

Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association held on 2 February 2016 at St Chads Church, Meadowbank

Present: Ruth Mackintosh, David Reid, Kevin Kevany, Tim Duguid, Kate Cooke (OLB), Troy Churton (OLB), Yolanda Thorp, Danny Xu (Auckland Transport), Lakshman Abeynaike, Elaine Tripp, Carmel Claridge, Andy Hird, Janet Locke, Marjorie and Don Symonds, Alison Macfarlane, Bridget Rothbart, JP Keshav, Paul Kelway, Dave Larsen, Barry Stewart, Bob and Sharee Neilson, Desley Simpson (OLB), Richard Green, Jeanette Miller.

Apologies: Lynda McCarthy, Matt Kelly, Amanda Nicholas, S K Thurai, Helga and Max Overdyke

Welcome: Ruth welcomed those present including any members of the public who were present to hear details of the proposed traffic lights at Abbotts Way.

Minutes from previous meeting: **Approved** with the addition of David's name to those attending: David **Seconded:** Kevin.

Matters arising from minutes: The Treasurer sent his report to the Secretary subsequently as promised.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer was not present. Current bank balance is \$7742-15.

Agenda Items

1. Grand Drive Traffic Lights

Danny Xu from Auckland transport explained the main features of the plan. The planned changes are required to ensure that motorists and pedestrians can get across Abbotts way.

- a) The plan keeps everything within the existing kerb lines.
- b) Traffic lights at Lunn Avenue, Grand Drive and Ladies Mile will be coordinated to ensure better traffic flows.
- c) Installation of traffic lights with filters, will commence April/May and take 6- 8 weeks to complete. It was suggested that there be a sensor to detect when 10 cars have banked up.
- d) Letters will be sent to residents and the residents associations approximately 10 working days prior to commencing work. Billboards will also be erected advising of the changes.
- e) Traffic flows will be monitored and evaluated for the 1st three months.
- f) Car parks will be lost on Grand Drive and Abbotts Way.
- g) Mobility crossing will be provided for.
- h) The impact of the final decision on the bus services will also need to be taken into account.

2. Unitary Plan – Rezoning Meeting next Tuesday at ASB Stadium at 6pm.

Zoning changes have been made in some areas. However unless one objected to the earlier plan there is no right to object to the current plan. This takes away the rights of the residents. But one can coat tail on the submissions made by the 2040 Group if one objects to the proposed plan. The new plan removes density controls on sections over 1000 sq M. Other changes are also proposed.

The main objection is that Council has not undertaken due process when making changes to the Unitary Plan by not having public consultation.

The invitation to the meeting at ASB Stadium is on MSJRA Facebook page.

3. Events

Purewa Cemetery Open Day 2016 – new date Sunday 13 March 2016.

Flyers need to be delivered between 20 and 28 February. Kevin, Carmel, David/Beth, Bob and Cheryl, Kate and Lakshman volunteered. Volunteers will also be needed on the day.

4. Annual General Meeting 20th, 15th or 22nd June.

Mayoral candidates Mark Thomas, Steve Berry, Victoria Crone, and David Hay have replied. Phil Goff and Penny Bright have not replied and are to be contacted again. Carmel agreed to do this. The AGM will be at St Chads Hall and payment for the hall hire is approved.

Kevin agreed to be the official photographer. Previously food was provided by Countdown and wine by Barfoots. They are to be approached again.

5. Orakei Local Board – Annual Plan Consultations are on 15 February. Meetings will be held on 25 February at St Heliers and at St Chads on 3 March. A “Have your say” event will be held on 10 March at the Orakei Community Centre.

6. General Business

- a) Meadowbank Community Centre will not be upgraded in the near future.
- b) Barry Stewart the Membership Officer was introduced to the meeting.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday 1 March 2016 from 7.30pm at St Chads Church.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.