

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2021  
at Uniting Church Hall, 38 Chisholm St South Turramurra**

The meeting started at 8:00 pm.

In the absence of an elected president, the meeting was chaired by the Secretary.

<b>PRESENT</b>	
	<p>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:            Brian Bourne Secretary            Dierk Mohr Treasurer            Margaret Small, Peter Thompson, Paul Li, Kevin Fernandez</p> <p>OTHERS:            Ram Gusain, Margaret Booth, Doug Edwards, Christian Brook, D Hopcroft, J Graham-Higgs,</p>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	<p>Helen &amp; Don Woolley            Bill Muir            Pat Murray            Greg Bloomfiel</p>
<b>GUESTS</b>	
	<p>Councillor Jeff Pettett</p>
<b>ADDRESS BY COUNCILLOR JEFF PETTETT</b>	
	<p>Councillor Pettett noted that Councillors had just met face to face for the first time in 18 months because of Covid restrictions. Covid has also caused a slowdown in Council's works program and in other areas. Council's budget has contracted as a result.</p> <p>Councillor Pettett addressed the following matters which prompted considerable discussion from the audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths are one of his particular concerns. Council has budgeted \$M1.9 for this work in 2020/21, but \$M0.7 of this amount was for renewal. Locally, Turra, Bulla and Havelock Streets are planned for new footpaths (both sides) this year, but that was all for the Commenarra Ward. Apparently the cost of providing new footpaths for the whole Municipality was estimated to be \$M23. When questioned, he agreed that this figure seemed unreasonable and was probably based on piecework rates. A concerted program would cost less due to economies of scale. Councillor Pettett's view was that the budget for footpaths should be increased substantially, and he was in favour of at least doubling it so that areas of known high pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic could be prioritised.</li> <li>• The Lindfield Hub is progressing, but much slower than planned. It has also changed considerably since its inception. As a result, the proposed Turramurra Hub has been delayed indefinitely, and will probably need complete revision when it is reactivated. In the meantime, Council has budgeted M\$0.5 to upgrade Turramurra Park, and he considers this a waste of money because the park is intended to be re-zoned for building in the planned Turramurra Hub.</li> <li>• Council's Housing Strategy is now apparently done and dusted, and probably lies in the bottom drawer of some obscure cabinet. Despite all the fuss between Council &amp; the Minister for Planning regarding the Strategy, it appears that it will all revert back to "Business as usual".</li> <li>• In response to a question regarding Council's local character survey, Councillor Pettett was at a loss as to why it was being carried out. He agreed that it may be a precursor to a new housing strategy. He agreed that as many residents as possible should participate to stop the survey results from being skewed by lobby groups.</li> <li>• When asked about local security, he said it was a difficult issue, but was mainly a matter for the Police. Street lighting was the responsibility of AusGrid, but he was happy to support residents requests for additional street lighting where it was insufficient.</li> <li>• When asked about the accumulation of rubbish at the "Duck Pond" at the end of Nancy Bird Ave (a local gathering point for young people), he agreed to ask Council to install a rubbish bin.</li> </ul> <p>The Secretary thanked Cr. Pettitt for his address and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting.</p>

<b>CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
	(No AGM was held in 2020, so the previous AGM was 31 July 2019) <i>"That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted"</i> Moved M Small, seconded P Thompson, passed unanimously.
<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>	
	Any matters arising from the minute were considered dealt with during the discussion with Councillor Pettett.
<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
	In the absence of an elected president the Secretary presented a report for 2020/2021. <i>"That the Secretary's Report be accepted"</i> Moved B Bourne, seconded M Booth. Passed unanimously
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
	The Treasurer presented a report for 2020/21 <i>"That the Treasurer's report be accepted"</i> Moved P Li, seconded P Thompson. Passed unanimously.
<b>ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS</b>	
	President: no nomination received V. President: P Thompson, elected unanimously. Secretary: B Bourne, elected unanimously. Treasurer/Public Officer: D Mohr, elected unanimously. Committee members: Margaret Small Paul Li Kevin Fernandez All elected unanimously.
<b>MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION</b>	
	All matters for discussion were dealt with during the address by Councillor Jeff Pettett.
<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
	Margaret Booth advised that the KPPA notice bollard at the South Turramurra shops was in need of a good clean. The Secretary undertook to clean it..

The meeting closed at 9:11 pm.