

## Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association

Held at St Chad's Church Meadowbank on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm

**Attendees:** Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, Matthew Kelly, Amanda Nicholas, Lakshman Abeynaike, SK Thurai, Carmel Claridge, Kate Cooke (Orakei Local Board), Troy Churton (OLB), Desley Simpson (OLB), Kevin Kevany, Tim Duguid, Peter and Juliet Allen, Alison Macfarlane, Thais Nafissi, and Dorthe Siggaard.  
**Guests:** Nicky Elmore and Wendy Masters from Meadowbank School's Enviroschool.

**Apologies:** David Reid, Jenny Leatham, Linda Jones.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved:** Carmel **Seconded:** Lakshman

**Matters from previous minutes:** In the July minutes it should have read Treasurers report not treasury and under newsletter/website – it should have read some people opened it multiple times.

### **Treasurers Report.**

Opening bank balance was \$4,813.

Membership fees received \$90

Closing balance as at 4 August 2015 \$4,903.00

Matthew noted that there was a payment due to go out shortly for the banners.

**Approved:** Ruth **Seconded:** Lynda

### **1. Meadowbank School Enviroschool programme co-ordinator Nicky Elmore presented to those present.**

In 2003 Meadowbank School joined the enviro school programme. The school is now at the Green Gold level, which is the highest level.

The five principals of the enviro school programme are:

- Empowering students
- Working towards a sustainable community
- Working with the Maori community
- Learning through sustainability
- Respect for diversity of people & all culture

In 2009, they become part of the Garden to Table programme, which is a separate programme run in the school, and their philosophy is grow, harvest, prepare and share.

The next step is, in conjunction with the community and with the help of the Local Board, to develop a community garden. They are also a Trees for Survival School.

There were a couple of suggestions as to where it could be situated, but what the land was zoned for would need to be ascertained and then some investigation with council, over who manages it would need to take place.

The services of Rotary Clubs of St Johns and Auckland East were also offered by members of the clubs that were present. As an RA we would gladly promote a community garden.

At this point in the proceedings Nicky, Wendy, Thais and Dorthe left the meeting.

## 2. **Future Events –**

**Waiaatarua Reserve Heritage Festival** – We are working with Yolanda Thorp, chair of the Waiaatarua Reserve Protection Society on this event. The date for this is October 11<sup>th</sup> 2 to 3.30pm. They will provide people on the day to talk about their group as well as people to deliver flyers. Flyer delivery will be from the 18<sup>th</sup> September – ideal with deliveries finished within two weeks of this date. There is also a scavenger hunt being organised for children and people will be free to wander or join part of a small guided groups.

If anyone has photos or information about this area please let Ruth know. We would also like to borrow a marquee if anyone has one that they wouldn't mind lending us please let us know.

Ruth asked for approval from the committee to spend the money for the printing of the flyers for the Heritage Festival. This was approved by those present. Approximate cost \$300.

**Purewa Cemetery Open Day** – Clifton Thomson, GM of the Purewa Cemetery & Crematorium, is interested in working with us on an open day in March/April 2016. If anyone is interested in helping with the organisation of this please contact Ruth. Ruth is meeting with Clifton on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 11am and then the board on the 17<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm. If you would like to attend with Ruth please let her know. UPDATE: Lakshman has agreed to attend the meetings.

## 3. **Orakei Local Board Update (Presented by Desley, Chair of the OLB).**

Hearings for Bylaw review on dogs start on the 5/08/2015

The collation of submissions made regarding the proposed future use of Colin Maiden is almost done. A traffic management plan will be produced for Colin Maiden Park.

Rates demands are out this week.

Meadowbank Community Centre – The OLB is trying to bring the funding forward for the redevelopment of the centre. One option that is currently before the Board for discussion is that the site could be sold, but the council would have a permanent lease for a redeveloped centre which would be built by the developer and would cost the rate payer nothing. The centre would be twice as big as the current one with apartments built on top. The board is currently discussing the viability of this proposal.

The cycle path way access paths are being looked at. The current path has 5 entry points so far. Some are funded by AT and some will be funded by the Local Board. We need to push for the local links.

Abbotts Way lights are going in this financial year (15/16). They will travel the Abbotts Way section all the time until they are triggered by something sitting in Grand Drive wanting to turn right.

Waiatarua Reserve entrance from Abbotts Way is being tidied up and sealed. Somerset has leased Parsons Paddock. OLB are going to engage with them about the concerns over community and traffic. We need to be proactive about contacting them. Ruth has the mandate from the group to contact Somerset and talk about our concerns and maybe invite them to a meeting at a later date.

Someone in Neighbourly is interested in starting a Community Patrols are keen to be started round here.

Desley is going to do an update for this month's newsletter regarding rates and what you can do if you can't pay your rates.

#### **4. Transport sub-committee**

Some of the areas of concern on the sub-committee's list are as follows:

- Meadowbank Road – speeding – AT has done a speed survey but there seems to have been no feedback on the results.
- Bonnie Brae/Manapau/St Johns - pedestrian crossings??
- Parking outside Meadowbank shops seems to have sorted itself out.

The traffic sub-committees spreadsheet will be forwarded to the OLB so that they can look at it and see what can be done, if anything, done about our areas of concern.

#### **5. Committee Only supper** – Ruth will circulate the notes from the meeting, which were typed up by Amanda, to all of the committee for reading.

#### **6. General Business** - The Purewa, Puroto and Manapau Residents group were informed of the Associations decision to dissolve formal relationship with Purewa, Puroto and Manapau Residents Group (PPMRG) but agree we will still support their endeavours for more open notification around Special Housing Areas (SHAs) in Meadowbank.

**Meeting finished at 8.45pm**