Normandale Residents Association

Notes from the meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2012 at St.Aidans commencing 7.34p.m.

Present: Pete Matcham (chair), Sandie Matcham, Rachel Linkhorn, Margaret Cousins, Grant Roberts.

Apologies: Caroline Dunbar

Notes Amendments:

Rosemary had contacted Paul, not Pete. Change from 'suggested' to 'recommended' to write off the invoice for Benedicts Change to 'Receipts are required to so that advertisers can claim tax refunds. Poto Road meeting: change from Sherry to Shelly. Ward committee meeting: add '& reasons for nominating'

Subject to these changes, minutes approved.

Matters Arising: Mildenhall Park: Grant raised issue with Mildenhall Park, and Pete found out that submissions had closed on 31st August.

Incorporation signatures: We need to get Rachael, Margaret and Grant to sign. Plus two further signatories.

Correspondence: Nothing new.

Community Funding Grant – For skateboard ramp:

Pete appeared at Western Ward Committee who accepted our presentation. Pete is to meet with staff to see if there is another piece of equipment for the park that the money could be used for. Suggested options include:

Flat ground games area. Hoop, backboard and concrete pad big enough for hopscotch Barbecue and table and seats

Treasurer's Report: Sandie gave a verbal report.

The Westpac Account Balance for October 2012 is:- \$5,690.85

The Rabo Account holds \$7,595.29

These monies include HCC grants of \$2,595.20

Both Caroline and Sandie have spoken in person to Neelam Dairy, but no payment yet received. They now owe \$420 including September issue. It was agreed that their advert would be removed in December and reinstated in February if payment is forthcoming. Sandie will email them to explain.

42 households have paid up subscriptions. Pete suggested that next year we may need to consider door knocking again.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Inorganic rubbish collection: Pete thanked everyone for their assistance. This was the lowest amount, in memory, ever collected. Earthlink were concerned about a private organisation helping themselves to scrap metal. They had had previous experience with this organisation who were aggressive in their approach.

Agreed that Margaret be re-imbursed \$70 for garden gloves (\$12) and fish and chips (\$58).

Poto Road: Any suggestions or comments on the concept plan? Pete is to talk to Shelly to get things underway tomorrow. Grant made a suggestion about trying to get a better gradient for the ends of the tracks.

Grant mentioned the damage being done to existing native trees in the pine removal process. E.g. a totara had been pulled out and left alongside the path with roots drying out. Also the width of track created to remove the pines.

Christmas Parade: Agreed: expenditure of up to \$150 for sweets etc for Christmas Parade.

Christmas Meeting: 2pm Saturday 15th December at St Aidans with afternoon tea for deliverers. A meeting will be held afterwards if required. Agreed, expenditure of \$80. Caroline will be asked to invite the deliverers.

Regional Representation: Pete reported on the Local Government Zone 4 meeting that had been held earlier today. Porirua & GW proposal for two tier (not three as in Palmer report); Wellington City similar proposal, single tier but larger council that GW option: 29 councillors elected by wards around the region, also propose appointment of commissioners like Parliamentary Commissioner of the Environment. Wairarapa will do their own thing, probably one council, but not a unitary one. Hutt City proposed a unitary council for Hutt valley despite acknowledging that 98% of those surveyed did not want any change. Pete to attend HCC meeting Monday 26th to speak in support of NRA submission.

Western Ward volunteer appreciation day: Suggested names given to Pete.

General business: Grant again raised his concerns relating to Mildenhall Park.

Meeting Closed: at 9.30 p.m. Next Meeting: Saturday 15th December 2012 (if required).