Robertson Road Update

Kyle informed the meeting that at the last NBC Council Meeting a motion put by Cllr Gencher to Form a Working Group for Robertson Road on Matters and Review of Newport Masterplan was passed by all but one Councilors.

Simon Barlow (Save Robertson Road) hopes to be able to bring to a future meeting a proposal for Robertson Road for all to discuss.

Newport Bowling Club

Kyle informed the meeting that NRA had sent a letter to Campbell Pfeiffer (Executive Manager Transport & Civil Infrastructure) supporting one of the greens be upgraded from grass to a synthetic surface

Pittwater Waterways meeting update – Development at old Sirsi Marina

Kyle informed the meeting that NRA has requested a follow up from NBC about public access to Pittwater being maintained at the old Sirsi Marina.

Mona Vale West Upgrade

Kyle informed the meeting that John Colquhoun has emailed asking about options to see the project progressed. Kyle suggested all to continue to write to state government and local MPs.

The contractor to performing final stabilization and planting work to put the western upgrade on hold.

NSW Govt Planning Reforms

Kyle informed the meeting that there is still no definitive information as to how the NSW State Government is proceeding with its' Housing Reforms.

All councils have made submissions and a Draft SEPP should be available mid-year for Community consultation. NBC proposal is on the NBC Website as an alternate to NSW Govt proposal. Meeting had lots of questions related to which suburbs on the northern beaches would be affected and how.

Northern Beaches Council is proposing that it should be able to follow its current plans with focus on Frenchs Forest and Brookvale with local knowledge of infrastructure being better than a one size fits all approach from NSW State Govt.

It appears that NSW State Government Housing Reforms focus on two areas i) Transport Oriented Development (TOD) that is close to stations or ii) Close to town-centres – the question is how is a town-centre defined?

The meeting was informed of two forthcoming meetings that would be worth attending to obtain more information.

- a) Meeting to be hosted by The NSW Greens on Wednesday 22nd May at Newport Community Centre.
- b) Meeting to be hosted by Northern Beaches Council on Thursday 6th June at Newport Community Centre.

It was suggested to continue writing and lobbying Councilors and State (and Federal) MPs with particular focus on how over development can dramatically impact availability of services and infrastructure (water, sewer, schools, hospitals) and therefore impacting our quality of life.

Newport Community Centre

Kyle informed the meeting that NRA had received a letter from NBC informing of damage to floor. We'll continue to be careful when moving tables and chairs.

Items for Discussion:

Newport Planning Applications

A few minor modifications and alterations. Nothing to report to the meeting.

100 Irrubel Road – NBC is actively chasing a DA for remediation work after a land slide that occurred in March 2022. Earth is now spilling across the road and the gutter is no longer visible.

Newport Shared Pathway

This pathway (adjacent to Barrenjoey Rd) is to provide a 24 /7 safe and well lit option for those walking, pushing prams, in wheelchairs or on bikes a way to exit / enter Newport to the north . It is not a replacement the coastal track that traverses the Newport/Bilgola headland.

Andrew Johnston confirmed that the funding specifically obtained and designated for the Newport to Southern end of The Serpentine is still listed as a line item in the 2024/25 NBC budget.

Electric Bikes

John Hartson raised the concern of many with Electric Bikes. Andrew Johnston spoke of the NBC initiative launch this week to educate users. Issues raise that Electric Bikes don't have bell but instead loud horns.

General Newport Maintenance

Weeds / Invasive Plants

Kyle informed the meeting that Marita Macrae has emailed raising concern about spread of weeds along the Barrenjoey Rd median strip (especially southern end). Kyle informed the meeting that two species were responsible a) Tuckeroo and b) Brazilian Pepper Corn

Andrew to follow up and determine who is responsible for their control / removal – is it NBC or State Govt.

It was also mentioned that Lantana maybe spreading out of control on the Newport / Bilgola Headland.

Kyle discussed status of Norfolk Island Pine stating they are healthy, their roots controlled in planting vaults and should remain strong for years to come.

Potholes around Newport

NBC has a webpage where potholes can be reported for fixing. Log on and drop a pin to pinpoint the location at <https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/createrequest?recordId=kA07F000000cSCKSA2>

Parking around Gladstone and Stewart

Andrew informed that the signs prohibiting the parking of boat and trailer on the corner near the War Memorial will be installed before end of May.

Confectionary / Vape Shops

No further update . However feel free to write / email Federal and State MP(s) and all Councilors.

Newport Surf Club Development / Upgrade

The matter will be heard in the Land & Environment Court in the second half of 2024.

Gladstone & Bishop Pedestrian Crossing

The issue of lack of lighting and signage was raised. Andrew will take this back to Traffic group at NBC.

Other NBC Matters and General Business

Current NBC On-line Exhibitions await community feedback

NBC is looking for examples of Modern Heritage Architecture – In the period post WW2 to 1970s. Go on-line <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/media-releases/search-modern-architecture-marvels>

NBC 2024/25 Budget – Please provide feedback / have your say at <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/media-releases/have-your-say-northern-beaches-budget-2425>

Update on new Northern Beaches LEPs

Prior to amalgamation there was 1 LEP for Manly, 2 for Warringah and 1 for Pittwater. The new draft Northern Beaches LEP including environmental plans and character references covering the whole of the northern beaches will be reviewed by Council / Councilors in June 2024. With the draft being released for public exhibition in early 2025.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm

**Next Meeting: 18th June 2024 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.
All welcome.**

2024/25 NRA annual membership renewal are due: \$20 per person or \$25 per family

Cash at next meeting or Direct Deposit to

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