

Newtown Resident's Association

7.30pm, 19 April 2004

Newtown Community Centre

Present: Nick Jennings (Chairperson), Crs Sue Piper and Celia Wade-Brown and nine members

Apologies: Martin Hanley, Frances Acey

Minutes: April 2004 Meeting minutes were taken as read and approved.

Treasurers Report: Nothing to report

Matters arising:

- Suburban Design Character project: still awaits Council re-allocation of staff to this project.
- Rosier sites: The meeting agreed to explore in detail the option of having a plaque for mounting in the Newtown Library.
- Riddiford Street Design guide – advice was received from Martin Hanley that the report is on the verge of completion.
- Krupp Gun plaque – progress, although slow, is continuing with further thought on the best way to incorporate the views of all who have contributed to the discussion.
- Emergency Management - Kevin reported back on the WCC presentation of Friday, 19 March, which he attended on behalf of the Association. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chair should contact the new Manager of the unit to discuss what NRA might usefully do.
- NRA Public Relations Report - to be circulated to Warwick and Tom.
- Proposed ice-skating rink / bowling complex: - the meeting welcomed and accepted Warwick's offer to check on the legal aspects of the proposal in terms of land usage. The meeting also agreed that this issue should go on the back burner list in future as there is a considerable time interval before any firm proposals are likely.
- Public places bylaw: The meeting welcomed and accepted Tom's offer to represent the Association at the public hearing.

Correspondence:

- The meeting agreed that the advice on the proposed Charities Commission should be featured in the meeting notes.

General Business:

- The decision of the Local Government Commission was received with dismay by the meeting. It was agreed that Warwick, Tom and Nick should draft a letter to the Minister of Internal Affairs and the Commission explaining the Association's concerns.
- The meeting agreed that the next meeting (May) should decide on the details of a public meeting to be held during the week of 13th September as part of the lead up to the next local body and Hospital Board elections scheduled for 9th October.
- Nick's advice concerning treatment for restoring damaged plate glass windows to be handed on to Dave Wilcock and Community Constable Paul and also included in the meeting 'notes'.
- Tom advised the meeting that the Festival web site is revised for the 2005 festival.
- The meeting unanimously agreed to formally appoint Peter Frater as the 2005 Newtown Festival Coordinator.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Note: Next meeting 17 May 2004.