

Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association held at St Chad's Church Meadowbank on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.30pm

**Attendees:** Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, Matthew Kelly, David Reid, David Weller, Roger Williams, Amanda Nicholas, Lakshman Abeynaike, Bob Neilson, SK Thurai, Carmel Claridge, Kate Cooke (Orakei Local Board), Tim Duguid.

**Apologies:** Troy Churton (Orakei Local Board), Kerry Woods, Grant Dickison, Sharee Neilson

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

**Matters from previous minutes:** Jeanette not Richard for attendance and the minutes should also have read - on invite, meeting to be followed by supper.

The Puroto Purewa Manapau Residents Group subcommittee has nothing new to report. They have not fulfilled the conditions required to retain subcommittee status (membership and meeting attendance). As a result, the decision was made to sever sub-committee status. There were initially compelling reasons for PPMRG to join MBSJRA, but after further discussion it was felt that these reasons were no longer valid. Ruth to inform Grant that we need to part ways.

### **Treasures Report.**

Opening bank balance as at 2/6/2015 \$7102 – Membership fees received \$220  
Expenditure - \$2508.

Flyer and leaflet printing	\$677.06
Ink (reimbursement to Ruth)	\$113.05
Post (redirection order)	\$25.00
Domain name (annual charge)	\$44.85
Website hosting	\$114.71
Room Hire for AGM	\$226.00
Newsletter & website development & maintenance	\$828.00
Website Maintenance – Amanda Nicholas	\$480.00

Closing balance as at 7 July 2015-07-24 \$4,813.69

Invoice to be approved for payment for banners - \$1,061.65. (This was include as a cost in our application for a grant from the Orakei Local Board which we received on the fifth of March 2015)

**Approved:** David **Seconded:** Carmel

Certificates will be made up for the sponsors for the AGM. Ruth will get these printed on card for them. Payment approval was given to Ruth for the expenditure of the certificates. **Approved:** David

**AGM Debrief:** People sitting at the back were cold and they couldn't hear. There is a button by the front door for heaters. In the past we have had sound set up and it has not been used. It was pointed out that while a speaker might not use the

microphone, we may have to tell them to use it. Have a compulsory entry fee that we use as the subs for the year.

David Weller – Was the president of the Coatesville Association until 2012. He has written a letter to the Coatesville Association about our AGM. The Coatesville Association, at their AGM, charged people \$10 to come in and used that as there subs. They found that doing that worked.

We need to start planning the AGM earlier. It was suggested that we start talking about the planning of the AGM in February. Coatesville put a flyer in the letterbox stating the AGM was only opened to Coatesville Residents and there was a \$10 entry fee.

**Future Events** – Purewa Cemetery walk through. History and notable New Zealanders buried in the Cemetery. It was suggested February would be a good time to do it. Those present were asked if anyone had a contact at the Cemetery that we could approach about this. Carmel will ask Roy, who is involved with the Purewa Valley Group, if he has any contacts within the Purewa Cemetery that we can talk to about this. We are looking for two volunteers to get this organised. (Lynda is willing to help).

Our other events include the Waitarua Heritage Festival Walk in October. Community Carols in December in conjunction with St Chad's Church.

Meadowbank School is an Enviro School – Nicky Elmore from the school, will come to the next meeting and talk to us about what they are currently doing and their plans for the future to advance to the next level in being an enviro school. The school would like to work with the community to create a community garden. They have talked to the OLB about how they can work with them as well. They would like to work with the community as a group and as individuals.

The Orakei Local Board (OLB) organised a Resident's Association (RA) workshop for the 7 RA that cover the 10 suburbs that there area covers. Lynda gave a brief rundown of the evening. It was felt it was a very worthwhile evening and a lot was learnt from listening and talking to the other RA's.

Thurai attended the OLB Orakei Basin committee meeting that was today at 3.30pm. There is work that needs to be done but this has been delayed. Next meeting is August 11<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm for a follow up. They hope to get a representative from the Orakei Community Association to attend as well.

Committee Only Supper – The monthly meeting is open to all. Committee only supper is to sort out tasks and goals for the year going forward. The date has been set as 21st July. This will be held at Ruth's.

**Newsletter and website** – Amanda gave a debrief on the newsletter. A lot of time and effort went into it. It was sent at 4.25pm. It was sent to 240 people. 60% opened it. Some people opened it multiply times. 30% people clicked on something in it. 1 person unsubscribed to it. 15 bounce backs. Any suggestions for the newsletter please pass onto Amanda.

**Submissions** – The plans for Colin Maiden Park are online. There are three proposals. Alcohol Bans control have been passed from the Council to the Local

Boards. The OLB would like submissions on the Alcohol Ban Areas as to if they work or not.

Lights for Grand Drive / Abbotts Way will go in shortly. Work on the Ngapipi/Tamaki Drive intersection will start next year.

Feedback given to Kate was that we need more notice regarding timeframes for open days and time frames for submissions so that we can get the committee organised to do submissions.

**Meeting finished at 9pm**