

Moutere Hills Residents Association

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 22/09/2015 - 7 pm
Moutere Inn

Minutes

1. Welcome and Attendance

- a. Welcome by Chairperson, especially to
 - Cr Brian Ensor, Cr Tim King, Cr Trevor Norriss
 - Mayor Richard Kempthorne
- b. Members Present
 - T Finn, M Bender, P Hyatt, M Weller, S Fox, J Finn, P Hellyer, R Hellyer, G Montag-Ruebsam, D Watson, N McBride, L Briars, B Beuke (Quorum: 10)
- c. Visiting
 - Graeme Stradling (MDCA), Tony Pearson (TACA), John Fountain, K Czys, A Eggers, J Stradling, D Letsche, D Strong
- d. Apologies
 - Cr J Edgar, Tony Clark, J Manning, P & J Leith, D Tonge, A Bain, J Ruebsam, D Strong
 - **MOTION: To accept above apologies. Moved: Chair, Second: Secretary, CARRIED.**
- e. Chairperson's Report
 - T Finn welcomes the meeting with a recall of the intertwined history of the residents association and the walkway project and extends a renewed invitation for locals to get involved as we move forward with new projects.

2. Minutes of Previous AGM 23-09-2014

- These have been circulated by email prior to the meeting.
- Secretary reviews the main agenda items of the previous AGM.
- **MOTION: To confirm the minutes of the previous year's AGM. Moved: Secretary, Second: P Hellyer, CARRIED.**

3. Reports

a. Speed Limits

- The Chairperson reports on submissions, meetings and hearings in 2014 and 2015.
- Discussion of latest TDC proposals (Speed Limit Bylaw Review 2016) including changes for **Old Coach Road, School Road Mahana**, and the proposed use of the "open road speed limit sign" in combination with advisories on **gravel roads**.
- The latter being a response to the fact that an **NZTA review** for setting of speed limits (on gravel roads) is still pending and any action taken by local council needs to consider possible future outcomes of that review.
- Council members at the meeting pointed out the difficulty in maintaining "consistent" setting of speed limits and signage across the district and that setting lower speed limits is **sometimes not effective** if the new limit is not *perceived to be justified* by drivers.
- Council members made clear that even if roads previously submitted on had not been addressed this time, it was important to **keep submitting** in future reviews.
- Some discussion and repeated concerns raised regarding safety at the **Moutere Hills Community Centre** entrance from the highway during busy times such as sports practice. T Finn is in contact with the MHCC board regarding the idea of a fold-down warning sign to be used during those times (when there is not an event-related traffic management plan already in force). R Kempthorne concludes a fold-down sign rather than changed speed limits might be the way to go.
- Additional concerns were raised regarding the **hazards and inconvenience** created by drivers going too fast on **gravel roads**. This includes dust raised and rocks flung near residences.

b. Water Supply

- The Secretary reports MHRA performed a **survey** on local water supply and the Waimea Dam in October/November 2014.
- Presentation of the **survey results** which were conclusive in that the majority of **Dovedale** water scheme users are unhappy with their supply, but inconclusive with regards of support for a new community-owned scheme, as a **majority** of the overall population of the Moutere catchment is already using **self-reliant water supply**.
- TDC members confirm that improvement of the Dovedale scheme continues to be postponed (available funds are for maintenance only), that bringing the local schemes up to the standard required by **NZ Health** is simply not affordable, and that self-reliant solutions are advised.
- Following discussion, the meeting's consensus is clearly that the population should look towards creating **self-reliant solutions** such as rainwater collection, rather than put hopes into a new supply scheme.

c. Community Pathway

- The Secretary reports on the history of the walkway project.
- While the project had much positive response from the community and landowners during the last two years and there were some promising options at different times we have so far been **unable to establish a truly feasible route** for the pathway which would connect all the way through from the community centre to the school or village.
- The project is currently put '**on hold**'.
- The meeting discusses the option of running a simple footpath **straight along the side of the highway**, rather than a recreational one along the river. Council can help investigating whether this option is practical using road reserves. MHRA may pursue this option in the future.

d. Better Internet Connection

- Various local residents had previously indicated they are not happy with their current connection (availability, quality and speeds).
- TDC recently performed a survey to back their application for more national funding to improve internet infrastructure and mobile coverage (**Digital Enablement Plan**). However, this funding will **not likely improve any local rural broadband** connections, as TDC/Government cannot directly be involved in improving (privately owned) local infrastructure.
- John Fountain of Mapua presents his **Better Broadband Initiative**: the goal is to collect registrations of interest, identify clusters of interested residents, and negotiate with providers to upgrade the necessary infrastructure to serve those areas.
- **MOTION: For MHRA to support John Fountain's initiative and collaborate with other community associations to gather registrations of interest for better broadband service. Moved: Secretary, Second: Chair, CARRIED.**

4. Association Matters

a. Treasurer's Report

- The **Financial Report** for the previous year had been circulated by email prior to the AGM and **confirmed** by 12 email votes by members (10 needed).

b. Committee Elections

- Three committee members (A Bain, S Fox, A Bensemman) are resigning from the association committee.
- The committee stands for re-election as follows: T Finn (Chair), P Hyatt (Deputy Chair), M Bender (Secretary and Treasurer), J Manning, M Weller
- **ELECTION: The committee and officers are elected by the meeting as above. Moved: Secretary, Second: R Hellyer.**

c. Special Resolutions

- Charitable Status
 - In view of the walkway project being on hold the, Committee has decided to **postpone** the planned application for charitable status (as this intended primarily as an instrument to facilitate fundraising for the walkway).

d. Membership Fees

- In view of relatively little overall activity and little current requirement for funds the Committee is proposing the annual membership fee is waived for the upcoming financial year. This does not affect due membership fees for the previous year.
- **MOTION: To waive the membership fee for the 2015/2016 financial year. Secretary, Second: P Hellyer, CARRIED.**

e. Any Special Resolutions proposed by Members

- No special resolutions were proposed by members.

5. Any Other Business

- a. Renewed concerns are raised about road safety past the community centre (notes included in 3.a.)
- b. The association will endeavour to expand collaboration with the neighbouring community associations TACA and MDCA, including visits and circulation of minutes.

6. Close