

# **NORTHCOTE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Inc.**

**Executive Meeting and Open Forum for Residents 7 pm 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Northcote Senior Citizens' Clubrooms Queen Street**

**Present:** Ian Bogue, Kevin Clarke, Dinah Holman, Chris Wargent, Ian Millar

**Apologies:** Wayne Hale

## **OPEN FORUM - Points raised by Ian Millar**

Ian had a number of areas of concern to bring to the committee's attention, some for the second time.

1. **Jean Sampson Park** Ian said bolts were protruding from the concrete base in a dangerous manner.
2. **Stokes Point** temporary barrier fence is still in place. What is happening here? The Chair stated that it had been brought to KLB's attention as has the issue of the Clarence Rd walkway down to LSB, but KLB and NZTA, who seem to share responsibility, have not acted.
3. **Shade sail over adventure playground** The Chair updated Ian on NRA's letter and representation, as well as KLB's response
4. **Gold Hole Boatyard** Ian is concerned that this facility on Council land is controlled by a small number of boat owners and is difficult to access by others in the community. Ian did not believe the access gate should be locked. Pot-holes are still by the entrance. NRA needs to keep pushing the KLB officers to carry out regular maintenance and fix the problem. Ian suggested NRA check the lease agreement that the boat owner association has with Council. He also pointed out that the maintenance grid/jetty had fallen into disrepair and was unusable.
5. **Bruce street traffic** Ian referred to the illegal queue-jumping practice by many motorists on weekday mornings: some just do a prohibited right turn, forcing Onewa Road traffic to let them in; others go a short distance left into Onewa then back into a private driveway and get let into the Onewa Road flow. It is very unfair behaviour. Perhaps treating Bruce Street in the same way as the Onewa/Church St junction would solve the problem.
6. **Meeting Venue** Ian suggested NRA Executive could hire the small downstairs area in the War Memorial Hall for meetings.

## **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

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1. **Minutes** of meeting held 14 February 2017 at the Senior Citizens House were **adopted**  
C. Wargent / D. Holman
2. **Matters arising** All already on agenda
3. **Correspondence** KLB Chair re Queen/Stafford
4. **Financial report** Ian spoke to a written report showing bank account balances. Some members had paid 2017 subscriptions by Direct Credit to the Kiwibank account as a result of the new website information. Moved that the report be received. I. Bogue / C.Wargent **Agreed**  
It was also **agreed** that the ANZ accounts be retained for a while yet.
5. **Progress on current activities / issues**

Masonic building heritage talk/walk . About 100 people mostly elderly attended. Peter Aspden, Dinah, David Verran and a heritage architect spoke. A very good community occasion.

Walkway down to LSB KLB response to NRA's letter: The matter has been referred to staff to check resource requirements. It was already on their review list.

LSB sunshade for adventure playground KLB response: Funds already allocated for this period. If NRA push the issue it could perhaps be funded next round.

LSB Maori track deterioration. KLB response: Erosion is serious but the KLB didn't seem to rate its historical value. The erosion itself and the near-collapse of the drainage retaining wall may yet be addressed.

Skypath/Seapath. Kevin's letters to the ombudsman, still awaiting a response, are to go on the NRA and LSB web sites. Kevin may make an appointment to speak with Phil Goff about SP concerns. He will ask Henry or Jeremy to accompany him if available.

Stafford/Queen intersection safety KLB response: that AT has a plan for the intersection which does not include traffic lights or pedestrian crossings. NRA has major concerns with the AT plan lan to continue pursuing this and the parking and Safe Cycle plans for Queen Street.

Onepoto Basin concerns Executive **agreed** to be supportive of what Kevin Fox is doing.

Fencing on Stokes Point It was **agreed** to ask Carol Brown to pursue this as she had done so in the past and knew the earlier details.

No commercial vehicles and trucks thru LSB. The by-law is being seriously flouted with a significant number of commercial vehicles including heavy trucks using the roadway every day. Ian has posted a letter and photos on the AT website Problems page. LSBPS has also sent a letter to KLB.

6. **Website problems** The old site was closed by Cyberhub, who keep invoicing us. They did not provide a bank account number but expected payment by credit card (which we do not have). They have not yet replied to Ian's many emails. They were told we were discontinuing the account. Ian has established a new site [nra.gen.nz](http://nra.gen.nz) which is being used by members, which costs very little to retain and is easier to maintain. Minutes, NRA Rules, member application forms and other documents are accessible to members and are being used.
7. **Action on Public Forum items**
  - Bolts at Jean Sampson Park – Dinah to check and follow-up
  - Fence at Stokes' point – see under 5 above, Carol Brown
  - Gold Hole – Ian Bogue to check with AC
  - Bruce Street – Ian to write to AC
8. **NRA Rules review** Brief discussion about how the process had been destroyed in 2014-5 raised the question: "Should a review occur prior to or at the AGM?" and the matter was deferred to a special Executive committee meeting to be held at Ian's Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm.
9. **Next full meeting** AGM Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Venue: War Memorial Hall Rodney Rd. Chris offered to book. Kevin to speak to Jeremy C about flyer with AT's plans and guest speaker at AGM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm