

Minutes of the Meadowbank and St Johns Residents Association held at St Chad's Church Meadowbank on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, David Reid, Patrick Hodgson, Troy Churton (Orakei Local Board), Francis Lai, Lakshman Abeynaike, Margret (?), Maurice Bower, Jean Sandiford, Alison Mcfarlane, Derek Tovey, Tim Duguid, Ann Heln.

Apologies: Sylvia Lund, Amanda Nicholas, Simon O'Connor, Kate Cooke, Matthew Kelly, Kevin Kevany

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved: David **Seconded:** Ann

Matters arising from previous minutes: None

Treasurers Report: Amanda still to invoice for work on website. David moved Amanda's invoice to be paid straight away if it is \$1,000 give or take 10%. **Seconded:** Lynda

Agenda Items:

1. Information Evenings and Events

a) Derek Tovey, a member of the faculty of St Johns Theological College, talked to the possibility of an open day being held at St Johns College in conjunction with our Residents Association. There are various options that we could look at doing, including tours of the buildings and grounds with a talk on the history of the buildings and surrounding area. Morning or afternoon tea with the possibility of a donation to a charity of the Theological College's choosing. After further discussion a date was set for an afternoon of the 21st/22nd of March 2015. Ruth will liaise with the college further to set the final date and timing. It was also suggested, subject to agreement of the College, that we could put our banner (if we get one made) on the outside of the College to raise awareness of the Association.

b) We have been invited to participate in a 'Community Groups Event' at St Chad's Church on Saturday 6th December from 5 - 6.30pm. We have agreed to participate as it will help to raise awareness of the Association. Ruth to liaise with St Chad's.

c) We as a group feel that the following is missing from the Local Board Plan: an investment in ecological restoration and development of Waiatarua Reserve. It is New Zealand's largest Urban Wetland, and a jewel in Orakei's crown. Two things were noted of importance: Creating physical barriers for dogs into the wetlands, and creating better access for mobility/wheelchairs (bridge accesses currently have large steps).

2. Transportation

a) An Abbotts Way/Grand Drive intersection petition is going to be delivered to Auckland Transport (AT) to see if a roundabout can be put in.

b) There are now issues with parking along St John's road outside the shops, now that the new restaurant, Meadow, has opened. Parking has been pushed into Temple Street. As an Association we support all businesses along this strip and would like OLB, in conjunction with AT, to look at options to improve parking along this part of St Johns Road.

3. Website Development

A volunteer is needed to look after and update the database details of all members of our database that is linked to the website and will be used for mailouts. After a brief discussion it was decided that an email will be sent out to the Association members asking for a volunteer to look after the database. It should take no more than an hour a month to keep it up to date.

4. Other – Power cut position

The recent power cut, due to a fire at the Penrose substation, was briefly discussed. We will await the official review before we make a statement. We are concerned about the effect of lack of telecommunications and power on the community.

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

Next meeting is 4th November, 7.30pm at St Chad's Church.