

Minutes

Otematata Residents Association Incorporated

10am, Saturday 10th April 2021

Otematata Lakes Centre

1 West Road, Otematata

In Attendance: Steve Dalley (Chair), Greg Sanders (Treasurer), Petrea McRobie (Secretary), James Denniston, Peter Ratcliff, Kath Bond, Richard Paton, Marilyn Welsh, John Fenwick, Nick Chapman
Ross McRobie (WDC)

Apologies: Diane Loach, Margie Callick, John Munro, Carson Welsh.

Public Forum:

John Fenwick spoke re water health at the Wetlands. He was a water hydrologist for many years. He identified various areas in the Wetlands where he believed water flow would improve water health.

He noted Meridian have funding available twice yearly and suggested we could look at putting in a proposal to fund a feasibility study to look at what sort of water flow could be achieved, resulting in the general health of the Wetlands being improved and how water flow could be increased by pumping or a water wheel, etc. This would include the channel up near the Loch Laird camping area. We could work with various consultants. Thinking around \$10,000 for the study and initial design.

Cr. Ross McRobie noted that Ecan may be a good starting point given the environmental impact.

Steve noted there are various stakeholders in the Wetlands.

Richard noted that there are other plans in progress for the Wetlands and this could fit well with those. To be progressed further.

Nick Chapman spoke representing the Sports Club which operates the gym and have financed various projects around the town. He is also part of the CLDP working group for the park/playground area.

He distributed a plan showing an overlay on Baxters' plan with a Rugby & Touch field, a cricket pitch, and 2 training and touch fields. He also mentioned a wheelchair accessible shower/changing block and potentially an indoor squash court with capacity for clubrooms to be built on top at a later date.

The annual payment to the ORAI from the gym was raised. Nick to investigate and respond accordingly.

It would be appreciated if cleaning costs were apportioned between the gym and the ORAI.

Minutes:

- Confirmation of minutes from 6th March 2021
Moved: Peter Seconded: James
- Matters arising from the minutes: None

Correspondence:

Received: An email reply from Ian Wells, Accounting Manager, WDC acknowledging receipt of our request to increase their contribution to the Otematata Public Hall from \$40 to \$50pa and stating that this has been recorded as a submission from the ORAI.

A request for payment of a statement from Norwood machinery in Oamaru on 31 March regarding a mower part however the Chair replied stating he thought this should be under warranty. Still awaiting a response.

Secretary's Role

It was resolved in committee that Petrea McRobie's Secretarial role was changed to that of a "minute taking, non-voting secretary" thereby eliminating any conflict of interest, perceived or otherwise. This role change is in light of Petrea's relationship to Councillor Ross McRobie with the Waitaki District Council. This resolution to be supplied to the WDC to be recorded.

The meeting ended at 11.55am