

# *Minutes*

## *Otematata Residents Association Incorporated*

**10am, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

**Otematata Lakes Centre**

**1 West Road, Otematata**

**Present:** Steve Dalley (Chair), Greg Sanders (Treasurer), Petrea McRobie (Secretary), Dianne Loach, Marilyn Welsh, Carson Welsh, John Munro, Paula Boys, Kath Bond, , Stephen Loach, James Denniston, Margie Callick, Ross McRobie

**Apologies:** Peter Ratcliff, Richard Paton

**Public Forum:**

### **Council Update – Ross McRobie**

Three Waters – a challenge for all Councils. If Councils can't agree there is the potential for Central Govt to take this off the Councils and put them into one central body called Te Mata Arawhi. WDC has gone to Council with questions and comments.

Timaru has withdrawn, Christchurch and other councils considering this.

WDC will make a decision when they get more information. In comparing the modelling Council has done they believe Central Government is off the mark.

WDC Water Assets are \$200M – how will this work from a governance and management perspective.

One of the most difficult decisions Council and Councillors will have to make ever. Worthwhile researching this – plenty of information online.

Waitaki Whitestone GeoparkTrust – now focusing on the environment, visitors and the economy. Working close with Iwi.

Ross Chair in the meantime until there is a replacement.

Ross mentioned his health issues.

### **Minutes:**

Confirmation of minutes from 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Moved:** Marilyn      **Seconded:** Paula

**Matters arising from the minutes:** None

### **Correspondence:**

**Received:** 12/9/2021 from Jason McNeill to advise that he was working out of town the week of the working bee so unable to meet unless in the evenings, and that he would advise Stephen Loach.

### **Sent:**

Steve emailed the Waitaki Valley Society but hasn't received a reply yet. Marilyn noted that they get calls from people requesting a lift, but the vehicle is in Kurow.

11/9/2021: The Secretary emailed Vicky Munro on regarding the Sports Club Financials and annual payment from the gym as no reply received from Nick Chapman. No response to this email to date.

11/9/2021: The Secretary emailed Jason McNeill back to advise his letter was tabled at the last meeting and to advise of the working bee and thanking him for his communication.

**Moved: Kath      Seconded: Di**

**Financials:**

Greg presented the Financial Report September 2021.  
Heater money received.

71 calendars sold. 100 to sell to breakeven. Will sell at Labour weekend Trash to Treasure and the Boat Harbour tomorrow.

**Grants & Funding & Hall Purchases:** - Greg updated.

Received the \$22,000 from Lotteries yesterday. Other funding applied for the kitchen upgrade.

**Moved: Greg      Seconded: Carson**

**General Business:**

Marilyn is a caregiver for Ross Mitchell who is a keen photographer, who took a lot of slides throughout the dam construction. He would like to give them to the ORAI to copy. We could put these up on the website. James happy to digitise these. We can credit Ross Mitchell when we use them and would his written permission to do so.

**IT Update:** James – nothing.

**Community Service Car** - Steve

**Wetlands Walkway:** Carson – re working bee held on Wed 15th. Everything went well with cleaning up and planting. Still more repotting to be done. Have started mowing and Steve Clark doing the spraying. Soil to come for the new track, thanks to Grant Campbell. A couple of extra men who will come on board. Been offered \$1000 for the old tractor by Simon Fox. Agreed we will sell it to him. The working bee can be held on a regular basis.

Di mentioned forming a group “The Friends of the Wetlands”. People can donate and we give updates on the Wetlands. Part of the ORAI. Can be set up as a Facebook group. The Art of Learning could set up the technical side of this. To be carried forward to the December meeting.

There was discussion re Carson being reimbursed with \$300 MTA vouchers to reimburse him for his travel to and from the Wetlands.

Marilyn mentioned a wetland area she had been through where buckets were left for people to water new trees.

**Moved: Di      Seconded: Margie**

**Health & Safety update** – Carson – update – nothing. Material to read and form to sign in.

**Hall Hire:** Marilyn W. – update. A wedding on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Maree White on track for her exhibition and Di will sell calendars.

Di to co-ordinate a March event in Marilyn’s absence.

There is high usage of the toilet paper despite no events taking place.

**Spring clean** – proposed date?

Petrea to invite the Sports Club to come and help as some of their equipment is stored there.

**CLDP/DIA:** Richard distributed his report prior to the meeting. Awaiting Information from Paddy Baxter. Keeping the ball rolling.

Wellington Hui early next year – 4 members of the ORAI to go. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**Moved: Steve      Seconded: Marilyn.**

Greg put forward a request as part of the playground development for coin/token/card operated barbeques for the playground area.

**Moved: Greg      Seconded: Kath**

**Secretary's role:** Some suggestions mooted.

**AGM** – There was a discussion re having a guest speaker at the AGM – Steve to approach Erik Van Der Spek re the A20.

The meeting closed at 11am

**AGM Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in the hall.**

