

NORTHCOTE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of Open Forum and Executive Committee Meeting 13 March 2018 at 7pm at the Northcote War Memorial Hall Rodney Road

7pm Open Forum –

Larry Schmidt – was concerned about lack of AC/KLB work on kerbside weeds and tidiness. Larry was referred to the Birkenhead Residents Association as his concern was about their area.

Cindy Schmidt – wished the Rosie Bolt Reserve in Alfred Street to be retained and re-landscaped as a passive reserve area with seating and some shade.

Marlena Hetherington – was concerned about lack of access to the Princess St Reserve and beach next to the Gold Hole. A NBBOA member had tried to stop her from using it. There is a lot of NBBOA clutter and rubbish on the reserve and the remains of a catamaran being demolished. She was assured NRA was already in contact with AC and NBBOA to remedy the situation. Ian Millar is working on it and a letter will be sent to Mr Johnson of AC.

7.30pm Executive Committee Meeting

1. Present – Ian Bogue (Chair), Anne du Temple, Ian Millar
2. Apologies – Wayne Hale, Kevin Clarke, Chris Wargent
3. Minutes of meeting of 13 February 2018 were **confirmed** as a correct record.
4. Rules review – because of the number present, discussion about the process was deferred.
5. Matters arising
 - Secretary – new appointment ?? Need to keep the need before members.
 - Pedestrian crossings – no new information but see 8.
 - Policy statement on Skypath – Kevin – next meeting
 - Use of WMemHall letter – thanks, Anne – see 8.
 - Boat locker lighting Sulphur Point – Ian Millar said the area now comes under AC Parks and he is following up.
 - Sound barriers on AHB – history data? (need this from Kevin before proceeding to re-open with NZTA)
6. Correspondence
 - **From AC re stormwater consent** – Ian B said he had read the consent application from AC to AC and also spoke to John Duthie, the lead consultant. This consent is purely about stormwater. (**All** wastewater is with Watercare) It allows AC to continue to maintain and improve the stormwater system over its whole territory. Protections and improvement monitoring are a key component which Ian considers are reasonable. It was **agreed** NRA has no objection to it proceeding. (People who are making public statements about it are really referring to issues with the central isthmus system with some combined wastewater and stormwater ducting areas, all of which is the responsibility of Watercare Services and **not** part of this application.)
7. Financial report and membership – This report was **received**.

	February report	This report (at 13.3.18)
ANZ Current account	677.97	677.97
ANZ Special purpose account	340.64	340.64
Kiwibank Current account	47.62	47.62
Total funds	1066.23	1066.23
<small>\$25 paid out for Hall Hire. \$25 member sub banked Anne</small>		

Membership – is static. A number of members contact the Chair about issues and meetings. The counter on the website indicates many members visit the site.

8. Meeting with John Gillon by Ian and Wayne – this occurred on 28 February at Billy’s Café in Queen Street. (John is Deputy-Chair of KLB and takes over as Chair soon.) Issues discussed included:
- Use of WarMemHall** – The letter Anne drafted was given to John, who promised to push for a positive response.
- Queen/Rodney/Vincent/Stafford intersection** – NRA’s stand on pedestrian crossings – we informed John of main schoolchildren’s routes and of the Walking School Bus. We thanked him for pressure KLB kept on AT re the left-hand lane access. We discussed the danger/risk posed by car doors in the Cycle Path from Rodney to the wharf end.
- Bartley St toilets** – we explained the need for more public toilets on the Point, not less, including the wharf area as well as under the bridge and Bartley Street. (*Tonight, Anne explained how already there is urinating against and over fences, including her own, in Queen and Bartley, partly because the toilets are not signposted. Agreed that we write to KLB explaining the situation.*)
- Jean Sampson Reserve toilets** – we stated support for the proposal, provided baby changing facility was included. (*Exec today suggested the site should be closer to the bus-stop end both to stop children using it as part of their play area and to encourage some members of the public to use it instead of urinating at the bus shelter.*)
- Rosie Bolt Reserve** – Panuku Auckland propose to sell the land as part of widespread reserve and “surplus” AC land across the city. KLB is opposed to the sale and would re-landscape it with suitable passive seating and shade. It has become overgrown and unusable because of Parks neglect. (*Exec today agreed to support KLB in writing. Ian B had consulted some Alfred Street residents who strongly support this.*)
- Tidal flooding of Dudding Park and deterioration of the playing fields** – KLB has already commissioned a report on alternative actions which could be made.
- Sunshade at LSB playground** – this may be possible in this year’s budget planning.
9. Progress on current issues
- LSB path – no apparent action yet
 - LSB sunshade at playground – see 8.
 - LSB Maori Track deterioration – some planting done by Ian B
 - The Goldhole – see under Open Forum and 5.
 - Stafford/Queen intersection safety – see 8.
 - AT parking plan – problems in Rodney Rd – nothing new
 - Onepoto basin concerns – we continue to support Kevin Fox
 - Fencing on Stokes Point – see 8.
 - HT traffic in LSB... - finally an interim response from AT/AC with a promise of more information.
10. Any other business
- Ian B had used AT’s website to ask them to restore the left lane from Lake Road at the Lake/Ocean View/Northcote Rd roundabout currently being reworked for the Cycle Path. He had an interim response and explained that it would reduce queueing and expedite travel for those going to Hillcrest or up towards Pupuke Road. AT promised to get back to him.
 - Anne explained access and ownership relating to the small King St West reserve and waterfront access. She agreed to draft a letter to send to KLB.
11. Next meeting
12. Closure
- 10 April – (Ian B in Australia, Wayne to chair ??)
 - at 8.50pm