

**Minutes of the Member Meeting of the Meadowbank & St John's Residents'
Association held at St Chad's Church, Meadowbank on Tuesday 11th
December 2018 at 7.30pm**

Welcome: Chair Barry Stewart

Apologies: Troy Churton (OLB), Kevin Kevaney, Lakshman Abeynaike, Ron Hamilton.

Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved. Moved: Anna Jackson **Seconded:** Barry Stewart

It was noted that while our aim in future will be to post the minutes for the previous meeting on the website approx 14 days after the meeting and the agenda for the next meeting posted 7 days before the meeting, all of the Committee are volunteers and this aim will be on a 'best efforts' basis.

Matters Arising: NIL.

Orakei Local Board Update (Carmel Claridge):

- The OLB have secured access for the GI to Tamaki Pathway via Gowing Drive. This was a major win for them.
- John Rymer Place access over land controlled by Watercare, has been resolved.
- A decision has been made on how the redevelopment of the Meadowbank Community Centre will be achieved. It is close to being deemed not fit for purpose. There has been funding for the redevelopment of the Centre in previous budgets, but it just keeps getting pushed out. Funding will come from the sale of 4 Victoria Avenue Remuera and the Te Hapa Hall along with a public/private partnership. The first significant step will be at 30th June next year when the service agreement between the current group managing the centre expires.
- The Board has delivered the revamped Waiatarua Reserve Carpark off Abbots Way and have improved walking tracks and the new bridge at the entrance of Grand Drive.
- Redevelopment of the playground at the Te Hapa Reserve will start in late February/early March.
- The "ghost" crossing on Meadowbank Road has been made official.
- The new bus shelter at the Meadowbank train station is complete and the #782 bus service is in place down to the train station. There will also be another bus stop installed outside the Oceania Meadowbank Retirement Village.
- AT is to erect signage that makes the pathways that make linking pathways more obvious and OLB have asked for input on the design of these.
- The movie in the park that was scheduled for our area in the summer of February 2018 was rained off.

Transport Subcommittee Update:

- Bus 3 Petition – this will now be presented to the OLB at the end of April to enable us more time to get more signatures.
- Kelvin Road pedestrian crossing is on a list, put out by AT, for enhancements in 2019.
- The Auckland Regional Public Transport Plan is open for submissions.

Environment Subcommittee Update:

- We will join SASOC – Stop Auckland Sewage Overflows Coalition – at no cost to the RA.
- Rodent eradication – we have purchased another 10 rat traps and have received funding from an OLB grant for these and another 20. Members who are interested in using a trap should email us. Traps are free to MBSJRA financial members otherwise there is a one-off cost of \$10 which also covers the annual MBSJRA subscription. A possible project co-ordinator has been identified to take over and expand this project.

Guest Speaker – John Raeburn “Planetary Wellbeing Starts with Community Wellbeing”

Guest speaker, John Raeburn who has a distinguished academic career outlined the background to the Planetary Wellbeing Network of which he is a founding member. Among his other accomplishments, John is passionate about the role that community plays in the world for the enhancement of health and wellbeing, and he sees planetary wellbeing as a people-first, empowering community approach that is the optimal, and perhaps only way to tackle the many social and environmental issues facing us in the 21st century.

John’s address was enlightening and thought provoking and a challenge for us to find a way to begin addressing the issues he highlighted, at a community level.

Future Events

- February Meeting – Tuesday 12/02 Speaker Hayley Dauben from AC Waiaatarua Reserve Enhancement Plan
- Community Picnic – this has been deferred till 2020 as we could not find a co-ordinator for the project.
- If anyone has any ideas for topics or guest speakers then please let one of the Committee Members know so that it can be added to our list.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Next Meeting will be at St Chad’s, 7.30pm on Tuesday February 12th, 2019.