

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13 APRIL 2016 COMENCING AT 730PM AT NORTHWOOD VILLAS, O'NEILL AVENUE, NORTHWOOD

The Chairman Clive Smith welcomed all those present. There were approximately 15 people in attendance including Matt Doocey MP, CCC Councillor Pauline Cotter and Community Board Chair Mike Davidson and member Aaron Keown. Gavin Stanbury from BARA was also welcomed.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from a number of residents and committee members (Bruce Campbell and Tim Rowe).

ADDRESS BY MATT DOOCEY, MP FOR WAIMAKARIRI

Matt Doocey thanked the Committee for the invitation to attend and speak at the AGM. He noted that 20% of his constituency lies south of the Waimakariri River.

One of the main issues for his constituents is travel times/traffic congestion. He advised that the Western Belfast Bypass is ahead of schedule and under budget. It is due to open at the end of 2017 and will bring relief to the traffic congestion problems.

ADDRESS BY MIKE DAVIDSON, CHAIR OF THE SHIRLEY PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD

Mike spoke about the CCC's representation review, noting that the area of Northwood will become part of the new Harewood constituency for the next local body elections (October 2016). With two community board members and one councillor being elected from a smaller area, he suggested that elected representatives will be more accessible to the community.

Mike also noted that the CCC Annual Plan is currently out for public consultation (until 10 May). He invited interested ratepayers to attend a session at the North City Church in Papanui from 5pm on 28 April. Submissions can also be made online.

Mike said it had been a privilege to represent the area of Northwood in recent years.

Clive thanked Mike for his ongoing support, adding that he had helped with one of the working bees earlier in the year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The outgoing officers and committee members were all re-elected unopposed (noting that Tim Rowe is taking a one-year leave of absence):

Chairman	Clive Smith	
Deputy Chair	Lois Flanagan	
Secretary	Robyn Pay	
Treasurer	Alistair McTaggart	
Committee members	Louise Wilson	Bruce Campbell
	Sharyn Foote	David Couper

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Clive Smith presented his report for the year noting that, although he had been unavailable for most of the year due to work commitments, the work of the committee had continued under the guidance of Deputy Chair Lois Flanagan. Clive thanked the whole committee for their good work.

The Committee had been active in several areas:

- Community Clean Up Days
- Newsletters
- Village Fair in November
- Installation of park benches in Northwood Park
- Liaison with CCC as required

In the coming year Clive expected the focus to be on the environment (eg water quality, safety of amenities, working bees to enhance the neighbourhood).

There will also be some focus on the wider community with the BERP (see below).

Moved Clive Smith, seconded Alistair McTaggart:

That the Chairman's report be received.

CARRIED

UPDATE ON BERP

David Couper has been attending BERP meetings on behalf of the Committee and he provided a brief update to the meeting.

Sheldon Park would provide a base in any future emergency, with resources being stored on site. David provided an outline of the various roles in the event of an emergency, eg NRI could take responsibility for door-knocking and checking on individuals within our community.

Many other community agencies are involved in this work including BCN, Rotary, BARA, Salvation Army.

The plan is a living document. Risks for the Belfast area have been identified (including earthquake, flood, disasters relating to the airport and other fuel storage areas, etc), the next stage will be to do a risk assessment. Cr Cotter noted that the CCC has already done some work on resilience which could feed into this document.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report to 31 March 2016 was tabled by Treasurer Alistair McTaggart. Alistair noted that final figures have not yet been received from the bank. The finalised documents will be published on the DIA website.

Moved Alistair McTaggart, seconded David Couper:

That the draft annual accounts be adopted, subject to amendments when final figures are received from the bank.

CARRIED

LEVEL OF FEES FOR NEW YEAR

Moved Alistair McTaggart, seconded David Couper:

That the fees for the 2016/17 year remain at \$10 per household.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Next working bee to be in approximately 6 weeks; details to be advised in newsletter
- There was support to lobby the Christchurch City Council for yellow lines to be placed in Mounter Avenue outside the supermarket; this is a safety issue.
- There are often reports of people disposing of dog poo inappropriately. Cr Cotter noted that this issue is being taken seriously by CCC with the preparation of a bylaw underway requiring, amongst other things, that dog owners carry plastic bags to clean up dog poo when in public places. She suggested the bylaw may need to also include something around the disposal of the bags. This is an education issue, and NRI will include information in its next newsletter.

CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 820pm.