

Minutes

Otematata Residents Association Incorporated

10 am, Saturday 3 June 2023
Otematata Lakes Centre
1 West Road, Otematata 9412

Welcome from the Chair

Present: Steve Dalley (Chair), Kath Bond, Paula Boys, Bernadette Calder (Secretary), Margie Callick, Tristine Clark, James Denniston, Sue Millan, Richard Patton, Greg Sanders (Treasurer), Carson Welsh.

Apologies: Mike Rawson, Jane Turner, Marilyn Welsh.

Public Forum: -

Minutes: Confirmation of Minutes.

Moved that Minutes 6 May 2023 be accepted: Paula **Seconded:** Tristine **Carried**

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Biodiversity: WDC Waitaki Biodiversity Fund applications open August and application from ORAI to be made in July. [GS]
Monies to be used for additional traps with a wider variety of pest control.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1/6 E: Greg Sanders Re Finance update
22/5 E: David McFarlane (WDC) Re Lapse in community maintenance by Downers
23/5 E: David McFarlane (WDC) Re Whitestone Contracting sponsorship of community project ie Otematata Playground
23/5 E: Richard Paton Re Conceptual proposal update
31/5 E: Maree White Re Wetlands Calendar.

Outgoing:

8/5 L: WDC Re Township maintenance
8/5 L: David Aitkinson (Forest & Bird) Re donation of flaxes for The Wetlands
23/5 L: Grants Allocation Panel; CLDP, DIA Re Application CLDP-2023228800

Moved that: we accept offer from David McFarlane (22/5) to meet in Otematata with some ORAI committee members and Downer Contract Manager and WDC representative to walk and view specific issues that are of concern. [BC]

Otematata Calendar: Maree White; thank you for interest. [BC]

Moved that: Correspondence be received. Richard / Greg **Carried**

Financials:

Significant May payments:

Meridan: Tractor / Mower grant \$17,985.00

Wetlands wood sales \$ 310.00

Moved that:

Financial Reports dated 31/5/23 be accepted and true and correct.

**Greg / Kath
Carried**

General Business:

Cloud upload: ongoing.

Sport Club Sub-lease: ongoing.

Bio-diversity: See Matters Arising above.

Spring Fling: 2 September 2023. Band "Flip Side" approached - \$1400 for 3½ hrs with two 15 min breaks. Suggested grazing table, BYO and a plate. \$20/ticket. Will need to find overnight accommodation for two band members.

Kath to approach committee members for assistance as needed, ticket sales, advertising, etc

[KB]

Website / Promotion: Wedding photos/The Wetlands have been sent to Alan Reilly to upload to ORAI website and Facebook; still yet to action.

[BC]

Grants & Funding & Hall Purchases:

Application to Meridan for \$17,985 for new mower; received with appreciation.

The Wetlands and Walkway Update:

Discussed: "Friends of the Wetlands"

Strategic Plan framework: what, how, who, funding, maintenance, promotion etc. [RP]

Ongoing.

ORAI website be amended to include options for sponsorship of The Wetlands ie choice of automatic payments, one off donations, merchandise etc. [JD]

Tree removal, clearing track etc.

At least half of works already completed by Greg Honeywell. Agreed to approach Greg once again re removing excess lake weed with root raking etc meeting the remainder of \$3000, as yet unspent.

Big burn of debris yet to be organized.

Meridan tractor/mower money received.

Health & Safety Update: Nil accidents.

Hall Update:

Letter to be sent to local lady re 'commercial Hall kitchen' request indicating ORAI approval with conditions. [PB / BC]

Upcoming bookings: Waitaki Medical Trust (? June), Spring Fling (2 Sept), Electoral Commission (14 October).

Kitchen security: actioned.

Taps repaired.

Pie-warmers to be collected by On The Spot.

Flag update: Sales ongoing.

Park Maintenance: Meeting between Downers, WDC rep and reps of ORAI Committee to meet as soon as possible to view areas of concern in township. IC correspondence 22/5 [BC]

Opening of New Playground:

Tristine and Steve Clark have volunteered to organize a BBQ etc in Spring; date yet to be advised. Requests for assistance to be advised. [TC]

Sefton Reserve Fruit Trees:

Downers (sub-contractors) and WDC to be advised of necessity of pruning, spraying etc in proposed walkabout.

CLPD update:

Richard presented CLDP Report to ORAI – June 2023.

Please refer to report as tabled re Project Management etc. and outgoing letter to DIA 23/5/23

Necessity to maintain the integrity of the park, taking into account some reduction in capital items as suggested. Discussion re alternative funding bodies as possibilities for completion of some delayed stand-alone projects.

Moved that Reports be accepted.

Richard / Greg Carried.

Meeting closed at 11.41 am

Next ORAI Meeting: Saturday 1 July 2023

Chair: Steve Dalley

Date: