

Brooklyn Community Association

General Meeting

10am-12noon Saturday June 5th 2021

Minutes

1. Welcome & Administration

- Di Bowles: Chair Robert Arnold: Secretary Lyne Kelleher: Treasurer
Meeting started at 10:10am
- Guests:
Councillor Mick Marr
- Apologies:
Matt Kean MP, Member for Hornsby Tom Richmond in Hospital
Mayor Hon. Councillor Philip Ruddock Brian & Jo Scarsbrick, Mathilde Kearny-Kibble,
Councillor Nathan Tilbury Jacqueline Scholte, Nicolle van Schie, John
Councillor Warren Waddell Stavert, Liz Surrent, Jim Buhr & Clare Snowden.
- Minutes of March 2021 Meeting were read by the Secretary
Accepted: Miriam Moloney Secoded: Nancy Davis
- Correspondence in and Correspondence out
- Treasurer's Report was presented by Lyne Kelleher
Accepted: Jayne Donnelly Secoded: Tony Broome
Copy of Financial Reports attached

2. Change to the Constitution

- The Secretary, in the absence of the Public Officer, explained the process of changes to the Constitution, and the rationale for the proposed change.
- The proposed change to the Constitution had been advised to the membership on 10 May 2021 (more than 21 days before the General Meeting), and was attached to the Agenda of the General Meeting.
- The Secretary summarised the proposed Special Resolution to change the Constitution, being the following changes to Part 2 - Membership:
 - Clause 1, relating to Brooklyn residency/business representation, is unchanged
 - New Clause 2, relating to Life Membership
 - New Clause 3 relating to Honorary Membership
- *Motion: The proposed term Honorary Membership be changed to Associate Membership, to prevent potential confusion with the term Life Membership, often referred to as Honorary Life Membership.*
Proposed: Miriam Moloney, seconded Bob Davis. Passed unanimously
- *Motion: The Special Resolution should be passed by the General Meeting.*
Proposed: Robert Arnold, seconded Di Bowles.
- *Voting on the Special Resolution:*
 - The 20 financial members of the Association attending the meeting voted unanimously for the Special Resolution.
 - The Secretary held 14 Authorisation of Proxy Vote forms from financial members of the Association unable to attend the meeting. The 14 proxy votes voted unanimously for the Special Resolution.
 - 34 votes in favour of the Special Resolution comprised 75% of the financial membership of the Association at the time of the General Meeting.
- The details of the approved change to the Constitution are attached, and will be submitted to NSW Fair Trading to be registered within 28 days of the General Meeting.

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3. Place Plan including Parking

- The President summarised the status of the Place Plan to date:
 - The Council had engaged a consultant to assess the methods of community engagement and consultation for the Place Plan.
 - The river communities had meet with the consultant and promoted the citizens assembly process.
 - We understood that the consultant had independently assessed the parking situation and would likely propose a “hybrid” model of community engagement.
 - The President advised that Matt Kean Member for Hornsby had committed to bring NSW State Agencies “to the table” during the Place Planning process.

4. Nathan Tilbury’s Motion

- Nathan Tilbury Ward A Councillor advised that he was to table a motion at the next meeting of Hornsby Council seeking a Road Safety Review of the Pacific Highway between Cowan and Brooklyn and the implementation of corrective actions.
- The President summarised the motion and that the BCA should support the motion.

5. Hornsby Council Strategies

- Saltpan Reserve: Proposed Dog Park
 - The strategy proposed a fenced off area at Saltpan Reserve as a dog park.
 - Councillor Marr advised that the NSW Government required every community to have a dog park.
 - Members spoke in favour and against the strategy
- *Motion: The BCA should submit an objection to the Strategy [In favour 18; against 2]*
- McKell Park Renovations
 - The President advised that the BCA should support the river communities being invited to express interest in contributing artworks.
- Community Facilities Strategy
 - The President advised that Brooklyn’s Place Plan would be subordinate to the Council’s Community Facilities Strategy.
 - She noted that the BCA had made a submission to Hornsby Council in November 2020, objecting to the Strategy as it impacts Brooklyn facilities, and asked members to review the Strategy on the Council’s website

6. Other Business

- The Cottage
 - The Cottage team are operating effectively, and a Report was due the Council on the activities and revenue for the sale of artworks.
- Lights on the Brooklyn Railway Bridge
 - Michelle Thomas advised that the pedestrian lights were not working. She will summarise the situation for the BCA to contact Matt Kean MP.
- RSL Memorabilia
 - Bob Davis advised that Brooklyn RSL has memorabilia, currently located at Berowra RSL, which must be relocated.
- *Motion: The BCA should look at potential locations for the Memorabilia.*
 - A team was identified, being Bob Davis, Miriam Moloney, Brian Scarsbrick, Jackie Scholte, and Jayne Donnelly.

