

Minutes

Otematata Residents Association Incorporated

10 am, Saturday 4 May 2024
Otematata Lakes Centre
1 West Road, Otematata 9412

Welcome from the Interim Chair

Richard welcomed both Steve Clark and Wayne Wilson to this Committee.

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

Apologies: Steve Dalley, Julia Crossman, Mike Rawson.

Public Forum: Nil.

Minutes: Confirmation of 6 April 2024

Moved that Minutes be accepted. Tristine Seconded: Paula Carried.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

See General Business.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

15/1 L C Christensen Re VSA signs

2/4 L R Paton Re A20 section in gorge

26/4 E Ana Bonetto Re WDC Rates – Otematata Community Hall

Outgoing:

10/4 L Sue Millin re acknowledgement of resignation

L Alps to Ocean Trust Re track management (draft presented – ytbs) [RP]

WDC Rate level proposal for 2025... as per WDC letter suggesting an Otematata Hall Rates decrease (26/4 above), from \$50 to \$40 per household.

Moved that: ORAI propose a response be made to WDC to retain rates as current and to revisit a possible reduction next year. Richard / Greg Carried. [BC]

Financials: Financial Report: 30 April 2024

Significant expenditure:

TSA Management -	\$5791.68
Wetlands fuel	\$286.74

Significant income:

Wetlands wood	\$1700	(total: \$3600)
IRD GST refund	\$58,345.41	
ANZ interest	\$1128.88	

Moved that: Financial Report dated 30/5/24 be accepted as true and correct.

Greg / James Carried

Moved that: Progress Payment #7 Paul Smith Earthmoving for \$148,139.21 be passed for payment.

Greg / Steve Carried.

General Business:

Committee Membership:

Moved that: agreed that Wayne Wilson be co-opted to ORAI Committee in light of recent resignations.

Greg / Bernie Carried

Cloud upload: to be continued.

[JD]

Sport Club Sub-lease: AGM scheduled in two weeks.
Agreed to await return of Steve Dalley.

Calendars: ongoing.

Bio-diversity: Steve C and Wayne dispersed 20 rat and stoat traps about 12 months ago collecting numerous vermin. Manual traps set a couple of weeks ago netted only one stoat and one rat; very promising. Traps to remain over the winter and removed for summer season. Checked daily.

Opossum traps working well but minor problems with the older traps ie parts etc. Controlled; 22 culled in past shoot and approx. 20 trapped recently.

Spring Fling: 7 September 2024; Flip Side booked. Alan Reilly participation suggested.

Sub-committee to bring ideas to next meeting. [PB, TC, BC]

Website / Promotion: Margie to update On the Spot Noticeboard with advertising of Hall for weddings etc. [MG]

Grants & Funding & Hall Purchases: Nil.

Sefton Reserve:

Access key to Sefton Reserve (to be kept with ORAI Secretary; yet to be actioned).

[BC]

Alps to Ocean Cycle Track:

Draft letter as proposed to committee. Agreed letter be sent.

[RP]

The Wetlands and Walkway Update:

- **Biking Fun Day....** yet to discuss.

Some of 250 pittosporums plants lost. Kanuka to be planted soon; zero cost.

170 flaxes planted over last 12 months.

Six pine trees (on point) to be removed when able; track to be closed with appropriate signage.

Wish list includes a wood chipper and a better trailer as small one not sufficient. Needs to be a tipper to easily enable spreading on tracks, wood etc.

Agreed in principle to wood chipper, in first instance.

Moved that: a formal proposal be presented at next June meeting when decision on funding stream etc will be investigated. Richard / Steve Carried [SC]

Honeywells approached re root ripping and tidy up. Tall trees to be culled overhanging track etc. Questioned use of CDLP monies; yet to decide.

Health & Safety Update: Suggested committee members look at H&S on ORAI Website.

[all]

Letter to Paddy Baxter seeking clarification on H&S safety of new park BBQ.

[BC]

Hall Update:

Keys requested for Gym computer access ie cleaning cupboard (only).

To drop off to Jane at On The Spot.

[PB]

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

Kurow Medical Hub: Nil.

Better-Off Funding: \$119,000.

James meeting with Cyndi Christensen (WDC) mid May; outcome yet unknown. [JD]

Paddy Baxter approached (via Zoom with Steve D) to return with ideas for project enhancement ie sun shading, additional tree planting, village beautification, structures, WDC information signage etc. Questioned possible irrigation of lawns in front of Hall and shop.

Approximately \$38K proposed cost (email CC 15/4) for possible **VAS signs** into and out of village. Meeting between partners on 15 May to discuss. Richard to facilitate. [RP]

Park Management: Downers have lost their contract with WDC.

Questioned if replacement planting is covered by contract?

CLDP Report:

Hurihia (DIA) visited.... Update and viewing provided; very pleased with progress.

Final reporting in hand.

[RP]

Agreed to await Steve's return to approach CLDP for extensions etc.

Moved that Reports be accepted.

Bernie / Paula

Carried

Meeting closed at 11.26 am

Next meeting: 1 June 2024

Interim Chair: Richard Paton

Date: