

NORTHCOTE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Minutes 11 June 2019. 7p.m. in Northcote Point Senior Citizens' Rooms

Committee present: Simon Watts, Wayne Hale, Ian Bogue, Anne Du Temple, Marlana Hetherington

Guest Speaker: Daniel Bidois MP

Others present: 19

1. Welcome, introduction: Ian Bogue (Chairman) introduced Dan Bidois and thanked all present for attending.

2. Apologies: Gill Cahill, Sarah Bate. These were **RECEIVED**.

3. Dan Bidois' talk included:

Importance of NRA to community pride and love of this area for history and changes. Reminder of his recent election promise that he would work on public transport and congestion- biggest issues and priorities. It means utilising ferries. Birkenhead has huge potential for this. Many signed Dan's recent petition for Northcote ferry wharf to be repaired quickly.

Commitment from Auckland Council. Facilities for park and ride are needed. Reliance on cars of this area: 87% for work force. Focus on Onewa Rd for vehicles. Auckland Transport, Skypath (\$140 million): he supports it with reservations; plus \$70 million for extra links to Stafford Park needs careful thought. Stafford Park link pushed and need for community voice.

Freedom camping: committee has decided Dudding Park be removed as an option. e.g. 150 vans average expected, waste problems, sewage, behaviour etc. Crime: community support groups important and social media.

Dan invited comment and questions:

Ian B: dissent for Skypath planning was not against project per se but about all foot/cycle traffic being dumped in Princes Street. Seapath: NRA supports a seaward side path but NZTA plans for landward side going ahead.

Anne: Global warming: Spring tides 3.6metre flooding since 2012 in Little Shoal Bay.

Sea has risen. Dudding Park playing field seriously damaged.

Dan reply: sea has risen in last 30 years. Human contribution? Long term targets - Beaches disappearing, investment needed? Plan for preservation. Local Council (KLB) needs to have a plan.

Anne: Stafford Park in danger and Tuff Crater.

Mike: Mentions delay in moving up Queen St into Onewa Road- people cutting in at BelleVue, having bypassed the queue via Richmond Avenue.

Dan: Ferry ASAP but delayed because project staff currently on America's Cup preparations. Early 2020 is now the date given. Widening motorway on-ramp? Long term dynamic lane trial. T-3 bus lane a major issue.

Mike: Please ban traffic turning right from Belview Ave onto Queen Street at rush hour.

Dan: Flow needed.

Ian Millar: Cycles – law should make them travel in single file? Make using cycle lane compulsory.

Dan: Will check current legislation.

Ian Millar: stop people coming in because Auckland growing too fast?

Members of public: lack of cyclists- money spent 20 million dollars spent twenty years too soon. Compare with \$30 million to widen on-ramp and relieve congestion.

Simon: Half million to be spent to demolish Bartley St toilets and turn into grass area.

Ian B: More public toilets needed, not less. Hall's Beach toilet not a suitable alternative. Members should lobby KLB and Auckland Council.

Wayne: Halls Beach toilets - impossible access for wheelchairs.

Dan: Squeaky wheel needed. Voice of public community.

4. Chairman Report: Ian briefly outlined key points from his written Annual Report: NRA achievements especially retention of the left lane in Queen Street from Rodney to Onewa and installation of a pedestrian crossing at Queen and Rodney; use of website; Kevin Fox's key role with Onepoto Basin and Northcote Central. – positive response from all present.

5. 2018 AGM MINUTES: Moved Simon seconded Marlana and **AGREED** "that minutes of the 2018 AGM, provisionally confirmed by the Executive be confirmed".

6. Financial Report: The written statement of Receipts and Payments circulated was explained. No

questions. The Chairman reported that ANZ bank accounts had been closed after 31 March and balances transferred to the Kiwibank account. Moved Simon, seconded Wayne "That the Financial Statement be adopted." **AGREED**

"That the annual membership fee remain at \$25" moved Wayne, seconded Anne and **AGREED**

Members were reminded to renew and to get friends and neighbours to join.

7. Election of Executive Committee: All current members were available for re-election. Ian Millar had resigned in April. No further nominations came from the meeting so the following were declared elected, with power to co-opt:

Simon Watts, Wayne Hale, Ian Bogue, Anne Du Temple, Marlena Hetherington

8. Amendments to Association Rules: The current rules had been circulated, with amendments shown in red and explanations in a second column. Key changes were: the removal of Associate Membership, restricting membership to Northcote residents/ratepayers only; restricting action to the Northcote area (as defined) and issues directly affecting it and its residents.

Ian Millar: said the proper procedures had not been followed as notice of change had not been publicised in a local newspaper. The **Chairman:** rules state AND/OR before the list of advertising methods, and all others had been used. Therefore proper notice had been given. Ian Millar left the meeting.

An amendment from the floor was moved Simon, seconded Anne "That the quorum for general meetings be reduced from 20 to 15. It was **AGREED** to include the amendment in the new draft rules.

M/S Simon, Anne: "That the draft new rules as amended be adopted." When put the motion was **AGREED** (ie: no contrary vote and no abstentions.)

9. Closure: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and repeated the call for new members to be recruited. A member thanked the Executive and confirmed support. Carried with acclamation.

The meeting ended at 8.12p.m.