

Normandale Residents Association
A.G.M. 2008

Notes from the meeting held Wednesday 16th July 2008 at St.Aidan's on the Hill. Commencing 7.30p.m.
Present:, Pete Matcham (chair), Grant Roberts, Margaret Cousins, Mel Galletly, Lisa O'Leary, Max Shierlaw, Peter Dunne, Peter Glensor, Karuna & Harry Ranchod, Len Starling, another woman who did not sign the attendance sheet and Caroline Dunbar.

Invited Guest Speaker: Claire Bengé.

Apologies:. Paul Haines, Prue Lamason, Sandra Greig, and Chris Milne

Welcome: to everyone from Pete.

Notes: for AGM in June 2007 were not available at the beginning of the meeting so it was agreed these could be confirmed, or otherwise, at the first committee meeting after the AGM. *Margaret/Mel*

Finance:

Grant presented a verbal and written report. The end of the financial year was on 31st March 2008. At that date the Total monies (assets less liabilities) = \$6,540.93. Some payments had occurred since. Some expenditure was needed for the skateboard ramp. As the NRA is a non-profit making organisation the subscription amount did not need to be altered. Advertising in the Normandale Times covered some costs also. The report was received. *Grant/Mel*

Grateful thanks were extended to Grant for his capable work.

President's Report: Pete presented a written report and spoke very briefly highlighting the HCC's consultation process re Poto Road and other fee simple land in the area. He mentioned submissions to the HCC the NRA had made during the year and that the 'Walking' pamphlet is more or less completed. A draft copy of this was available for perusal. His report was accepted. *Pete/Margaret*

Committee members: The current committee had agreed to stand again i.e., Pete Matcham, Grant Roberts, Mel Galletly, Margaret Cousins, Caroline Dunbar. As it does not exceed the number allowed all were re-elected without voting. *Lisa O'Leary attends meetings where possible in her role as Normandale Newsletter Editor.*

Speaker: Pete then introduced Claire Bengé to the group and invited her to speak on the topic of ECO Design in the Wellington Region.

Claire gave a brief summary of eco design advisors in the country, working through the Ministry for the Environment. Claire covered topics as pertaining to the Wellington Region and pointers to consider when purchasing or building. She elaborated on each point. Location; fuel; insulation requirements; solar water heating; water – she suggested installing a rain water tank, available from "newwater" and T'anks a lot" both of whom have websites. She spoke of drains and SWALE – storm water which drains over grass... Different building timbers. Claire suggested a good way to begin insulating your existing house was to cover the ground underneath it with black Polythene. Tape it around the piles and weight it down with stones around the edges. As 14% of the heat is lost out the roof, double your insulation in the attic. In time your insulation flattens and is not so effective so add more on what exists there.

Claire mentioned the purchasing of LED light bulbs and the use of curtains – multilayered and pelmeted were best for insulation.....

Claire welcomed questions and comments throughout and at the close of her talk when we had a cup of tea or coffee she continued to answer questions.

Pete thanked Claire and gave her some vouchers as a small gift for her time, energy and interest.

Meeting Closed: 9.15p.m.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday 20th August 2008 7.30p.m. at St.Aidan's