

## **MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HIKURANGI BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**Held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at the Hikurangi Bowling Club**

AGM opened at 7pm:

### **Attendees:**

Alex Smits, Jocelyn Apeldoorn, Ian Hodgson, Sam Burton, Will Renall, Sarah Hubbard, Kevin Dempster, Karen Gerard, Terry Haslam, Cory Haslam, Wayne Fowell, Shayne Rouse, Pete Dempster

### **Apologies:**

Sharlene Morris-Ross, Kerry & Kevin Mitchell, Greg Martin, Brett Hogan, Doug Taylor, Uwe

Welcome from standing Chairperson, Alex Smits

Chairman's report read and copy submitted – accepted: Jocelyn/seconded: Terry

Treasurer's report – read and copy submitted. Closing balance \$2032.65

– accepted: Will/seconded: Pete

Thanks expressed to the treasurer for the work done

Previous minutes moved as true and correct by Shayn/seconded Terry – passed

**Matters Arising:** nil

### **Election of Officers:**

Secretary: nominated Sharlene by Alex/ seconded: Shayne – passed

Treasurer: nominated Kerry Mitchell by Wayne/ seconded: Terry – passed

Chairperson: nominated Shayn Rouse by Ian/ seconded: Sarah – passed

Deputy Chair: nominated Ian Hodgson by Jocelyn/ seconded: Terry – passed

Executive Committee: nominated Jocelyn Apeldoorn by Shayn/seconded: Terry - passed

nominated Terry Haslam by Pete Dempster/seconded: Ian – passed

Alex raised the HBA custodianship of the Lighthouse Playgroup and moved that HBA continue in this supportive role for this community service. Seconded: Shayn – passed

Shayn circulated a chart that models HBA's support role with Friendship House and explains how HBA contributes. He moved that HBA continues in this role in line with this model. Jocelyn gave feedback from a couple of members of the community that felt HBA "manipulates" Friendship House. Alex replied that there is no political agenda or motivation, and that considerable time and energy has been donated by busy people for the community's benefit. Seconded by Terry – passed.

### **AGM closed and General Meeting opens:**

Welcome to new attendees: Karen Gerard and Kevin Dempster (Dempster Diggers).

Minutes of last meeting distributed. Moved as true and correct by Wayne/ seconded Terry – passed

**Matters Arising:**

Jocelyn noted that there has been no Maatariki Function organised. Meeting agreed to park this and discuss in general business.

**Financial Report: ??????****General Business:**

**Friendship House:** AGM successful – excellent turnout and now there is a large committee of 15 members. Alex Smits is the new Chair. The first goal is to update the constitution and establish what Friendship House is. Alex expressed some goals as new Chair and assures that he will still attend HBA meetings.

**Cameras:** Shayn says quote is still coming for added cameras – Sharlene is vetting for others to join the camera network. Bakery is interested. Doug Taylor has technical knowledge about how to connect. Arc Security is the Agent.

Website: Cameras, security and including clubs, etc, are the benefits of investing into the website via advertising. Sharlene is working on building momentum for being financially involved.

**Placemaking Plan:**

First meeting of the Steering Group which is made up of representatives of various community groups. It is open though and anyone is able to attend and contribute. The first step is to build a wishlist and a starting point for disseminating information. Main points raised:

SH 1, Lack of parking, special character, on-going consultation, widening the plan to include Hikurangi service area.

Fruitcake (host at the Bowling Club) asked how we can organise speed-bumps to slow hooligans on this street (that bowling club is on) as there are 2 ECE facilities.

Shayn put out to the meeting that HBA needs to contribute to the wishlist. Kevin put forward culvit blockages – also, Hikurangi has little to no room for new businesses to “fit” into Hikurangi.

Send ideas to [admin@hikurangi.co.nz](mailto:admin@hikurangi.co.nz)

Business of the Month: Vicky Humphries for this month - Sam for next month

**Local Businesses:**

Jos reports:

Level 2 impositions have some impact, but everyone will get on with it as best they can – Tracey was concerned because her shop is not well set up for social distancing.

Pedestrian crossing and on-going works have been contentious and had an effect on trading – discussed that it is needed but meeting acknowledges that the impact management and consultation process was flawed but council see that they fulfilled obligations by consulting with a community representative (see discussion further below) – discussion continued to related topic of parking – or lack of it. Shayn advised that Paul has his property next to the Hall for sale – discussed the importance of that site for parking.

**Gomez:**

Shayn – submission to council: reply that COVID means no money being spent presently.

Alex – business plan needs to be developed to support the project and show positives for income.

Kevin added that concerns for houses nearby needed to be included in this.

**Sharlene's work-in-progress as the new admin:**

Sharlene will report on her progress and the meeting encourages her to submit an account for her time - \$200.00 – pay moved Alex/second Cory – passed.

Shayn expresses thanks to Sarah who is not submitting an account for her time. Shayn will organise a token of appreciation. Moved: Shayn/seconded Terry – passed

**Maatariki gathering** – deploy to Friendship House for organising a gathering.

**Northland Inc:** Kevin advises that Northland Inc has business support funds (COVID) to help with promotion, etc. Sharlene to make enquiries for more information.

**Council Works:**

Shayn sent a letter expressing concerns about lack of consultation with businesses, etc. Their response was that they dealt with Neil Crowther throughout the process. The result is that they are aware that we would like more information in the future and an opportunity to be consulted. He now has a copy of the plan for going forward. Challenges acknowledged and as a community to keep community lines open.

**Council designation compliance problems:**

Kevin discussed the problems he is having running his digger business from home. It has cost them a lot of money and they are waiting for a reply – feels there has been bias as complaints have been submitted to their application that feel unfair. Spoken to councillors, but it is causing a great deal of stress. The problem is around parking the truck and trailer and not being allowed to take machinery off the trailer. Also unfair restrictions due to “industrial activity” – eg: noise. Kevin said their noise is actually less than the neighbours. Alex advises they look into “rural living” zoning. Suggests speaking with councillor Martin. Meeting discussed that businesses need support rather than being charged to prove themselves.

Alex suggests that HBA writes letters of support – long term consideration for sub-dividing. Sam contributes that he only had to prove that he was in the activity prior to the zone changes.

**Address from incoming Chair:**

Shayn expressed gratitude to Alex for his leadership and commitment to HBA and wished him well in his new role – acknowledging the potential for the community.

Meeting Closed: 9.30pm

