

Normandale Residents Association

Notes from the meeting held Wednesday 20th July 2011 at St.Aidan's. Commencing 7.45p.m.

Welcome: Pete welcomed everyone especially the new members.

Present: Pete Matcham (chair), Margaret Cousins, Grant Roberts, Paul and Mrs. Caygill, Rachael Linkhorn, Sally Selwood, and Caroline Dunbar.

Apologies: Juanita McKenzie

Notes: for meeting 18th May had been circulated electronically and were deemed correct. *Pete/Grant*

Matters Arising:

Skateboard Ramp: Pete had spoken with the person in charge of the workshop at Polytech with a negative response. **Pete to try to speak** with Roy Cox, 123 Hill Road of Community Volunteers, if that draws a blank then try Western Hills Lions Group contact person:- Rex Bullard 128 Normandale Road.

Correspondence: In:

- HCC re Clean up NZ week Aug.20th to 27th.
- Email from Mel re website
- Email to committee members from Pete with submission on regional governance. Thanks to Margaret for preparation help.

Out:

- Email of submission on Regional Governance.

Finance: Grant had prepared a typed report.

Bank Statement at 30th June 2011:

Westpac \$302.50 **Rabo Plus:** \$8,171.94 **Total (excl.grants)** \$5,879.24 **HCC Grants** \$2,595.20

Pete asked if Grant had contacted Max re the Financial Statement for the AGM. Grant explained he had been busy but would do so as it was kind of Max to offer his services.

- Caroline had been reimbursed for the Christmas sweets. \$155.60
- **Grant** suggested we put an advertisement in the N'Times re subscriptions. Perhaps also an explanation re time and reduction of subscription to \$5.00. *Pete, and All*, supported that idea.
- **Grant** suggested a payment of \$50.00 to St.Aidan's for hire of the church. *Sally, and All*, supported that idea.
- Pete asked **Grant for the invoice** for the plywood originally purchased for the skateboard ramp that had been stored in Pete's garage. He will reimburse the NRA as he has now used the plywood himself.

All accepted Grant's report.

Grant/Pete.

Post Box: On the Post Box at the corner of Pekanga/Normandale Road was a small notice advising the Postal box was to be removed and for use to made of the Box at 52 Normandale Road. Alas there is no Post Box at 52 – perhaps 152 N'dale Rd., was what was meant? Margaret had emailed various people including Katrina Shanks who said she'd look into the problem. Margaret suggested that as the NRA we could write to N.Z.Post and set out the situation. All agreed. **Margaret will draft a letter.**

Western Ward Committee: will write to the NRA , along with other residents Associations, soon asking for ideas for community planning. Ideas relevant to the area that the ward committee can do something about are welcome.

- Suggestion - develop a formed path across the western hills. As well as a good path to walk or run on this could be very useful in times of earthquakes as there is no road right across the top of the hills.
- Development ideas for the playgrounds. **Pete also needs to speak** with Bruce HCC about Poto Road.
- The Scout Hall – what is it used for, who owns it – what could it be used for instead of rotting away as it is now?

Inorganic Rubbish Collection: first Earthlink/ then McAuleys metal truck/ finally the rubbish truck. Need 10 – 12 volunteers. **Margaret will check** if trucks are available in mid-November. The Global Volunteers are no longer operating.

Rhododendrons and Azaleas: Planting on August 8th. Pete suggested inter-planting with ringa ringa. Grant suggested blacknum. **Pete will discuss options with Suzy.**

Regional Council Public Transport Plan: **Pete will prepare** a comment on our behalf. **Margaret will send Pete** some information re the Regional Public Transport Strategy. This to express support for the bus service we receive which we wish to continue as is. To express real concern over the suggestion of losing the Melling line and to comment on lateness/odd changes to train/bus service and the unsatisfactory mess this has been recently - particularly as the notices of changes have not been in obvious places where people would see them. To point out how helpful integrated servicing would be.

Clean Up N.Z. Week. 20th – 27th August. **Grant will organise** bags and the day chosen will be Saturday 20th August. An advertisement needs to go into the N'Times re this with time and meeting place. Part of the Keep Hutt City Beautiful campaign.

Normandale Times: Closing date for information to Paul by 25th of the month. Paul mentioned a change for one of the advertisements from Mr to Mrs. Gray. Grant noted the change.

Community Notice Board: Margaret pointed out this was for Community Notices so if anyone observed Firms Advertising they were within their rights to remove it.

Website: to be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting Closure: Meeting closed at 8.55p.m..

Next Meeting: 17th June 2011. 7.30p.m. at St.Aidan's.

Historic Boards: Pete has no time at present to work on these but hasn't forgotten them.

Email rec'd 20th July 2011

June /July 2011 website report as follows June 293 page views were recorded from 69 site visitors. Up to mid - July there were 160 page views, 53 visitors. So for full month of July 2011 around 320 page views, 106 site visitors would be feasible, on a pro rata basis. The July 2011 Normandale Times was uploaded to site in photo file format, compared to usual pdf. No site downtime was recorded

Best wishes Melvin