

## **Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association held on 3 November 2015 at St Chads Church, Meadowbank**

**Present:** Ruth Mackintosh, Linda Jones, Katherine McIntyre, Amanda Nicholson, Dorthe Siggaard, David Reid, S K Thurai, Richard Rexburgh, Kate Cooke, Tim Duguid, Lakshman Abeynaike.

**Apologies:** Lynda McCarthy, Matt Kelly, Troy Churton, Carmel Claridge, Kevin Kevany, Bob and Sharee Neilson, Jenny Leatham.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Note approval given to the original emailed version **Approved:** David **Seconded:** Lakshman

**Matters arising from minutes:** None

**Treasurers Report: Approved:** Ruth **Seconded:** Thurai

### **Agenda Items**

#### **1.Events**

**Waatarua Reserve Heritage Festival** - About 60 people attended. Most found out about the event from the Auckland Heritage Festival booklet. Only two persons indicated that they had heard of the event from flyers delivered to letterboxes. Kate pointed out that the speaker could not be heard during the walk portion of the event.

**Purewa Cemetery Open Day 21 February 2016** – Clifton has advised that they have a budget for the event. Hearses will be in attendance and the crematorium will be open for inspection. They are looking at a colour option for the flyer.

**Community Carols** – Notification not yet received from St Chads Church. Tim will follow up with the Church.

#### **2.Transport Sub Committee**

Tim advised that there are two negatives in the Transport Plan:

- a. St Johns Park will lose its bus service
- b. There is no bus service to the Meadowbank Station. Only Baldwin Street which is not a major station is in a similar position

A possible solution to both problems would be to have a bus service covering Panapa/Norman Lesser/Gerard Way and Meadowbank Road. This does not solve the problem for Grand Drive residents.

It was also pointed out that there will be no bus service from Gowing Drive to Newmarket and that by dropping the 007 Bus there is nothing going past Green Lane Hospital and UNITEC.

Kevin's email suggested a rebate should be given to Panapa Drive residents for losing their bus service.

Available parking close to the Train Station will be reduced. It was suggested that a survey be done to determine from where commuters are coming from.

### **3. OLB Updates**

a. Tahapa Reserve East – Clifton cannot attend late evening meetings. Purewa Cemetery is building a remembrance lounge in the upper car park.

b. It was felt that a management plan for Tahapa Reserve and the whole valley should be put in place.

c. Fancourt Road boulevards and fencing are rotting. Kate will follow up on this matter.

d. Parking outside Meadow – Linda Jones reported that AT's original plan will go ahead as the various parties could not reach agreement on the changes required. The shops (minus Meadow) wanted parking of 15 minutes between the Bakery and Wine Shop and 2 hours up to Temple Street. OLB will review this in the new year.

**4. Housing NZ** – As there was no consensus, PPMRG request for letter in support was declined.

**5. Committee only supper** – report was not discussed.

### **6. General Business**

a. A funding application has been made for the Community Garden project.

b. Work has started on Parson's Paddock Retirement Village. Ruth will arrange a meeting with Somerset.

c. Committee members are invited (if they are interested) to attend a meeting with impactNPO re: transferring the database which is currently on an Excel spreadsheet. Barry Stewart, Membership Officer, supports the set-up of the new database.

d. Sustainable Homes Seminar has already been posted on Facebook.

e. Changes have been made by AT to the original plan for the Abbots Way/Grand Drive traffic lights. Ruth to request the revised plan from AT.

f. Orakei Basin - There are lots of problems with the work done by the Contractors. The Orakei Basin Advisory Board is dealing with this.

g. Approval sought and given for the purchase of foldable table for our events. Budget of up to \$100. Proposed: Ruth, Seconded: Amanda.

**7. Next Meeting** – Tuesday 1 December 2015 from 7.30pm at St Chads Church.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.