

MINUTES of the Newtown Residents' Association held on Monday 18th July 2005 at 7.30pm at the Newtown Community and Cultural Centre.

Present: Nick Jennings (Chair), Steve Dunn (Minutes), Martin Hanley (part), Pam Barnett, Frances Acey, Tom Law, Don McDonald, Peter Frater, Kevin Lethbridge.

Apologies: Warwick Taylor, Neville Carson

Previous minutes: Had been circulated and accepted as a true record.

Treasurer's report: will be available when drafted.

Action

Riddiford Street Stage 2 : Resolved to write to Gary Poole, WCC, "supporting the ongoing work and asking that the stages as promised 10 years ago, to be implemented with the same detailing as per the original plan and agreed with the community. " Current work is on hold for new tenders.

Nick Jennings

Riddiford Street Design Guide : Council response has been received. Martin to follow up on the points raised.

Martin Hanley

Proposed District Plan Change 38 - Residential character in Newtown, Berhampore and Mt Cook. WCC notified this on 9 July for submissions which close on Monday 22 August. Meeting agreed to support in principle, but raise points that members might have. Martin to draft submission that will be finalised at the next meeting.

Responsibilities for key issues.

Heritage issues in Newtown, Berhampore and Mt Cook - Peter Frater

Riddiford Street issues - Martin Hanley

Newtown Park redevelopment - Peter / Martin

Resource Consent Changes - Peter Frater

Currently at the applicant's cost but others benefit from the process. Nick to draft a letter for members' comment. - Nick Jennings

Speed Humps - Vic was to identify where speed humps have been 'lost'. Martin to write to WCC re Daniel Street one that contributes to accidents.

Plimmer Bequest - Martin Hanley Call for projects - have to be large, not normally funded, primarily for coastal and reserve beautification. Suggested options: Circular walkway to link with Truby King House, Carrara Park extension, Riddiford Street developed as an 'urban park'.

Roy Street parking - Peter Frater

Newtown Park redevelopment : Meeting last week with users and Stephenson and Turner architects. Work to proceed as per management plan. Peter to raise issues on public toilets. Including a community meeting room in the design wasn't considered to be a priority by the meeting. Meeting with residents/WCC officers has been held. Parking inside Newtown Park has been identified and will be formalised.

Civil Emergency : Pam had contacted WEMO. Council may fund it.

Capital Primary Health Organisation Vacancy : Pam Barnett . Kevin had investigated this but there were no nominees.No action

Capital and Coast Health: Draft Strategic Plan : Presentation to be made at Newtown School, tomorrow night by CCH Board. Meeting gave support for Frances to raise issues re hydrotherapy pool, preparedness for major civil emergencies / disaster plan. Frances Acey

John Street / Hutchison Rd / Hall St walkway - Don has spoken to Alex McDonald who is looking into issues regarding ownership /maintenance responsibilities. Alex to contact Don.

Don McDonald - Don on TV1. Positive feedback from Don's appearance on tv and in the Dom.

Suburban Safety Audit - Not actioned. Nick to ask WCC when will this be done.

Vehicle Safety Audit (Safer Roads) - Nick Jennings - Audit has been done south from John Street intersection. (John Street to be combined with hospital roadworks.) Consultation will start Oct /Nov this year. Paul Barker wants to address the NRA. Peter to liaise.

Secretarial issues - Peter Frater - Nick does a considerable amount of NRA work on his own computer that is needing regular repair. This includes printing off agendas, minutes, letters etc. Resolved to explore options in funding a computer for NRA use. Pam to check out funding application options. Pam Barnett

Rosier Memorial - Nick to follow up placement of plaque. Memorial seat would be subject to vandalism. Nick Jennings

Krupp gun - Martin to follow up. Martin Hanley

Local Government Commission - Consider after next meeting. No action

Old Chest Hospital - Peter attended meeting. No significant opposition. NRA keen to put development into operation.

Berhampore - Peter lamented the dominance of cars in the revamped Berhampore shops intersection but no obvious solutions available.

Correspondence

WCC traffic resolution letter : Edinburgh Terrace - agree

Mobility parking outside Community Centre - request altering location of car park, uphill from nominated position. Tom Law

Moving door at 116 Riddiford Street - Originally facing Riddiford Street, got changed to side and original is now a billboard!

No action

Community Outcomes Process : Under the Local Govt Act, WCC must consult on what the are the community guiding principles. Draft was tabled. To be discussed at next meeting. Issues could include Emergency management, population levels, sustainable city. All

WCC media releases : Tom to post relevant WCC media releases on the NRA website in pdf format for a trial period. - Tom Law

Civic Trust Awards : Tom has drafted a nomination for the Wellington Rugby Football Union for the redevelopment of Rugby League Park and working with the community. Tom Law

Membership - Now totals 56 Kevin Lethbridge

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next meeting: Monday 15th August. This will be an Annual General Meeting and include on the agenda, consideration of the modified NRA Constitution.