

Moutere Hills Residents Association

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 23/09/2014 - 7 pm
Moutere Hills Community Centre

Minutes

1. Welcome

- a. The Chair welcomes the meeting, including Cr Brian Ensor, Kevin Palmer, and the secretary and chairman of Tasman Area Community Association.

2. Apologies

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 - J Manning, A Bain, Dot Strong, J Cuthbertson, P Woollaston
 - Cr Brian Ensor, Cr Judene Edgar
 - Apologies accepted by the meeting
- b. Quorum
 - It is determined a quorum of ten members is present.

3. Chairperson's Report

a. Community Pathway

- Report by the Secretary
 - Planning and negotiations with landowners are ongoing on this project. We are continuing to focus on the preferred route: west of the highway from the school grounds along the Moutere River and we are still trying to achieve a route for both pedestrians and cyclists. We would like to point out that where proposed routes are crossing private land all of this is possible only with the genuine support of the landowners, and we are grateful for the support that we have already received. Some new options have opened up in recent weeks and we are also in ongoing talks with TDC about how these can be implemented. More updates can be expected once a verbal agreement with all concerned landowners is achieved. At that stage we would also begin pricing and fundraising for the project.
- Discussion
 - Question raised whether dogs would be allowed on the pathway. MHRA responds that currently the pathway is planned for no dogs, especially where this might make landowner agreement more likely.

b. Speed Limits

- Report by the Chair
 - The MHRA has submitted to the TDC speed limits bylaw review on three locations in 2013 (Old Coach Road and Mahana School, the Moutere Highway past the Community Centre, and lower Neudorf Road) asking for lower maximum speed limits to be considered. The group of Mahana residents has been especially active in following up the issue around Mahana school, running a petition with more than 600 signatures and meeting with mayor Richard Kempthorne and traffic supervisors at TDC. The TDC speed limits review for 2014 now contains proposed lower speed limits for several roads in Mahana, including Old Coach Road and Mahana school road. MHRA is suggesting some minor variations to the proposed changes and will present those at the 2014 hearings.
- Discussion
 - Some discussion on the situation of the Moutere Highway past the community centre.
 - Cr Norriss confirms there is still no news from the NZTA national review. The previously proposed highway realignment is also not on the horizon.
 - A new issue is raised that some gravel roads such as Tasman View Road are in a state of poor maintenance (potholes, lack of spraying). Some discussion around how 'non-maintained' roads could be moved to 'maintained' status. Cr Norriss points out that funds are sparse.

c. Water Supply

- Report by the Chair
 - The MHRA organised a public meeting in April this year to focus on the situation of domestic water supply in the area. TDC councillor Brian Ensor and engineer Joseph

Thomas were present to discuss the issue. Concerns raised include the unsuitability of the present Dovedale water scheme for the future – in terms of both water quality and available capacity. The council does have some plans in place for improving the water source of this scheme, but these have been recently postponed to the years 2026 – 2028. Not even the required public health risk management plan has been completed yet. Local resident Mike Eggers was there to present his proposal for an alternative community-owned water scheme to be sourced from the Motueka River Gravels at Pangatotora. To further this issue, we need yet more feedback from the community and people willing to get involved in an organising group.

- Discussion

- Kevin Palmer (of Lower Moutere water scheme) suggests that an achievable option might be to create a new community-owned water scheme from the Pangatotora source for domestic supply only, lowering scale and cost of the system, and leaving the existing Dovedale scheme to supply stock water.

4. Association Matters

a. Review of minutes of previous AGM 24/09/2014

- The minutes of the previous AGM are confirmed by the meeting.

b. Treasurer's Report

- Presentation of financial report for 2014
 - The financial report for 2014 is confirmed by the meeting.
- The treasurer reports that the association is applying for Community Consultation Funds from TDC for the first time this year. This grant (\$1000 applied for) is to help cover ongoing association cost such as communication, printing, website, secretarial work). It is not available for project work.

c. Elections

- Association Committee and Officers
 - The current board is nominated for re-election 'en-bloc'. No other nominations have been received. The committee and officers are re-elected by the meeting (moved R Merrifield, second P Hellyer, passed).
- Interested community members are invited to get involved in the work of the association.

d. Special Resolutions proposed by the Committee

- Registration as a Charitable Organisation
 - The committee is proposing that the MHRA will register as a charitable organisation. It is our expectation that this will greatly facilitate fundraising for projects like the Community Pathway from sources such as the major charitable trusts. Other known community associations and also the community centre board have the same status. To qualify as a charity, the association's objectives need to always serve the public – this is already the case. Some changes will be required to the association's Rules: excluding personal benefit of members and ensuring any assets will be passed on to another charitable organisation in case of winding up. We will confirm the changes needed with the charities commission. The rules can be changed at the next association meeting with at least 10 members present.
- Resolution
 - The meeting empowers the committee to initiate the process of becoming a registered charitable entity by applying to the charities commission and creating draft changes to the society rules which would then be confirmed at a subsequent Special General Meeting of members (moved R Hellyer, second N McBride, passed).

e. Special Resolutions proposed by Members

- No special resolutions have been proposed by members.

f. Fixing of membership fee for the next year

- The current membership fee is \$10 per person per year
- The meeting decides to maintain the current membership fee (moved R Merrifield, second P Hyatt, passed)

5. Any Other Business

6. Close