

Normandale Residents Association

Notes from the meeting held Wednesday 21st September 2011 at St.Aidan's. Commencing 7.40p.m.

Welcome: Pete thanked folks for coming to the meeting.

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

Apologies: Juanita McKenzie and Lisa O'Leary.

Notes: for meeting 20th July had been circulated electronically and were deemed correct. *Pete/Sally*
The meeting in August was cancelled due to snow.

Matters Arising:

- ❖ Rhododendron and Azalea working bees went well.
- ❖ In response to our communication re trains to Melling it was reported that statistics showed a marked drop in patronage. It may be that since governance of the railways is kind of with TranzMetro our concerns should go there rather than the Regional Council.
- ❖ Clean Up Normandale had not happened as advertising had not been done and with the other working bees in the same month Grant felt it would be better to happen at a different time. It was suggested perhaps we could also clean up along the Riverbank Car Park area. Pete will mention this at the Ward committee meeting as that area is in the Central Ward.

Correspondence: In: Re trains a.a.

Out:

- ❖ To NZ Post re postbox in Normandale Road. - The box was removed anyway.

Finance: Grant had prepared a typed report.

Bank Statement at 31st August 2011:

Westpac \$312.50 **Rabo Plus:** \$8,202.72 **Total (excl.grants)** \$5,920.02 **HCC Grants** \$2,595.20

Pete asked if Grant had contacted Max re the Financial Statement required for the AGM. Grant said he had not.

A discussion followed re the fact that the Normandale Progressive Society (the current NRA) was no longer an Incorporated Society Member. Rachel offered to look over the current Constitution with an option to update it. Pete will check his files both electronic (Caroline typed it up for everybody in 2005/6 or so) and paper for a copy. Grant has a copy if Pete is unable to locate his. It maybe easier to reapply under the new name NRA and begin again than to reinstate the previous membership.

- Caroline had returned \$10.00, she had found the relevant docket and realised she had been charged a 'special' price for the Christmas sweets and therefore owed the NRA the difference as they had reimbursed full price.
- Tay Wilson's and other's cheques had recently been banked.
- The advertisement in the September N'Times had resulted in subscriptions being paid.
- A tax exemption certificate can be applied for.
- Grant had purchased 600 small envelopes for the subscriptions. He will claim in October.

All accepted Grant's report.

Grant/Pete.

Inorganic Rubbish Collection: *first Earthlink/ then McAuleys metal truck/ finally the rubbish truck.*

Margaret checked, the trucks are available on Sat. 12th November. **Margaret will email to confirm this date. We need to find about 10 – 12 volunteers.** This will be advertised in the N'Times. Meeting place will be 145 Normandale Road at 8.45 a.m. and Margaret will organise the Fish'Chip lunch and the cardboard notice for the Community Notice Board. Margaret will be away in October so Caroline agreed to be the contact person until Margaret's return. Sally will check if James is available to help that day. Paul will ask some of his contacts.

Meet the Candidates: Pete will check if Maungaraki have organised anything. In the meantime Margaret mentioned the website: www.elections.org/storyboard was helpful in explaining the choices. Maxim Institute also had a summary of options.

Western Ward Committee

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. No comment on this from Pete.

- ❖ Pete said the junction from Poto Road to where regular houses begin there is no intention currently to upgrade because it is cheaper to put in a footpath to separate vehicles and pedestrians. **Pete says he needs to ask if there is a consistent policy about 'Share the Road' signage.** Cyclists need to take care wherever they are. There is no plan for cycle lanes on N'dale streets.
- ❖ Playground entrance/exit on Pekanga Road not yet done despite efforts by Margaret and Pete.
- **Pete will speak** with Bruce HCC about Poto Road later in the year. The allocation is in next year's budget not this one.
- *The Scout Hall – what is it used for, who owns it* – Pete reported this is now being investigated.
- Margaret commented that people had stopped complaining about the Melling train – probably had stopped using it as well. **We need to advise folk via the N'Times that we need to use it or lose it.**

Website: Pete is happy to host the site for \$120.00, Pete is also prepared to create the site. Lisa has indicated she is happy to prepare the content for the site but would welcome others being involved also.

Aim of the Site – in no particular order:-

- Welcome to New Residents, an Introduction to Normandale with relevant information about its services.
- Community notice board of upcoming events
- Where Issues can be exposed e.g. Melling train service.
- Who's Who with Civil Defence, J.P.'s etc. Emphasis on Your Local Neighbourhood Day.
- NRA itself – what it aims to do. Subscriptions info.
- Copy of the N'Times.
- A History Section
- A copy of the pamphlet re tracks for walking in Normandale.

Re a Domain Name or a sub domain name. A Domain Name will cost \$50.00 per year. Agreed a Domain Name may be easier to locate.... And we have the money.

Pete agreed if the setup time took longer than anticipated he would charge the NRA by deducting an amount from the cost of the plywood. All agreed this was OK.

Clean Up N.Z. Week. **Grant will organise** bags etc., for end of February/March, 2012 as Alan Pope of HCC said Clean up bags were available any time and HCC would undertake to collect the rubbish on the day allocated by NRA. This will give time for the event to be advertised in the February N'Times. Suggest we start down the playing field of Normandale School and work out from there as opposed to the usual starting place of Normandale bridge.

Normandale Times: Paul had done well with his 'snow' pictures last month. He will advertise for a Deliverer for the N'Times for Poto Road as we have had a resignation due to moving.

Meeting Closure: Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m..

Next Meeting: 19th October 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.

Rhododendrons and Azaleas: Pete suggested inter-planting with ringa ringa. Grant suggested blecknum. **Pete will discuss options with Suzy.** No report given in September.

