

**Minutes of the Meadowbank & St Johns Resident's Association
Tuesday 4th October 2016 7.30pm at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank**

Attendees: Tim Duguid, Lynda McCarthy, Barry Stewart, Lakshman Abeynaike, Amanda Nicholas, Carmel Claridge, Troy Churton (OLB), Katherine McIntyre & Noel O'Sullivan.

Apologies: Kate Cooke (OLB), David Reid, SK Thurai,

Minutes of the September meeting were approved:

Moved: Barry **Seconded:** Carmel

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Community Christmas Event – St Chad's is doing an event this year and would like some support. Tim will go back to them to say yes we will help them. Date has been set as the 3rd December 4-6pm.

Reports from Previous Events

Meet The Candidates - the following comments were made by Carmel who attended all of the Resident's Association meetings in the OLB, and committee members who attended:

- The MBSJRA meeting was the best run of the various meetings.
- There was good engagement between the candidates and the audience.
- The format was tight.
- Possibly next time the MC should speak less and allow more speaker time.
- By combining with Mission Bay/Kohi it was one less event for the candidates to attend.
- Most attendees were from Meadowbank & St Johns.
- Next time we should pull aside the chairs at the back to allow more room for people to mingle.

Pourewa Valley Clean Up

- Two skips provided by Waste Management were filled even though the numbers were down from last year. This could have been due to the weather as it didn't clear until early afternoon.
- People enjoyed the tea and baking and it was a good way to mix and mingle.
- Tim will email Waste Management our latest newsletter to show that that we publicised it.

Future Events

- Felicity Merrington, AT Relationship Manager for the Orakei area, has lined up an AT Engineer to do a report on some of the specific traffic issues in the area. Tim will meet them & get confirmation about speaking at the November meeting for which we will try to book the conference room.
- Murdoch Dryden plans to come to the December Meeting. He expects to have detailed plans to present. Resource Consent has been put on hold while plans are reworked. He hopes to start this process again shortly. Because of the commercial nature of this event Tim is to request MD to pay for the room hire.

There was also discussion around possible events we could organise/be involved with:

- March 2017 – Pourewa Cemetery Trust Board. Tim is to contact the Trust Board with a view to having someone speak at our March meeting and it was suggested that the most appropriate person to speak to was the Trust Chairperson.
- Safety Evening – Avon Lines, Neighbourhood Support NZ Auckland Representative.
- St Johns Bush – Discussion on a possible bush walk and perhaps a barbeque in conjunction with Friends of St Johns bush. Tim will talk to Toni Millar about contacts we could talk to.
- AGM – it was suggested that we ask the new mayor to speak and agreed that we will need to get the invite out soon after the election.
- Big Dog Walk – this was held in Waiatarua Reserve earlier in the year and it was suggested it would be a good event for us to be involved with. Carmel will make contact with the organiser to see if we can be involved in any way.
- Community Walk to coincide with the opening of the Glen Innes to St Johns cycleway.

Orakei Local Board Update

- This was Troy's last meeting as part of the present Local Board. There will be a hiatus of approx 1½ months before we will have any contact with an elected representative of the Board.

- Abbotts Way/Grand Drive – the centre line is going to be shifted. All present agreed that the new lights had made it safer for pedestrians and cars.

Opportunities & Challenges

- Things we can do to improve our area: what is already great about Meadowbank and St Johns, and what needs to be improved?

Volunteers / Events Coordinator

- The committee will look at appointing a member to co-ordinate volunteers as well as organise & co-ordinate events (printing and distribution of flyers, booking venues etc).

Meeting closed at 8.41pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday November 1st 2016 at 7.30pm at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank Road.

A reminder to pay your subs for 2016/2017 if you haven't already done so.