

Normandale Residents Association

Notes from the meeting held Wednesday 21st March 2012 at St.Aidan's. Commencing 7.34p.m.

Welcome: Pete thanked folks for coming to the meeting particularly residents who had come in response to a request in the Normandale Times for discussion on the skateboard ramp and surrounding area.

Present: Pete Matcham (chair), Paul and Mrs.Caygill, Rachael Linkhorn, Grant Roberts, Sara McKenzie (student journalist) Marco Renall, Haiko Phillipi, Sharon Phillipi, Tyrone McGrath, Craig McGinnity Ryan Williamson, Matt Clarke and Caroline Dunbar.

Apologies: Margaret Cousins.

Notes: for meeting 16th November had been circulated electronically and were deemed correct.

Pete/Caroline

Matters Arising:

- Melling Line – Kiwi-rail indicated their system has not been set up to record those people transferring from busses at Petone from Melling. The future review of bus and train contracts will include discussion on better integration i.e., if a train is delayed the bus will wait etc.
- The Constitution and other matters to be dealt with during the meeting.

Correspondence: In: and Out:

Out: A submission had been emailed to the committee and then sent to HCC re Go Outside and Play in GWR re consultation on Long Term Plan – meeting on 23rd April, Dowse Museum 4.30 –6.30 p.m.

Skateboard Ramp:

Options:- a)To keep and repair. Malcolm Cameron has offered to help with repair. We have already received funding.

b) to demolish as it is in a serious state of disrepair. More ply sheets have disappeared..

The skateboard ramp has been claimed as a ‘one of a kind’; and was built by the NRA many years ago. Rules have changed and the ramp is not now within the current laws. Several at the meeting claimed it was too high, too small, too flimsy, not suitable for any particular age..... There had been accidents on it that the committee were unaware of.

Some residents had a plan for an alternative use for the area. This was for making a Pump Track for cyclists. The group were mostly members of a mountain-bike club. They suggested that a Pump Track would serve all age groups, would be well used by themselves and their children. In their view parking would be OK though maybe a bit limited, and noise not too close to bother residents in the vicinity. A pump track is essentially a challenging bicycle track around humps of shaped earth.

The area in question for the proposed Pump Track is recreation ground belonging to the HCC, and is the area below the current skateboard ramp.

Another option suggested was a hoop and concrete area where teenagers could shoot goals.... It is not game specific. Also suggested was a BBQ area.

Alternative site suggested for the Pump Track was the ‘sports’ ground below Normandale school.

For a pump track there needs to be good drainage. The Group of Seven felt that the HCC could perhaps contribute with a digger; but the Group were prepared to help make the track also.

On-going maintenance should be relatively minimal if the Track is built properly in the first place. All were prepared to help but not to shoulder all responsibility for maintenance.

Everybody agreed that the skateboard ramp should be disposed of and Pete will discuss the ‘how’ of this with the HCC.

The Group of Seven will prepare a plan of the site by way of photographs and scale suggestion. This could go to the HCC from the NRA. Pete said he thought whatever project we chose funding would be zero from HCC.

Finance: Grant's verbal report. For 21st March 2012.

Westpac \$178.53 Rabo Plus: \$7486.87 Total (excl.grants) \$5,069.10 HCC Grants \$2,595.20

Pete requires copies of the expenditure at Mitre 10 for plywood for the ramp - for the HCC.

Rosemary McLennan had furnished her docket for Christmas sweets plus a mini cheque for the difference between our allocation and the expenditure.

Caroline furnished receipts for gifts to N'Times Deliverers and *Professionals* for Christmas 2011, and received a cheque for \$69.85 in return.

All accepted Grant's report.

Grant/Pete.

Community Awards: Margaret had sent us information re this following up on our suggestion last year that we nominate Judy Cameron. Some committee members do not know Judy. **Suggest we ask Margaret if she can co-ordinate this** as Caroline will be away in April. Closing Date 8th June.

Wellington Supercity and Government Reform. We need to discuss our collective view on this even though we have individually sent off comments. General feeling is that small local issues would be overlooked in the whole picture scene. We need to see more detail of the proposal.

Belmont Pine Block: The felling of the pines has halted in the meantime.

Western Ward Committee Report: Pete said he had suggested signage for Normandale Road re 'sharing the road' as was in other areas.

Every 6 years there is a Government review so we will need to consider re:- ward committees; community boards; councilors. At present there are 3 Community Boards – Eastbourne, Petone, Wainuiomata. The Ward committees have appointed members but all get payment. This money comes out of the general allowance budget to Councils. Currently the Western Ward includes Alicetown so that it fits within the 10% allocation. Surely it would make more sense for Korokoro to be included within the Western Ward instead of with Petone?.....

Website: Pete has prepared the site. As yet Lisa has not been in touch with Pete to follow up this project. **Paul has not yet sent Pete the September, October and November issues of N'Times on PDF.** Pete has circulated the skeleton site to the committee for us to view and comment on. We all considered it favourably. Approval given to Pete to apply for Domain Name.

The Constitution: Pete confirmed we are not on the Incorporated Society list and will reapply for the AGM. **Subscriptions:** Need to advertise these in June/July

Normandale Times: Paul to write up about Clean Up Normandale – this to happen on 12th or 19th May according to Grant's notification as he has to get the bags etc.

Paul has a friend looking for Community Work for his Duke of Edinburgh award. ?Adv. In N'Times

Community Plan: *In response to Pete's request for comments Grant prepared a thoughtful paper on putting electricity wires underground.*

Meeting Closure: Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m..

Next Meeting: 18th April 2012. 7.30p.m. at St.Aidan's **probable apology from Caroline**

Rhododendrons and Azaleas: Pete suggested inter-planting with ringa ringa. Grant suggested blecknum. **Pete will discuss options with Suzy.** No report given in November or March re this..

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