

# *Minutes*

## *Otematata Residents Association Incorporated*

**10am, Saturday 11th September 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, Peter Ratcliff, Richard Paton, Stephen Loach, Ross McRobie

**Apologies:** James Denniston, Margie Callick

### **Public Forum:**

#### **Council Update – Ross McRobie**

Ross noted the implications of Central Government reforms e.g. Three Waters, future for Local Government and RMA reforms.

He has recently been appointed Chair of the Waitaki Geopark Trust.

Discussion around A2O governance and the Waitaki and McKenzie District Councils.

Various groups involved in the Labour Weekend gathering with a liquor ban and strong police presence planned.

Community Board Meeting on Monday 13/9 in Kurow at 3.15pm.

New CEO of Council who has visited the valley.

Proposed lease of land to the Golf Club.

#### **Wetlands Walkway – Stephen Loach**

Noted the large amount of work community members have put into the Wetlands and especially thanked Carson Welsh. Looking at a succession plan for this 55 Hectare area.

Letter from Jason McNeill outlining his expertise in commercial and residential grounds maintenance. There wasn't a quote attached. Keen to discuss how he could work alongside volunteers on the Wetlands. *Petrea to reply to Jason stating we are working on a plan for the Wetlands and he is to be invited to the working bee.*

There was a grant from ECAN to go towards maintenance.

Further discussion under General Business.

### **Minutes:**

Confirmation of minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Moved: Peter    Seconded: Greg

**Matters arising from the minutes:** None

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Received:**

#### **Sent:**

20/8/2021: An email reply was sent by the Secretary to Network Waitaki re there being no obligation for the ORAI, to repair or replace power poles. Cc'd to Vicky Munro.

To Network Waitaki re improved communication around power outages. Petrea has shared on Otematata Friends and Alan has put up on our website. Recently when there was a street light outage in Otematata, Network Waitaki were in regular communication.

20/8/2021: The Secretary replied to the Waitaki Recreation & Boating Club accepting their offer to purchase the no-longer-required gas heaters from the hall for \$1600. The ORAI bank account details have been supplied and they are to liaise with the Hall Committee re collection. They have a new Secretary and Treasurer and the invoice will be paid in the next few days.

It was decided that the *Secretary would email Vicky regarding the Sports Club as no reply received from Nick Chapman.*

Correspondence moved: Richard    Seconded: Kath

### **Financial:**

Greg presented the Financial Report August 2021.

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

Application to the Harcourts Foundation was declined, so he has put an application in to the WDC Community Group Grants fund.

CLDP Funds are through.

Greg has put in an application for Otago Community Trust for \$5000 for kitchen equipment. There is also one into the Southern Trust. If this doesn't come through, the OCT funding will hopefully be approved.

All monies paid for the Spring Fling have been refunded.

Moved: Greg    Seconded: Kath

**Calendars** – update Di – 30 sold to date.

### **General Business:**

**Secretary's Role:** Petrea finishing in this role at the AGM. A new Secretary to be sought.

**IT Update:** James away so no update

**Community Service Car** – Steve – to inform at the next meeting following the Community Board meeting next week.

**Wetlands Walkway:** Carson – a lot of work required at the moment with trees trees down. A working bee to be held on Wed 15th.

Steve to get this onto Otematata Friends Facebook page.

A longer term plan to be put in place for sustainability to a budget. A group could be called “Friends of the Wetlands” with donations invited which would cover ongoing maintenance.

*A reply to be sent to Jason McNeill inviting him to the working bee.*

**Health & Safety update** – Carson – no Health & Safety issues to report.

**Hall Hire:** Marilyn W. - update. A November cancellation, no new bookings. We have a new cleaner.

**Spring clean** – proposed date? To happen at a suitable time post Covid restrictions. Petrea to invite the Sports Club to come and help as some of their equipment is stored there.

**CLDP/DIA:** Richard spoke to his report and progress re the DIA. Richard to work with a small group to get to the next stage.

It was agreed that Di would organise for some flowers to be sent to Anna Frost from the ORAI.

Richard Moved that his report be accepted, seconded Marilyn.

The meeting closed at 11.30am