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Minutes of Meeting Held 16th July 2024 at Newport Community Centre

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per attendance sheet

Gavin Butler

Kyle Hill (apology)

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Sue Young, P Middleton

President's Note:

Gavin Butler welcomed members and guests including Andrew Johnston from NBC.

Apologies: Robert Orr, John Colquhoun, Sue Ross, Penny Hunstead, Kyle Hill

Approval of Minutes: of previous meeting held 18th June 2024.

Moved: G.Moore

Seconded:M. Hawkeswood

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/06/2024	\$612.97
Add Receipts	\$160
Sub total	\$772.97
Deduct Payments	\$0.00
Net assets as @ 30/06/2024	\$772.97

Moved:S.Young

Seconded:P.Middleton

NRA annual membership is \$20 per person or \$25 per family and is now due.

Correspondence & Matters Arising:

Andrew Johnson advised he has forwarded the photos and report, provided by Kyle Hill, of the weeds on Barrenjoey Rd median strip to Parks & Reserves for their response.

Peter Middleton announced to the meeting that in Gavin's recent absence, Sophie Scamps office had asked for nominations for Volunteers to be acknowledged during Volunteer Week. We decided to nominate Gavin and Peter wrote the nomination. While Gavin was away the function was held announcing the volunteers who were being recognised including Gavin. Peter gave the very well deserved award to Gavin at the meeting.

Items for Discussion:

Robertson Rd update

GB referred to last months minutes. A more detailed update will be given by Simon Barlow at an ensuing meeting. At the NBC meeting held in May, it was approved to establish a committee including community stakeholder representatives for an integrated strategy for this core zone. Hopefully following the Council elections in September, this will be taken further under a new Council.

Newport Planning Applications

None of the DA's notified were needing a submission.

NSW Govt Planning Reforms

GB reiterated for the benefit of the meeting, a summary of NBC's EGM held on 17th June and noted in last months minutes. At that meeting Council resolved to submit the Planning proposal for the creation of a new, consolidated Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to the Minister for Planning & Public Spaces for 'Gateway Determination'. It is a legal requirement that both Council & the Minister formally consider the Planning Proposal before it can be placed on public exhibition for community feedback. It is anticipated this will occur in early 2025.

The Government is also proceeding with its housing reform plans although questions still remain on a definition of a town centre & where is the centre of town? We don't know what the new rules are so it is very much a wait & watch situation.

The Mona Vale Place Plan has been suspended as Council cannot go ahead due to not having planning reforms in place. Some of the Community groups had put forward amendments. Palm Beach wants a limit on excavations, others noted concerns of lack of strategy regarding rising sea levels and scenic protection.

There is a concern over housing targets between what Council has planned & what the Government thinks we should have. Low-mid rise housing reforms for dual occupancy in R2 zones is not such an issue for Newport. Concerns are with low rise housing targets. Mona Vale & Frenchs Forest should pick up most of the housing targets.

PCA Update

PCA will once again host a 'Meet the Candidates' for Pittwater Ward & possibly Narrabeen Ward prior to the Council elections. Council will be in Caretaker mode from 16th August and the election is Saturday 14th September.

Council had a briefing session for potential candidates recently.

GB noted concerns by all members of the PCA about the LEP and the proposed reforms. He also commented that the Newport Masterplan will probably need to be updated.

Coastal Shared Pathway

Andrew Johnston advised that commencement should be within 6 months & completion by mid-2025 once Council signs off on the project. Funding is in place.

General Newport Maintenance

Andrew Johnston also noted the completion of the Trafalgar Park playground had been delayed due to bad weather but should be finished by early August.
A new footpath will be installed from Queens Pde West to Kalinya St starting next month.

The Newport Oval Amenities building has recently been included in the 2024-2025 financial year budget for a \$150,000 upgrade. This is also due to start soon.

Please continue to notify Council via their website of potholes. The Ausgrid lighting project in Bardo Rd is ongoing.

Other NBC Matters

Richard Westhoff & Rob Jory from Eurobodalla Home on Barrenjoey Rd spoke to the meeting regarding the Clearway between Beaconsfield Rd & Bardo Rd. They and other residents both nearby and on Barrenjoey Rd are asking the State Government to reverse the Clearway that is in place from 3pm so that parking is available to all residents, all day, instead of it being a Clearway. At Rory Amon's recent morning tea they put their case to him & he has taken it up with the Government. The State Government has replied that they will not change it from being a Clearway. The meeting discussed the pros & cons of their proposal. GB confirmed we will take it on board and look at a strategy. We will also contact Rory Amon & discuss it with him. There is a proposal request to lower the speed limit from 60km to 50km from 30th June 2024. GB also thought to write to Council's Traffic committee re the request for the Clearway removal, although as it is a State Rd they should be aware of this proposal.

General Business

Sue Young, Wendy Dunnet and Ron Seldon attended Rory Amon's Newport Residents morning tea on Wednesday 26th June which was attended by approximately 60-70 people. Rory first spoke to the meeting on the Mona Vale Rd West problem and an audit being undertaken on Northern Beaches hospital, due to concerns over costs being charged to the Government compared to other hospitals. He also updated the group on the Wakehurst Parkway flood works and the State Government's housing reforms. Rory then opened the meeting to residents. Major concerns included increases in youth crime in the area with the suggestion of a re-introduction of the 'old' neighbourhood watch program. The on-going issue of E-bikes and community safety. Also noise created by motorbikes and cars using Barrenjoey road as a race track. There was the suggestion of a noise - activated camera for Barrenjoey Rd to try and reduce this problem.

There was also discussion about inviting the current Northern Beaches Police Superintendent to address the NRA and Newport public. It was noted that the last time the Police Superintendent addressed us he advised that it is very important to report anything and everything that appears to be a likely criminal or civil infringement to the police.

Boats & trailer parking is another common concern.

It was agreed the Morning teas that Rory has been having in other areas as well as Newport, is a good conduit to knowing what peoples' main concerns are.

Frank Peulair, a local resident and member of Protect Pittwater addressed the meeting to explain their questionnaire, that he asked could be distributed, regarding residents' thoughts about Council

Services being provided by NBC. The questionnaire is easy to fill in as it has a QR code to download it. Some members took down those details to fill in later.

Glenn Moore updated the meeting on our Facebook page. We now have 500 members and hope to add to that.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th August at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm

***NRA 2024/2025 annual membership renewal fell due 1st July:
\$20 per person or \$25 per family***