

Normandale Residents Association

Minutes from Committee Meeting held via Skype on 21st May 2020 commencing 7.30pm.

Present: Robyn Caygill (Chair), Ivan Hunt, John Barnett, Jolene Williams, Sandie Matcham, Margaret Cousins, Pete Matcham

Visitor: Phil Pegler

At the start of the meeting there was an informal catch-up with those present speaking on how they were coping during lockdown and the easing of restrictions, and Phil introduced himself.

Apologies: Smrithi Talwar, Victoria Hunt

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of April meeting had been circulated electronically.

Approved *Robyn / Pete*

Matters Arising: Sandie was unable to contact Glenda Saunders by phone, so has left a note in her post box.

Smrithi sent feedback on her whatsapp group initiative:

I thought I would give you some quick feedback on the whatsapp group initiative. 5 people (of the 17 in Christina Grove) responded to my note which was lovely. We have actively been in touch these past weeks (more over the phone and one-on-one whatsapp chats rather than the group whatsapp conversation) and I have really enjoyed getting to know some of my neighbours a little better. An added bonus - the bag of apples I received from the residents at #10, and bag of lemons from #14!

Correspondence: Hutt City Council re Annual Plan 2020-2021 – discussed under General Business

Resignation from committee of Brad – accepted with regret.

Craig Innes re the Urban Development Bill – anyone interested can get link from Residents email.

Offer from Rosemary McLennan to write obituary for Adele Adams – accepted, Robyn will contact Rosemary.

Action: Robyn to reply to Rosemary

Treasurer's Report Treasurers report for April 2020 Approved *Robyn/Sandie*

As at the end of January the bank balance was:

Current account Westpac \$18,330.71

(Of this \$1000 HCC grant for planting
\$1000 Nikau Foundation grant towards water tank)

Income included:

\$180.00 from advertising (Waglands; Elements)

\$5 from subscriptions

Interest accrued:

\$0.75 in Westpac

Expenditure

\$158.04 for BBQ food

Households subscribed: 85

Paperwork has been sent to the auditor in preparation for the AGM.

Approved expenditure for website domain renewal \$22.94

Approved no objections

Action: Sandie to send receipt to Robyn

General Business:

AGM

- Decision to hold AGM at St. Aidan's. Robyn to organise access and also check on access for emergency purposes.
- Paul has agreed to do a Presidents report for the first half of the year. Sandie will draft a report for the 2nd half and forward to everyone to add or change as they feel appropriate.
- Supper will be individual packets of chips and wrapped chocolates. Robyn to organise. Funding agreed. No drinks will be provided.
- Nomination forms should be included in NDT this month, and we should endeavour to print and deliver. Sandie to contact Professionals and deliverers. Offers from other committee members if deliverers are not keen.

Action:

Robyn to organise access and also check on access for emergency purposes.

Robyn to get supper.

Sandie to contact Professionals and deliverers.

Sandie to start draft 'presidents' report for 2nd half of year and circulate for others to add to.

Jolene to put AGM details and nomination form in NDT

Pete to confirm location and time with Jo Miller.

HCC Annual Plan

Pete will do submission from NRA, to include comments at city level and those specifically for Normandale.

To include water sustainability; maintenance of parks including Jubilee Park and the loss of representation with the demise of Community Committees.

Action: Everyone send Pete any issues they want covered by Friday morning
Pete write submission and send to council. Circulate to committee will have to be after sending to council due to tight time frame.

**Normandale
Road Planting**

Lot of blackberry growing on slopes and long grass / weeds beyond grass verge.

Contact Tim to see if he has any ideas after all the clearing he has done.

It is very dry now, need to water anything we plant. Can we collect water from anywhere?

All meet on Saturday 6th June 11:30 to see if there is agreement on anywhere to plant.

Sunday 7th if weather bad on 6th

Continue working with council in relation to clearing weeds, spraying etc.

Action: Robyn to contact Tim Gray to discuss.
Meet on 6th or 7th. Sandie send email on Friday 5th.

**Promoting local
businesses**

As an aid to community connectedness, John proposed an article to go into the Normandale Times promoting local businesses: those with a Normandale address and working from home.

Along with the article, John requested a list of these businesses be printed in the Normandale Times and put onto the website. Newly started businesses or those we do not currently know about would be added later if they contacted us.

We decided to trial this as a paper version initially and see how many businesses were interested in being involved.

Agreed the article for the June NDT. Website would be more difficult. John to collect approval from businesses concerned.

Action: Jolene put article in NDT this month
Sandie contact Professionals re insert.

Local get-togethers

John reported on his chat to Praveena Frawley from Maungaraki.

Praveena arranges community dinners for residents from around 32 houses in Aspen and Clematis Groves in Maungaraki.

These arise from her personal initiative and are not under the umbrella of the MCA or a church. By door knocking, fliers and phone calls over the years, Praveena now gets about 40 people together for occasional set-menu dinners or lunches, where they book and pay individually and direct, at Benedicts café.

Praveena expects a good number to attend an upcoming post-Covid Saturday lunch gathering at Benedicts. In the past they've been to Swagat and in the valley, Buddha Stix, Simply India and Giuseppe's.

Ideas here perhaps for helping Normandale residents get to know each other?

This is similar to Smrithi's initiative in Christina Grove during the lockdown.

Action:

Spring Barbeque This will be discussed in the July meeting

Action:

Normandale Times

AGM notification and nomination form

Adele Adams obituary

Article on local businesses and community connectedness

Playcentre article

Paths, John provide details of a couple of paths he has been walking.

Action:

Meeting closed at 21:50.

Next meeting is the AGM on 18th June, 7:30 pm at St. Aidan's church (if available)

Next committee meeting will be 16th July, 7:30 pm. Location to be confirmed later.