

# Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association

**Meeting opened 7.30pm**

**Present:** Troy Churton, Kate Cooke, Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, Carmel Claridge, Roger Harrison, Marion Harrison, Lynley Olsen, Jenny Latham, Lakshman Abeynaike, Colin Janett, Maureen Janett, Helga Overdyck, Max Overdyck, Tim Duguid, Matt Kelly

**Apologies:** David Reid, Amanda Nicholas, Kevin Kelvany, Dortha Siggaard

**Minutes: Approved:** Ruth

**Seconded:** Kate

**Matters arising from previous minutes:** None

## **Treasurers Report:**

We have been approved for the funding that we had applied for from the Orakei Local Board. The OLB were thanked for the funding. The funding application was for 18 months which brings us up to the elections for the local boards.

Treasurers report to 1 December. Balance as per account 3/11/2015 \$2,988.98

Income – membership fees \$10.00

Expenses – Coffee reimbursement for data workshop \$27.50

Cost of flyers for heritage Festival \$259.33

Balance as per ASB bank accounts 1 December 2015 \$2,712.15

**Minutes: Approved:** Lynda

**Seconded:** Carmel

## **Future Events**

**Community Carols:** It is being done differently this year; it is a smaller event that is being held in conjunction with the morning service at St Chad's. As it is just a St Chad's event they will not receive the community funding from the Orakei Local Board that they had applied for. They will look at doing a bigger event in 2016. We have had no input into it.

**Purewa Cemetery Open Day:** The date has been changed and has been re-scheduled to March 6<sup>th</sup>. Kate pointed out that it was also Round the Bays and a golf tournament is being held at Remuera Golf Course on the same day. This may need to look at rescheduling. Ruth and Lakshman will go back to the cemetery regarding this.

Fancourt Reserve - we would like to use it for parking of the vintage Hearses. We may not have to apply for a permit but Kate will check to make sure if this is OK and let us know. The golf tournament overflow parking will be in Waiatarua Reserve. Kate will give feedback to the organisers of the golf tournament about putting up signs around the reserve about this happening.

**Orakei Local Board Updates:** The improved signage for parking outside the Meadowbank/St Johns strip shops have yet to go up. Troy will follow up on why the signs have yet to go up.

New Dog Law signage will be rolled out shortly. The first signs will go up at Shore Road on approximately 17<sup>th</sup> December and then will be rolled out to other reserves after that. It was pointed out that the dog signs around Orakei Basin need to be updated, as they have been defaced.

No SHA developments.

The Orakei Basin Redevelopment has not been a success. The redevelopment has not followed the management plan. OBAC – Orakei Basin Advisory Committee – are not happy with the outcome of the development. The basin is to be re-opened on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, but OBAC will continue to chip away at getting the issues fixed. RA members need to provide feedback to the Local Board and the Council about the development. Ruth asked for information about the opening so that it can be put on our Facebook page.

Fancourt Reserve bollards will be renewed in the 16/17 financial year. They are definitely on the list to be done. Bollards with a chain between them (as found in Rutherford Reserve) would be the preferred option.

Plans for the lights at Abbotts Way and Grand Drive – the plan is too complicated to give us a diagram of but Melanie, from Auckland Transport, is willing to come and speak to us about the lights.

### **General Business**

Our database has been shifted into CiviCRM. We have now also got a membership officer.

Citizen's Advice Bureau has contacted us. They would like to come and speak to us about their services. They are also facing cuts to funding. Ruth will go back to them and ask them what they think they feel they would get out of coming and speaking to us and she will also refer them to the Remuera Residents Association as it was felt, due to the fact the CAB office is in Remuera, it would be more appropriate for them to speak to them, however we would not close the door on them coming to speak to us.

There is a Pourewa Creek Management Plan Draft Review on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-7pm at the depot building at the end of Hapimana Street.

Waiatarua Reserve - Lynley doesn't feel it is being managed by the Council Parks Department correctly. She believes that the silt traps, in the reserve, aren't being emptied on a yearly basis as they are supposed to be. Troy will follow up on the Operation Management Plan to see if it is being adhered to and go from there.

**New Bus Network** – The plan for our local area shows the bus services we currently have would be stripped. They are trying to push everyone into a transport hub but are making it difficult for people to get to the transport hub. Submissions are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> December. We are encouraging everyone to make a submission – even if you don't currently use a bus. With the increase in density under the unitary plan, it seems poor planning to take away bus services as the current proposed bus plan doesn't seem to have any forward planning for future growth in it.

The MSJRA Association submission will be very broad. The support from the group is that our submission is to be put in. We have a chance to make a change.

January meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at St Chad's Church at 7.30pm. **Please note the change of date due to the holiday season.**

**Meeting Closed 8.50pm**