

**Minutes of the Meadowbank St Johns Residents Association held 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank.**

**Present:** Ruth Mackintosh, Lynda McCarthy, SK Thurai, David Reid, Carmel Claridge, Kate Cooke (OLB), Troy Churton (OLB), Amanda Nichols, Alison Macfarlane, Kevin Kelvany, Tim Duguid.

**Apologies:** Linda Jones, Lakshman Abeynaike, Matthew Kelly, Judith Everitt.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved:** Thurai **Seconded:** Kevin

**Matters arising from previous minutes:** None.

**Treasurers Report:** Opening balance of \$4,903.69 Fees received of \$80, less \$1,061.45 this was for our banners. The closing balance as at 1 September was \$3,922.24.

A brief discussion was had on the spending of our previous grants. As we may at any stage, be asked by the Orakei Local Board if we spent them according to our grant request. Matthew sent through a breakdown of the spending and over two year period it shows that we have spent our grants.

A budget is currently being done.

First two grants have been spent this was verified by Matthew in a report sent to Ruth and Lynda.

**Approved:** Ruth **Seconded:** David.

Approval was given for payment of the Two Sparrows invoice of \$224.25.

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

**Agenda Items:**

**1 – Funding for the next 18 months –** We need to put in a funding application to the OLB for funding for the next 18 months. A discussion was held and the following ideas were suggested as ideas we could put onto the funding application grant:

- A banner promoting the RA and put on the side of the Barfoot and Thompson building.
- Funding grant will have costs for 3 community evenings.
- Ongoing costs of development of website.
- Ongoing website maintenance and development.
- Way finding signs/promotions of the area.
- Funding for the website to develop a page that shows reserves/parks for the area.

**2. Future Events**

**Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week** - It is Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week from the **September 14-20**. A Clean up the Pourewa Valley afternoon has been arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup> September from 1.30pm to 4pm. We need someone with a trailer willing to drive the rubbish to the transfer station. Ruth was given approval to purchase a first aid kit for this and future events. \$62 plus shipping. **Approved:** David **Seconded:** Lynda.

Selwyn College would like an affidavit signed so that they are not held liable if an accident occurs. Troy will send through a template to Carmel for the affidavit. A mass email will be sent out to the RA members asking them to join in and participate in the clean-up. Carmel will send out an email to members of Friends of Purina Valley. Approval was given for hire of a trailer if needed. **Approved:** David **Seconded:** Amanda. Carmel will ring ASB Stadium to see if there is anything on the 19<sup>th</sup> September as we will need to use their carpark for parking cars.

**Friends of Pourewa Valley** – Carmel had a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> August to form a group interested and keeping the Valley tidy. Idea was to get a renewed community interest and awareness about what is down there. They will look to form a legal entity so that they can get funding. If you are interested in joining the group email Carmel.

**Waiatarua Reserve Heritage Festival** - We will need to use a graphic designer to do our flyers for this event. Ruth asked for approval to spend the money to get a designer to do this. **Approval:** David **Seconded:** Tim. Tim may have a contact that would be willing to do the artwork for free. He will approach them and then let Ruth know.

**Parking outside Meadow** – Looks like two hour parking will start from outside Meadow. From the shops' perspective parking has not settled down. There is an issue with the consent from Meadow so the two hour parking needs to start from Meadow.

**Transport** – there are some ideas floating around about putting out planter boxes on the side of the road to create parking and calm traffic.

A request for funding was received from the Red Cross. We are not in the area, nor do we have the funds to fund other groups. Ruth will reply to the letter and suggest they apply to the appropriate Local Board for funding. We are willing to inform our members of the event via our website and facebook page.

Pippa (in Parks) is in communication with us about the community garden. They have sent us a list of questions that need to be addressed. We are meeting onsite at Ngapuhi Reserve October 5 with representatives from Meadowbank's Enviroschools programme, the OLB, MSJRA, and Council.

Parsons Paddock – we are in contact with representatives from Somerset Retirement Village. They have offered to meet us onsite once they've got a new team member up to speed.

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm. Next meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 7.30pm at St Chad's church Meadowbank.**