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Minutes of Meeting

Held 15th November 2022 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

Members & guests present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Simon Barlow, Sue Young,

Peter Middleton

President's Note

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests, Phillip Devon, Michelle Carter, Allison Cooper from NBC, Rowie Dillon, & Councillor Rory Amon.

Apologies: Greg & Sue Ross

Presentation: Newport Christmas Events

Allison Cooper from NBC & Rowie Dillon, President, Newport Chamber of Commerce, advised the meeting with details of the forthcoming NBC Best Dressed Christmas Window competition, open to local businesses with street frontage across the LGA. Registrations due by 28th November. There will be a People's choice vote & the winners announced 20th & 21st December. Each ward will have one winning business which will then be advertised. Local residents may win a \$100 gift voucher, just for voting. One winner per ward.

On Saturday 10th December, the Newport Chamber has organised a Market day which will include the Surf Club & the Bowling club. Santa is planning to arrive by surf boat in the afternoon.

Robertson Road will not be closed off but there will be entertainment throughout Newport. The previous event on 15th October 2022 was a great success for everyone. GB once again thanked Council for closing off Robertson Road.

Rowie announced she will be opening a pop up restaurant at the Surf Club on December 18th called 'Rowie's by the Sea'. She is looking forward to being back in the restaurant business.

The Chamber is creating an annual calendar of events, on a 3 monthly basis. These events are funded by the Chamber. It was suggested that maybe one of Rory Amon's grants could be used towards an event. The Chamber is very positive about the future and is working closely with Council.

Presentation: NBC Parking Plan

Phillip Devon & Michelle Carter from NBC explained that the Northern Beaches Parking plan is being developed as part of Council's transport strategy. It is planned that an additional 12,000 dwellings will be added to the NBC LGA by 2040. Focused on Brookvale, Frenchs Forest & Dee Why but all the villages will become more congested.

There are 8 draft key directions to the plan. Council will be facilitating workshops with residents, businesses and other community groups as the need to budget for the infrastructure is necessary. They anticipate a draft of the plan will be available March 2023. All aspects of parking need to be considered - commercial, curbside, carparks, off street parking, safety, disabled access, peak & off peak periods, garbage collection, parking permit schemes, shared transport, as well as the future increased use of Electric Vehicles which will require charging stations. Parking requirements need to be localised, as not 1 size fits all. Therefore the necessity for community consultation & feedback. Members voiced their concerns & questions which led to an interesting & enlightening discussion. Phillip & Michelle will continue to liaise with us.

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 18th October 2022.

There was a query regarding the Surf Club DA. Rory advised Council are submitting an appeal with probably an amended DA to go to a different panel by the end of March 2023.

Moved: P. Middleton

Seconded: K.Hill

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/10/2022	\$1741.74
Add Receipts	\$250
Sub total	\$1991.74
Deduct Payments	\$147.60
Net assets as @ 31/10/2022	\$1844.14

Moved: S.Young

Seconded:S.Barlow

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

GB wrote to Mayor Regan thanking him & Council for their support in closing Robertson Road for the 15th October event. Both Michael Regan & Rory Amon acknowledged his letter and both committed to future support. The cost of closing off Robertson Rd was discussed. Once we know that cost then we can look to ways for it to be funded including a possible motion to Council. It was also suggested we ask Council to pave RR so that it creates a more pedestrianised atmosphere.

Rory Amon advised concerns by some residents over speed hump installations on Grandview Drive. He is proposing a survey with options to answer 'What are your views on the changes'. He acknowledged safety comes first. His survey does not presuppose an outcome & he has welcomed any thoughts from Catherine Kerr & Bilgola residents.

Following on from problems being faced by Redcycle, that soft plastics are now not being recycled, Rory Amon has put a motion to Council regarding possible steps by Council to facilitate soft plastic recycling pending private sector operators.

GB wrote to our local Member, Rob Stokes, about a number of issues that we would appreciate being addressed before he retires including Robertson Road, the status of the Australia Post site (this may include relocation to a more suitable location) .and a suggestion that the proposed shared pathway through Bilgola follow the bends completely and be a canter leaved pathway similar to what is done on beach location in northern NSW and Queensland providing a wonderful view of the Bilgola rainforest.

Also he noted that we continue to support the shared pathway from Newport to Bilgola and a resolution to get this built would be an amazing legacy for everyone to get out & enjoy our environment.

GB also suggested the unused old Quarry site north of Porters Reserve could be a solution for a local dog park. A follow up meeting between them to be organised soon.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Road Update

Simon Barlow spoke briefly to the meeting on his vision for Robertson Road and where we continue to try to find solutions to create a heart for Newport. We do not want a garage entrance in Robertson Road. He suggests approaching the developer, not have any parking and approaching our Federal member to assist with turning the post office site into a green space which in affect can also become a car park. Unfortunately time was too short for further discussion.

Newport Planning Applications

WD noted a number of planning applications but none were considered of major significance.

Conservation Zones / PCA Update

Submissions have been extended to 2nd December 2022 although Council will receive submissions after that date. On our website is an on-line submission & at the Community meeting held 16th October a petition was prepared.

The key issues are:

- * Rule out rezoning of C4 land to Residential
- * Apply conservation zonings to properties where any significant environmental values or hazards are present
- * Create Scenic Foreshore protection areas from shorelines to ridgelines
- * Retain all Heritage Conservation areas & investigate those proposed but not yet implemented by the former Pittwater Council.

Everyone is encouraged to check their address and their neighbour's as there have been a number of anomalies.

Council identified that a mapping error occurred in relation to flood data with some 97 properties in Newport. The error has been rectified resulting in 23 properties being removed entirely from a C zone, 57 are proposed to remain as a C3 zone & 17 properties are proposed as a C4 zone.

PCA is proposing Scenic protection areas all the way to Palm Beach as per the Manly scenic protection area and similar to the one in Mosman Council LGA. NBC Council is still to define what is permitted in R2 & R3 zones.

They need to re-run the modeling as the program used by the satellite had issues defining biodiversity corridors, tree canopy ridge lines and fire risk.

Tony Young obtained maps of the proposed zoning and had them printed so people can more easily see the extent of the impact overall in Pittwater. A link to the map is on the NRA website www.newport.org.au Residents were encouraged to go on - line and check their properties via the Council

website <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4476f767a9804c9d87eb2df2ef620661/page/Proposed-changes/>

General Newport Maintenance Matters + General Business

A new member raised the issue of noise generated in Foamcrest Ave from large delivery trucks to Coles. GB to check the history of the development.

Meeting Closed at 9.02 pm

Next Meeting will be the Christmas function on Tuesday 20th December 2022 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm.