

Minutes of the Meadowbank ST Johns Residents Association held at St Chad's Church Meadowbank on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm

**Attendees:** Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, David Reid, Troy Churton & Kate Cooke (Orakei Local Board), Kevin Kevany, SK Thurai, Lakshman Abeynaike, Robert Neilson, Sheree Martin, Tabesh Foroughi, Warren Hardley, Tim David, Kingsley Porniah, Lily Fong, Matthew Kelly (late)

**Apologies:** Amanda Bethell, Roger Williams, Matthew Kelly (late), Patrick Hodgson (late), Jane McMaster.

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

**Treasurers Report:** \$3010 approx currently in account. There was \$80 in new subscription banked in February along with approx \$245 of expenses.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1) Unitary Plan**

Thank you to the sub-committee for the time they spent and effort put in for our submission. Troy Churton(from OLB) made comment that there were approx 185 submissions made. The area covered by the Orakei Local Board was in the top 2 or 3 for submissions made.

It was felt that you needed to be a planner with a law degree to make a submission they would be seriously considered. If you would like to make a complaint about this the person to contact would be Dr Roger Blakeley Chief Planning Officer for the Auckland Council.

#### **2) AT Update**

Meadowbank Road – it is believed that some yellow lines have been painted on Meadowbank Road.

#### **3) Get Ready, Get Thru**

Audience was approx 60 to 70 people. It was not as many as for the Neighbour Watch Evening.

Lakshman sent through a couple of points – there are not warning sirens in St Johns/Meadowbank area and there is no real planning on a bigger level. There are also some inaccuracies in the leaflet that was distributed on the night. It was pointed out that this is due to the leaflet not being updated and reprinted.

The Civil Defence Plan for the area needs to be a living breathing; working plan and we are willing to work with Civil Defence to achieve this. Ruth will follow up with Dale.

Now that we have had our Get Ready, Get Through Evening – what next? More ideas and comments please. Some ideas that have been suggested –

- First Aid and Fire Service – together

- Group in Glendowie looking after Churchill Park, Friends of St Johns Bush, Friends of Waitarua Reserve, Purewa Trust, Community Gardens? Bio-diversity group out o Rudolph Steiner School. Spring Fling first week of September?

#### 4) Other Business

- Ruth to send out and put on Facebook, the link for Orakei Local Board Annual plan Survey.
- Neighbours Days – there is all sorts of material available for neighbours day. Check out <http://www.neighboursday.org.nz/join-in> or email [kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz](mailto:kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz) for further information. Do you bit to know your neighbours?
- There is also information available on Neighbourhood support on <http://www.ns.org.nz/>.
- AGM – Ruth to contact the Mayor and Cameron Brewer to see if they would be willing to attend our AGM in June. Date to be set once we have had a response from them both.
- Orakei Local Board Plan 2014. Consultation will be in June 2014.
- Pop – up library – this was discussed and if Jane McMasters is interested in pushing it on we will support her.
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March from 11.30am to 12.30pm there will be a protest on the corner of Lunn Ave, Ngahuhi Road and Abbots Way, to bring attention to the change of flight paths.

Meeting closed 8.35pm.

Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 7.30pm at St Chads, Meadowbank Road