

## **Normandale Residents Association**

Notes from the **Annual General Meeting** held Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at St.Aidan's on the Hill. Commencing 7.30p.m.

**Present:** Pete Matcham, (chair) Met Galletly, Grant Roberts, Sandra Greig, Caroline Dunbar.

**Apologies:**

**Notes:** for 16<sup>th</sup> May accepted as correct with the addition of the year added to the date. Pete/Mel

**Matters Arising:** Bruce Chase had been nominated on to the NRA at the AGM. Pete had sent him an email re tonight's meeting. Suggested he also be sent the notes. As yet he has not paid a sub. Other matters dealt with later.

**Correspondence:** Three documents from the Hutt City Council dealing with a land tour. The first two with papers about the tour and the last with a request for comments to be made by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

**Finance:**

Sandra tabled a cheque received from the HCC Heritage Fund for \$1,615.00 for the express purpose of printing the booklet for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This does not include the GST so the NRA agreed to meet that cost when necessary. Grant reported 76 subscriptions had been paid. He presented a printout with the details. Total monies in hand were \$3,412.91. This amount does not include the cheque from the HCC Heritage fund. Outstanding advertising monies owed to NRA = \$240.00 Grant will follow that up.

Monies owed by us = \$75.00 to Margaret Cousins for food and drink on the Inorganic Rubbish Collection Day. *Subsequent to the meeting Margaret confirmed the amount owed was \$68.20.)*

\$50.00 to St.Aidan's for the use of facilities. - AGM & monthly meetings. Sandra/Pete

Grant's report was accepted. Grant/Mel

**Freehold Land Tour of Western Ward.** Pete and Met spoke about this tour which took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007. It was requested by Hutt C. councillors and was specifically to look at undeveloped council land. Pale felt the tour was also partly to look at where there could be bus services. The general impression was that the council officers were looking to sell where they could and were not too concerned about the visual amenity value of 'vacant' land. Fifty sites were looked at in the Maungaraki, Normandale, Belmont, and Kelson area with a view to - keep as reserve, - sell for residential purposes or - develop.

It was a very rushed trip but encouraging that the Mayor and councillors wanted to include the residents' associations in its deliberations. We need to have a write up about it in the Newsletter and acknowledge that latter fact with appreciation.

Two sites under consideration that Pete spoke at length about were a) the Oakleigh Street Otonga school site. When this is developed for housing the current access road will not be suitable so it is too narrow and cannot be widened. The paper road site development would be of concern to the Friends of the Belmont Regional Park because of its situation. b) the area dose to the Normandale Playcentre. The suggestion seems to be to swap the roadside portion to keep as reserve and sell the area dose to the Playcentre for housing. It seems Playcentre people are keen for this to occur as it would hopefully mean less vandalism with residential houses overlooking their site. However the stability of the land also needs to be considered. Pete will write a letter to the Council emphasising the value of undeveloped land to the area and also question about the land around the Playcentre area. **Thank you Pete.**

**50th Anniversary:** Sandra reported all plans mentioned previously were continuing satisfactorily. Met had a copy of the Hutt News 1957 article re the opening. K Neate had planted the kauri tree but its exact location is not clear. Grant Will look for it.

**Thank you Grant.**

Grant reported that Rosie Doole was going to look around the various links between Normandale Road and Cottle Park, and the Regional Park from Stratton Street etc. Signs to go on formal tracks. He will speak to her again after her visit re the pamphlet. Pete has been unable to speak with Judy Robb again about the horse trough area.

**Skateboard:** Pale had been unable to find any builder prepared to do the work. Suggested Senior Skills or similar. Resene Paint are collecting unused paints and will give it to community groups. Pete will follow that up.

**Website:** Met has the kit but has been too busy to work on it yet. Caroline suggested a Blog but there was not much support for the idea.

**Newsletter:** Sherril has sent one to The *Professionals*. They will contact Pete or Carolina when ready.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 18th July, 2007 at 7.30p.m.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.30p.m.