7. BCA General Meeting Schedule

- Sat 6-Mar-2021
- Sat 4-Sep-2021 (cancelled)
- Sat 5-Jun-2021
- Sat 4-Dec-2021 (AGM)

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Special Resolution to change the Constitution

The Process of Changes to the Constitution:

An association may change its constitution by passing a special resolution at a general meeting of the association. Members must be given at least 21 days' notice of the proposed special resolution, which states the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution; and sets out the proposed resolution in full. A special resolution will be passed if a quorum of members required by the constitution is present if the special resolution is put to members at a meeting.

The association must apply to register the changes within 28 days of the special resolution being passed.

Rationale for the Change

To establish a class of membership that allows non-Brooklyn people to become volunteers of the Association and to be covered by the Association's insurance.

Proposed Special Resolution

That Part 2 – Membership: Clause 2. Membership qualifications: be amended to read:

Clause unchanged: 1) A person is qualified to be a member of the association if:

- (a) the person is a person referred to in section 15(1) (a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act, or
- (b) the person is a natural person:
- (c) the person is a permanent resident of Brooklyn, owns property in Brooklyn or is the appointed representative of a business in Brooklyn.

New clause: 2) Life membership of the association shall be available to members elected at the annual meeting of the association. Election to life membership shall be made in recognition of outstanding service by association members. Nomination shall be made by procedures prescribed by the committee of the association. Life members have the right to attend any meeting and have full voting rights of the association.

New clause: 3) Associate membership shall be available to persons not qualified to become members of the association, but who wish to participate in the association's activities. Associate members can be nominated by any member. Associate membership must be approved by the committee of the association and notified to the membership at the next general meeting. Associate members do not have voting rights of the association.

Voting Details

Constitution Change Special Resolution	Numbers	Voting	
		In Favour	Against
Financial members at 5 June 2021	45		
75% of Members	34		
Attended Meeting for Special Resolution	20	20	0
Proxy Votes	14	14	0
Total Votes	34	34	0

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Communication from Ward A Councillor Nathan Tilbury

Pacific Highway between Cowan and Brooklyn

Please see below a copy of my Notice of Motion regarding the issues along the Old Pacific Highway. This will be debated at the upcoming Hornsby Council General Meeting on Wednesday 9th June.

Please show your support by emailing all Councillors and the Mayor using councillors@hornsby.nsw.gov.au email.

Background

I have been approached by Cowan and Brooklyn residents concerned about the serious accidents and impacts on their amenity and safety from speeding and dangerous driving/riding activities of motorcyclists and cars along the stretch of the Pacific Highway between Cowan and Brooklyn.

Residents regularly hear the sirens of Ambulance, Police, Fire and Rescue and the Rural Fire Service vehicles attending to accidents along the stretch of road. It is not unusual for these occurrences to occur several times on a weekend. Often residents using the road confront dangerous driving including excessive speeding and motorcyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. Cars often participate in group drag racing late at night along the stretch of road. Horrendous crashes and fatalities occur all too frequently.

The stretch of the Pacific Highway between Cowan and Brooklyn is the responsibility of Transport for NSW and it is appropriate that Council write to the NSW Government Department to seek a Road Safety Review of this part of the Pacific Highway, along with the implementation of any corrective actions

Cllr Tilbury to move:

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the serious accidents and the unacceptable impacts on residents from noisy and dangerous behaviours of motorcyclists and drivers along the stretch of the Pacific Highway between Cowan and Brooklyn.
2. In addition to the Secretary of Transport for NSW, write to the Minister for Transport, local state and federal Members of Parliament seeking a Road Safety Review of the stretch of the Pacific Highway between Cowan and Brooklyn and the implementation of corrective actions arising from the Review.

Nathan Tilbury

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