

## Moutere Hills Residents Association

Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 20/09/2017 - 7 pm  
Moutere Hills Community Centre

### Minutes

1. Welcome
  - a. Welcome by current Chairperson (T Finn)
  - b. 23 association members present (Quorum: 10)
2. Visitors
  - a. TDC Representatives
    - Brian McManus (Transportation), Giles Griffith (River & Coastal Engineer)
  - b. Ward Councillors
    - Anne Turley, Dean McNamara, Tim King
  - c. Parliamentary Candidates
    - MP Damien O'Connor (Labour), Maureen Pugh (National), Claire Holley (GODSOWN NZ)
3. Apologies
  - a. Apologies received
    - Members: P Hyatt, J Manning, J Briars, G & J Ruebsam
    - Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Cr David Ogilvie
  - b. The apologies were noted and accepted
7. Association Matters
  - a. Minutes of Previous AGM 27/09/2016
    - These have been circulated prior by email.
    - Motion to confirm minutes of previous AGM: carried (1<sup>st</sup> J Cuthbertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> L Briars)
  - b. Financial Report
    - This has been circulated prior by email has been confirmed prior by minimum 10 email votes.
  - c. Membership Fee
    - The members have decided to waive the membership fee for the financial year 2017/18 as for the preceding years by email vote with minimum 10 votes received.
  - d. Elections
    - The current association committee is standing again for re-election.
    - Faris Mali is nominated for new Chair (1<sup>st</sup> T Finn 2<sup>nd</sup> M Bender).
    - James Stradling is nominated for new Deputy Chair (1<sup>st</sup> F Mali 2<sup>nd</sup> M Bender).
    - No other nominations for committee were received.
    - Motion to elect the association committee and officers as nominated: carried.
  - e. Special Resolutions
    - No special resolutions were proposed
4. Council Reports
  - a. Cr Tim King
    - Reports on council restructuring, review of ward boundaries and local election voting system.
  - b. Brian McManus (Road Maintenance Programme Leader)
    - Notes on speed limits such as on the Moutere Highway past the MHCC: the NZTA rules have now changed and are expected to come into effect shortly. A reduced speed limit past the MHCC had not met with previous criteria, but can be reviewed again against the new rules.
    - Questions raised by the meeting regarding 40 kph speed limits around schools at pickup times.
    - Concerns raised regarding approved subdivisions such as on Harley Road and Gardner Valley Road. New properties are being established, but no road improvements have been carried out. Question raised what the development contributions have been applied to? [MHRA to follow up]
  - c. Giles Griffith (River & Coastal Engineer)
    - Reports on river works and riparian planting carried out and planned in the area along council-maintained rivers.
    - Improvement of plant diversity, long-term erosion control.
    - Some discussion around water quality monitoring schemes.
5. Moutere Hills Community Pathway
  - a. Current project developments
    - MHRA continues the process of finding a suitable route to the village.
    - The pathway was submitted as a project to LTP 2018-28. Since then, TDC Transportation has offered to include work on this project in the ongoing work programme (rather than making it a standalone project).
  - b. Presentation of proposal for initial section of public footpath (MHCC to Country Kids)
    - MHRA proposes the construction of a short section of public footpath to improve foot and bike access to the MHCC.

- Options for future connections, support by Country Kids & MHCC, canvassing local residents.
- Notes on co-ordination with TDC, community contributions for the construction.
- Question raised whether there can be a barrier between the footpath and the highway. Following discussion with TDC: a full barrier is likely impractical, but landscaping such as a separate planting strip can have beneficial effects.
- Visitor from TACA reports they have successfully obtained a \$9000 grant to cover 1/2 of material costs for 2.5 km of a local track.

#### 6. General Election

##### a. Presentation by each Parliamentary Candidate

- Damien O'Connor (Labour): concerns about social inequality, housing shortage; focus on boosting education, environmental protection, river water quality. Proposal of a taxation review.
- Claire Holley (GODsownNZ, unregistered party): pledge to reduce increasing alcohol and drug-related problems, crimes. Introduction as a 'values-based' party. Proposes tougher penalties on drug manufacture and abuse.
- Maureen Pugh (National): party focus on getting the economy back into surplus following the global financial crisis, beginning increasing re-investments. Aims to reduce benefit-dependency.

##### b. Questions and Answers

- Lively discussion with questions to each candidate from the meeting.

#### 7. No Other Business

#### 8. Next Meetings

##### a. Public Meeting with TDC representatives - Waimea Community Dam Consultation

- Meeting in November, date to be announced.

#### 9. Close