

## MINUTES OF THE MEADOWBANK AND ST JOHNS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Held at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Attendees:** Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, Kate Cooke (OLB), Carmel Claridge, Patrick Hodgson, Amanda Nicholas, David Reid, Lakshman Abeynaike, Dorthe Siggaard, Oliver Roberts, Greg Nikoloff, and Alison Macfarlane.

**Apologies:** Kevin Kevany, Matthew Kelly, SK Thurai, Derek Tovey, Morris Bower

**Minutes from previous meeting: Approved:** Patrick **Seconded:** Amanda.

- ❖ **Matter Arising:** Kate's name was spelt incorrectly in the previous minutes. Secretary's apologies.

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Payment for web work \$240, 5<sup>th</sup> March grant income of \$5k from the Orakei Local Board, 2 subs paid \$20. Closing balance as at 6<sup>th</sup> April \$6,942.36.

Reminder subs are now due for the 2015/2016 financial year. Payable either by cash, cheque or bank deposit.

Ruth requested reimbursement of brochure display holders, on presentation of receipt. **Approved:** David **Seconded:** Lynda

Flags – the funding was included in the grant we received from the Orakei Local Board. Ruth will get three quotes for the flags with the goal of getting these before the next AGM.

## 2. Information Evenings and Events

- ❖ **St Johns College Open Day**

It was a very successful afternoon. A lot of thought and effort went into it. We need to be more organised in having volunteers for our table at events like this.

- ❖ **AGM in June**

Suggestions were made for our speaker at the AGM. We have had the Mayor the last two years. It was suggested that we have someone local. Bob Kerridge – past head of the SPCA. Murray McGlibe (AT??), Desley Simpson or Cameron Brewer. Maybe a debate between Desley and Cameron. Or maybe the Head of Auckland Transport. Or someone from Meadowbank School regarding their environmental programme that they run at the school.

- ❖ **Heritage Festival**

Would we be interested, as a group, in pitching to the Heritage Festival to have a history walk around the Waitarua Reserve included in it this year. Do we support

the idea as a group? A show of hands was in favour. Ruth will do some more investigation on this and what is involved.

#### ❖ **Other Ideas**

It was suggested that we have an environmental presentation about the state of the waterways in the area. And then we could look at organising a cleanup of the Pourewa Creek.

If anyone has any other ideas on what we could do for information evenings or events please let us know. Any suggestions would be welcome.

### **3. Transportation**

#### ❖ **Subcommittee**

The transport subcommittee have met and they have started a spreadsheet with the traffic issues in the area. The aim of the spreadsheet is to add to it all of the traffic areas for our area. It was then proposed that we set up a survey for the residents to fill in to highlight any issues they would like addressed. If we can get it noticed on Neighbourly it then gets extra attention by the authorities and the local paper.

Speeding on Meadowbank Road. AT has done an initial review and a comprehensive review is expected by the end of May. The group have come up with quite a few suggestions on how to improve the traffic flow and to slow down traffic along the road.

### **4. Housing New Zealand redevelopment in Purewa/Puroto and Tahapa.**

#### ❖ Several people present attended the HNZ drop in. It was well attended.

We are still looking for a representative to attend the Purewa/Puroto sub-committee meetings. Ruth will send out an email to the wider community for a representative. It was also noted the lack of attendance, fully paid members of the group belonging to the RA and feedback to the RA from this group. It was mentioned that part of the stipulation of taking them on as a sub-committee was that they had someone attend our meetings and be paid up members of the RA. Ruth will have a word to Grant about this.

### **5. Website, Flyer and Newsletter**

#### ❖ The newsletter is not far off being finalised.

#### ❖ The flyer advertising our association was passed round showing the design. There are still some tweaks to be done on this before it is sent to the printers.

### **6. General Business**

#### ❖ There have been a couple of walks through the Selwyn Bush (Purewa Valley) starting at the ASB Stadium. The group that are running them are advocating for connections to the Eastern Pathway.

- ❖ An Auckland Ratepayers Alliance has been formed. Their goal is to break stories about mismanagement of funds and to ensure Auckland Ratepayers get the best value for their rates. [www.ratepayers.nz](http://www.ratepayers.nz).
- ❖ Auckland University – Tamaki Campus - Recent info regarding the opposition to land change. Submissions have closed but the notification has been put on hold – this was requested by the University.
- ❖ The field next to St Johns College is being opened to submissions for use. We as a group would make a submission, when they are called for when it is decided by the College what use it will be put to, on the effects on the community and look at leveraging on that to get some changes to the community. I.e. changes to St Johns Road.
- ❖ Ruth will do a mock up of the proposed core flute signs that we could ask for people to have on their front fences to make our presence felt.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm. **Next meeting** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, at St Chad's Church St Johns Road.