

# Normandale Residents' Association Meeting

*Minutes from Committee Meeting held at 17 Pokohiwi Road on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
commencing 7.30pm*

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## Present:

Paul Caygill (chair), Margaret Cousins, Robyn Caygill, Sandie Matcham (joined by phone part way through), John Dobson (visitor – became paid up member on the night), Brad Field (visitor), Ivan and May Hunt (visitors), Graham Caygill (visitor).

## Apologies:

John Barnett, Sandie Matcham, Pete Matcham.

## Format of the meeting:

Due to having very few committee members present, we decided to forgo the normal formalities and concentrate on discussing the planting plan, including the suggested plants and how we might go about the planting. Treasurer's report was available but not discussed.

## Correspondence

We received one email from David McQueen (134 Miromiro Rd.) about the plant list in the April Normandale Times which was read out at the meeting and considered. We also discussed the email from Riba Greally at the council which contained the map we used. Riba told us that "I always order a larger amount of plants than I need so can gift some to the planting group (mainly things like pittos, flaxes, etc.)."

## Additional plants discussed

Kowhai – Brad has put some into the area above the slip and they are doing well.

Wattle – these have been problematic as they grow quickly and seed everywhere and then when they get too tall fall over and destabilise the slope.

Kanuka – but these might get too tall.

Kumaraho (spelling?) – not indigenous to the area and usually not found south of Taupo but do well at John Dobson's house in St John's way.

Everyone liked the idea of having flowering plants in the entrance.

Riba suggested flaxes in her email, as did Sandie when she called, so we discussed that these would need to be away from any area that would be mowed – at least 3m from the road side.

Rata would be nice (sourcing might be difficult). We'd need a big space for these.

Blechnum discolour was suggested – keen for any good ferns on the shady side.

Pneumatopteris was also suggested.

## Actions we will need to take

We discussed some of the steps we will need to take before we begin planting:

- The plan from Riba with water and sewerage did not include telephone cables etc so we need to contact B4UDIG. Riba said (in her email) that she can help us with contacting them.
- For planting day (and any pre planting day work) we'd need to sort a traffic management plan with the council. Some signs and road cones would be useful.
- We need to meet with council and have them approve the plants
- We need to purchase the plants!
- We might like to mark the sites for plants with that washable spray paint (Paul noted it might need to be an older looking resident who purchased this!)
- Do the planting

We decided to have a meeting the next day, down at the site to map out zones: width, slope, and sun would all need to be considered.

## March treasurer's report to be considered at next meeting.

As at the end of March the bank balance was:

**Current account Westpac** \$17,251.72

Income included:

    \$430.00 from advertising (Waglands, O2 exercise, Elements, Professionals signboards)

    \$20.00 from subscriptions

Interest accrued:

    \$1.37 in Westpac

Expenditure

    \$237.79 for community barbeque

Households subscribed: 66

Meeting closed somewhere around 9:30pm