

NORTHCOTE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Inc.
Executive Meeting and Open Forum for residents 7pm 13 September 2016
Northcote Senior Citizens' Clubrooms Queen Street.

Present: Ian Bogue(Chair), Kevin Clarke, Henry Toung, Chris Wargent, David Gibson, Lynette Henry, Ian Millar, Jan Pilkington, Llyween Watts, Rachel Wright,

Apologies: K Alexander, Kevin Fox, Wayne Hale, Dinah Holman, Anthea Johnson, E Witty

Welcome - Open Forum

Personal statement The Chairman made a personal statement about how he had become the Chairman and explained that the new Executive was trying to ensure that the mechanics of running the NRA were improved and under its control. It had also agreed to ensure that attention was given to a wider range of issues than in the previous two years.

Update: Office bearers – Needed are Secretary, Treasurer and a Webmaster.

Withdrawal of Skypath Appeal. Kevin spoke about the events and advice received from lawyers which led to the NRA withdrawal from the Skypath appeal.

Residents' concerns:

Ian Millar - In the past a Forum had always preceded the monthly Executive meeting. This stopped when the committee began focussing on the Skypath appeal. Why did this happen?

Henry Toung clarified the position on behalf of the new Executive. He stated that no member meetings were held last year, but on August 22nd 2016 the new Executive had met to formulate plans and a way forward for the Association. It had agreed that monthly Executive meetings would now be held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms, preceded by an open forum for residents. The Chairman said that a conflict of interest had arisen when members of the previous executive working on the Skypath Appeal were also working on the Northcote Point Heritage Protection Society's protest. He pointed out that the majority of the present executive are new to the role and as the NRA has withdrawn from the legal appeal process, the "conflict of interest" is no longer a concern.

Ian Millar – "Stafford Park could become a carpark and bus station." A number of people spoke about the possibility of this happening. A watching brief is needed.

Skypath revisited. Ian Millar said, "Nothing has been solved with Skypath plans even after 3 years." The issue of the legality of the Skypath was discussed as well as the possible legal action by the Auckland Council and developers. It was stated that NZTA must present proof at the hearing on Oct 2nd that the Auckland Harbour Bridge will cope with another full length structure clipped onto the side.

Ian Millar – said he had first complained about the fence under the bridge in 2009. It is still in the same state of disrepair now as it was then. Nothing has been done to fix it.

Ian Millar - "Annual beach clean-ups What has happened? The NRA used to run these but there hasn't been one for a number of years." Chris Wargent responded that for the last few years these have been organised by the Little Shoal Bay Protection Society and involve a number of other community groups. – Sea Scouts, Birkenhead Residents Association, Le Roys Bush members, Northcote Residents Association, University groups and supporters of the bay.

Chris Wargent - In General Business after the AGM it had been agreed that NRA would continue to appeal the Sky path.

Henry clarified the change to that decision by the new Executive based on new information.

Llyween Watts – The Faulkner Road morning rat run is a major problem for resident commuters in the morning. All sorts of routes are being used by non-resident commuters so they can jump the Queen street queue. Can this be controlled in some way so that it is no longer a viable option for rat runners?

Llyween Watts - will join NRA. Areas of interest include Skypath, beach clean-ups and parking issues. She is eager to contribute.

Kevin Clarke - stated that there hadn't been any feedback from Auckland Transport regarding the concerned residents and ratepayers submission regarding AT's street parking proposal for the Point.

The Open Forum closed at 7.40pm

Executive Meeting 7.45pm 13 September 2016

Present: Ian Bogue (Chair), Kevin Clarke, Henry Toung, Chris Wargent

- Minutes secretary: Chris Wargent
- Treasurer: Ian to contact Rod Brown re Treasurer's position
- Webmaster: Ian and Chris to speak to contacts about a new web master

1 Apologies: Wayne Hale, Dinah Holman

2 Minutes of meeting held 22 August 2016: **CONFIRMED** as a correct record. (HT/IB)

3 Correspondence: Resignation of Cameron Waugh – this was **RECEIVED** with regret.
Karen Alexander and Eric Witty Re Sound barriers to reduce noise for residents living at the bridge end of Princess Street and becoming new members. **RECEIVED**

4 Matters arising Covering roles Minutes secretary - Chris Wargent
Treasurer - Ian to talk with Rod Brown
Webmaster - Chris and Ian to talk with contacts regarding hosting or Webmaster position. Present website maintenance and costs very expensive

5. Finance: ANZ at 12 Sept: 11 Current \$258.35 and 12 Special purpose \$20,136 23

6. PO Box Fee due. \$ 160 approx. Close NRA box in Northcote Central and use LSBPS box? Chris to email LSBPS members for OK. **AGREED**

7. Membership and fees campaign – It was **AGREED** there is a need to check status of current membership and fees and formulate a strategy to increase membership and involvement in Open Forums.

8. Internal emails between Vickers/Clarke to cease. Kevin will no longer reply to JV.

9. Concerns from Open Forum

i.) The AT parking strategy. Major concern for the Point.

ii) Queen/Stafford/Vincent/Rodney intersection safety - Keep on radar. Intersection needs redesigning. Leave until more decisions made around Skypath.

iii) Onepoto Domain. Exec. To ask how it can be of help to Kevin Fox. Suggest he adds Jonathan Coleman to his mailing list.

10. Skypath. Wait and see or?? Perhaps push NZTA re Seapath? The whole business now up to the Court. Kevin has written to ombudsman etc regarding illegal moves made by AC. There is a remote possibility that Cabinet will make the final decision. Perhaps NRA should look for opportunities to publicise its stance and keep asking what has happened to the Seapath?

11. Any other business

i) LSB Pedestrian access to LSB New steps and safety handrail. In its present state its very dangerous for the elderly and less mobile. Chris

ii) Joint promotion of LSBPS and NRA. Publicity and membership drive for both.

The Northcote Pt Parking drop-in (Erica) was well attended. Maybe November or early December could be followed up. Could use War Memorial Hall. Involve Play Centre committee – Fundraiser opportunity for them. Could attract younger adult age group to our displays in the hall. Chris

12. Birkenhead Residents Association idea for a community social event. Possibly Oct 12th.

13. Meeting closed: 8.30pm