

Minutes

Otematata Residents Association Incorporated

9.30 am, Saturday 1 June 2024

Otematata Lakes Centre

1 West Road, Otematata 9412

Welcome from the Interim Chair

Present: Paula Boys, Bernie Calder (Secretary), Steve Clark, Tristine Clark, James Denniston, Richard Paton (Interim Chair), Greg Sanders (Treasurer), Carson Welsh, Wayne Wilson.

Apologies: Steve Dalley, Margie Gallick, Mike Rawson.

Public Forum: Nil.

Minutes: Confirmation of 4 May 2024

Moved that Minutes be accepted. Steve Seconded: James
Carried.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

See General Business.

Wetlands: Discussion brought forward due to Steve and Tristine leaving meeting approx. 10.15.

1. Quick hitch request: quote from Norwoods - \$1,679. Discussed considerable reduction in setup time and ease in preparation.

Moved that: quick hitch be purchased as per quote.

Greg / Carson Carried

2. Woodchipper. Steve reported that BX425 quoted LandMax Ltd \$4,074.13 ideal for using up to 100mm spread acceptable. Intention to reduce the number of Wetlands burning of waste. Wood in excess of 100mm diameter should become part of timber sales. Our 30 HP tractor not capable to drive a larger chipper.

Moved that: ORAI approve for purchase model BX425 (as quoted) from existing Wetlands/ORAI funds.

Steve / Carson Carried

3. Richard discussed Jason Walker's letter which addressed Otematata Volunteer Fire Brigade's concerns over injury/smouldering and safety when burning wood waste, at The Wetlands.

Fire Brigade more than happy to work with ORAI Committee when necessary to set additional fires. They would bring a small generator and pump etc being proactive in safety. Fires are not to be set unless the Fire Brigade have been alerted and have agreed to oversee.

It is hoped that proposed purchase of woodchipper will greatly lessen the need for waste fires. Richard, Carson and Wayne, together with anyone else interested, are to meet to discuss when best to coordinate any future burns.

Firewood sales money is earmarked for use on the Peninsula track.

4. Trailer: Steve (after considerable investigation etc) suggests the need (in the near future) for a tip trailer to make easier track maintenance, firewood deliveries, debris cleanups etc. Currently looking at approx. \$11,000 (? grant). Steve to bring additional information to July meeting. [SC]
5. Steve reported numerous replacement plantings of dead trees and flaxes etc. Thanks to Steve and Tristine. *Forest and Bird remain very supportive having supplied numerous plants free but they are now required to charge \$2 per plant. \$100 worth has since been purchased.
Local *Brent Smith, grows numerous seedlings for Wetlands donation.
Tristine agreed to thank *them publicly on FB Otematata Friends. [TC]
Bernie to contact Alan for additional acknowledgement on ORAI website. [BC]

Correspondence:

Incoming:

- 29/5 Quote: QU 0094 from LandMax Ltd re mulcher enquiry
- 28/5 Quote: Quick hitch for the 30 HP tractor \$1679 (including \$60 delivery)
- 13/5 L Julia Crossman; resignation from ORAI Committee
- 10/5 L Paddy Baxter re BBQ safety concerns
- 7/5 L Jason Walker re Restricted burning (Fire Permit Only)
- 6/5 L Jason Walker, Otematata Volunteer Fire Brigade re burning maintenance in The Wetlands.

Outgoing:

- 12/5 E Jason Walker (Ote Volunteer Fire Brigade) re burning maintenance in The Wetlands.
- 5/5 L creid@waitaki.govt.nz bcowles@Waitaki.govt.nz re VAS signs meeting in Otematata on Wednesday 15 May at 2pm.
- 5/5 L Paddy Baxter re: ORAI concerns re BBQ safety.
- 5/5 L Amanda Nicholls re Hall Rates. Agreed to keep as current but revisit 2025 increase.
- 3/5 L Alps to Ocean (David McFarlane) dmcfarlane@waitaki.govt.nz re track repair.

Moved that: Correspondence be received. Richard / Bernie Carried

Financials: Financial Report: 31 May 2024

Significant expenditure:

PSE \$148,000

Significant income:

Wetlands wood donations: \$240.00

Moved that: Financial Report dated 31/6/24 be accepted as true and correct.
Greg / Wayne Carried

General Business:

Cloud upload: to be continued. [JD]

Sport Club Sub-lease: Mike had previously agreed to speak with Neil (Richard available if requested). Due to absence at this meeting, report due July meeting. [MR]

Calendars: Nil

Bio-diversity: Nil

Spring Fling: 7 September 2024; Flip Side booked. \$25/ticket. James agreed to set up and initiate online ticket sales. [JD]

Website / Promotion: -

Grants & Funding & Hall Purchases: Nil.

Alps to Ocean Cycle Track repair:
Letter sent 24/5 to David McFarlane; no response to date.

The Wetlands and Walkway Update: (see prior report above).

Health & Safety Update: Suggested Committee members look at H&S on ORAI Website. [all]

Hall Update:
ECAN July.

Flag Update: Sales ongoing (stored in Community Hall).

Kurow Medical Hub: Richard reported work still in progress.

Better-Off Funding:
See CLDP Report below.

VAS sign proposal: Two WDC representatives (excluding Reid/Cowles), met (15 May) with Richard to discuss; very supportive. Proposed costs yet to be indicated; could be double \$38,000 initially proposed. WDC information yet to come.

Park Management: Suggestion that the `tall' solar light over the playground may not be working.
Due to inappropriate dog waste found in the playground it is suggested that Committee look at signage re dogs etc in playground area. Committee to be observant over next month to consider response next meeting. [all]

CLDP Report: (as tabled)

“Moving Forward” concept plans received from Baxter Design as requested via zoom discussions (Paton/Dalley/Baxter Design) as discussed at previous meeting; re shade sails, irrigation/landscaping/planting for Rata Drive Reserve, shop and function centre areas, irrigation extension to south side of children’s playground, completion of Wetlands peninsula walkway and other features identified by ORAI as finances allow.

Richard to re-establish with Gordon on \$s and possibility of linking in local businesses in relation to planting etc. [RP]

Richard to ask DIA for an extension on their grant, before end of year. [RP]

Please see tabled paper for additional information.

Moved that Reports be accepted. Richard / Paula Carried

Meeting closed at 11.04 am

Next meeting: 6 July 2024

Interim Chair: Richard Paton

Date: