

**Minutes of the Members Meeting of the Meadowbank & St John's
Resident's Association.
Held at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at
7.30pm.**

Apologies: Lakshman Abeynaike, Lawrence Parker, Oliver Roberts.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approved **Moved:** Tim **Seconded:** Barry

Matters Arising: The Local Board are waiting on options from AT for the bus stop at Meadowbank train station not a feasibility study as stated in the last minutes.

Councillor Desley Simpson – one year on

- Time has flown; it is 10 years last month since she became involved in local government.
- There is more administrative support for the Local Boards than for Councillors.
- There is no consensus when voting takes place as there are 21 Councillors with different ideas.

Wins include

- Lowest rates rise since amalgamation under first Phil Goff budget
- Highest UGAC.
- Invested extra \$200 million dollars for infrastructure.
- Have given more money to Local Boards.
- Extended smokefree areas.

Orakei Local Board has received dedicated funding for:

- Open space & recreation
- Continued funding for the Auckland Netball Centre
- Funding for The Marine Centre at The Landing on Tamaki Drive.
- Funding for pathways on Mt Hobson.
- Tamaki Drive – 3 lots of flooding mitigation work happening.
- More delegation to Local Boards.
- Local Boards have increased engagement with AT.

Has been involved with

- Value for Money Project
- Quality advice review.
- Infrastructure is well behind.
- Congestion is a major issue.
- Debt to revenue is high which limits the amount the Council can borrow.
- Maintenance of parks is poor.

Desley is working hard to get the OLB request for funding a link to the GI to Tamaki Pathway through Council.

It has been a frustrating but enjoyable year.

Desley is the only Councillor with 100% attendance at Council meetings.

Orakei Local Board Update – Carmel Claridge

- The Board is being pro-active about ensuring all 126 parks & reserves are maintained to the standards required under the current contract. Maintenance had fallen behind and the current contractor has been taken to task by the Council and the Local Board is on top of this.
- When the LTP consultation comes out we need to encourage everyone to make submissions so that we can increase our chance of getting more Council funding for the link to the GI to Tamaki pathway.
- When making submissions they all need to be different otherwise they all get lumped together as a single submission. Submissions do not need to be long, even one or two lines will count.

Transport Issues Update – Noel O’Sullivan

- The Transport Subcommittee continues to work on issues in our area.
- There is a small scale community grant available and it was suggested that the bike racks at Meadowbank train station be shifted down to the train platform to prevent bike thefts.

Membership Update

- 110 financial members
- 515 members who receive the newsletter
- 800 likes on Facebook page.

Desley drew the winner for the member get member draw. Winner was Kathy Moriarty.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next Meeting will be at St Chad’s, 7.30pm on Tuesday December 5th 2017