

Newown Residents' Association  
15 August 2005-08-18  
Newtown Community Centre

Present: Nick Jennings (Chairperson), Don McDonald, Neil Ranger, Kevin Lethbridge, Andrew Ross, Kate Zwartz, Peter Frater, Tom Law, Cr Celia Wade-Brown, Frances Acey, Graham Howell (Minute Secretary)

Apologies: Martin Hanley,

July Minutes: Approved. It was noted some email addresses need updating so that people can receive them this way.

Matters Arising

Residential Character. District Plan change #38 given "qualified support" by NRA  
Issues are the need to keep with character and bulk and need for residential car parking. Peter F to action.

Plimmer request. No action

John St/Hutchenson Rd pathway. Ownership unclear yet despite this it may be closed.  
NRA supports it remaining open for public use which is believed to be considerable at certain times of the day.

Safety audit. This is underway

Krupp Gun plaque, Discussion deferred.

Rosier Memorial. Nick to follow up.

Local Govt Comm. A discussion with NRA still be set up.

Riddiford St design guide. This is under review, Martin to contact Deanna. There was a concern about lack of protection for pre-1930 buildings used for commercial purposes.

Old Chest Hospital. Progress slow as it covers several pieces of legislation; those involved are of one mind.

Berhampore. New traffic safety plan under way

Riddiford St Stage 2. Tenders need to be relet. There is some concern the specifications may be loosened, particularly with regard paving.

Community Outcomes: There are two processes, one involving several local authorities in the lower North Island and the WCC involving seven randomly selected citizens and some key special interest groups.

Newtown Park/Roy St parking. This continues to be a problem for local residents on key days.. This is despite cars being closed packed in within the Park itself. It was suggested event organisers use or promote the use of public transport.

161 Riddiford St The door is back with a do not use sign!

Resource Consents: Nick to distribute material.

WCC Media releases> It was noted a common distribution list was being implemented by WCC.

Other Business

Draft Annual Plan submitters (Kevin Lethbridge and Don McDonald) reported back on WCC comments to them. Some concern at use of “overwhelming majority” when in fact people made no comment.

Public convenience contract. It was noted there is a new contractor.

2006 Draft Annual Plan. Kevin agreed to coordinate this process. That is, we make comments on what we want addressed.

Vote 2005. A forum on health and disability issues will be held 15 September.

Hydrotherapy Pool. Classes in Porirua cancelled for people from Arthritis Society.

Civic Trust presentations. Tom Law attending.

Winter ShowBuilding. Fire and Ice unlikely to lease afterall.

WCC Information Technology project. This is underway again.

2005 General Elections. NRA decided not to organise a “meet the candidates meeting”.

Festival 2006. Peter Frater was appointed Events manager and given authority to seek appropriate grants. (Tom/Kevin)