

# Go Hororata Minutes

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 7.30pm @ Hororata Hall



## Attendees:

Committee: Helene Youngman, Will Freeman, Penny Oliver, Jenni Carter, Lucy Cookson, Susan Thornley, Michael Oakley, Phil Freeman, Barty Dork, Craig Blackburn, Chris Thwaites

General Public: Jenny Studholme, Samantha Samuel, Annabel Freeman

Minute secretary: Cindy Driscoll

1. Apologies
  - a. Margaret Cross (sympathies from the committee for passing of her husband John), Marty Gameson, John Morten, John Oakley
2. Election of Chairperson – election run by Cindy Driscoll
  - a. Nominations called for Chairperson
    - i. Helene Youngman nominated Craig Blackburn, Seconded by Chris Thwaites
    - ii. With no further nominations Craig Blackburn was elected Chairperson
  - b. A motion was tabled by Will Freeman that the committee as an elected Vice Chairperson, seconded by Susan Thornley. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. Nominations called for Vice Chairperson:
    - i. Penny Oliver nominated Phil Freeman, seconded Jenni Carter
    - ii. With no further nominations Phill Freeman was elected Vice Chairperson
3. Minutes from AGM (note Craig Chaired the meeting from this point)
  - a. Taken as read
  - b. Matters arising
    - i. Will Freeman to be added to attendees of AGM
  - c. Minutes approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Move Phil Freeman, Helene Youngman. Passed unanimously
4. Secretary role
  - a. Craig feels we need the paid resource in the secretary role for this committee as there is a big workload with the community hub project that needs to be completed to a professional level
  - b. Chris spoke about the role being funded by the Trust and it is part of what the Trust does for the community
  - c. A motion was tabled that the committee put a request to the Hororata Community Trust that they continue to provide secretary services at their cost. Moved by Craig Blackburn, seconded by Jenni Carter. Passed unanimously.
5. Finances and budget
  - a. Discussion around the finances for the committee being managed under the HCT accounts with its own coding so financial reports can be presented. This would include all income and

expenses for the community hub project. The committee felt it was important to have the finances run like this as it gives high level of transparency.

- b. It was discussed the need for a small discretionary budget for the committee so that it could do things like run ads when needed etc.
- c. A motion was tabled that an annual \$3000 discretionary budget be requested to the HCT.  
Moved by Jenni Carter, Seconded Lucy Cookson. Passed unanimously.

#### 6. Committee Roles:

- a. The need for some specific roles in the committee was discussed:
- b. It was decided that Craig to remain point of contact for the Community Hub project, important to keep consistency
- c. Equestrian rep – Phil spoke about this being a contentious issue in the community and had asked Annabel to attend the meeting as she has experience with the course having worked with Dave Sligh and has in the past 12 months worked with the Council on course maintenance. It was discussed that it is important to have one representative and point of contact for all of equestrian users on the Domain - track, hackers, pony clubs. This person needs to have equestrian knowledge. The meeting agreed Annabel would be the best person for this role. Penny would like to help Annabel. Need to get Facebook page handed over from Kimberly. Penny to talk to Dave Moore about track users and create an email database so they can be advised of closures.
- d. It was noted at the time of the AGM there was no Equestrian representative. The committee decided that Annabel will officially fill this role and would have voting rights on the committee.
- e. It was decided that Phil Freeman would continue to be the point of contact for the Domain Maintenance.
- f. Village Connection – it was decided that Margaret would be best placed to be the village connection for the committee, as she was not in attendance this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- g. It was moved by Chris Thwaites that all the above positions be accepted by the committee.  
Seconded Lucy Cookson. Passed unanimously.

#### 7. Correspondence

- a. Email from Jenny Studholme tabled
- b. Craig thanked Jenny for her kind words regarding people setting up to be on the committee. He stated we have a good group of people from all walks of life as a group add a lot of value to the community. Agree the Domain is a great asset and he acknowledged the concerns she raised in her letter re the ownership and Council management.
- c. This correspondence was discussed by the committee and it is believed that the Domain still belongs in the community ownership and there had never been official documentation of any

hand over to SDC however the SDC are the custodians at the moment and the committee is happy with running status quo at the moment.

8. Communication with SDC

- a. It is important that communication with SDC is consistent.
- b. As discussed, any communication re the Community Hub is with Craig
- c. Not talking to the media, only making written statements
- d. Community/Domain issues Phil is the contact

9. Update on Community Hub Project

- a. Have had have submission hearing and answer SDC questions, it was a positive interaction.
- b. It was noted the results of the SDC annual plan consultation saw 62.1% (77 people from all over the district) support the proposal, 32.3%(40 people) had no preference and 5.6% (7) people were opposed. This shows a united community and strong support district wide
- c. The committee was disappointed however with several submissions from within the community that saw inaccuracies presented to Council. The committee felt the best way for was to make an direct approach to Laurie Squires to take up one of the spare community seats on the newly formed committee so that she can be directly involved in the project. Craig to do this.
- d. It was stated again that the meetings are open to anyone to attended, they are publicly notified and minutes are available
- e. Reminder meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 9am with SDC

10. Community Dinner planning – 1<sup>st</sup> July at Hororata Hall

- a. Ipod for music
- b. Some hard copies tickets at garage as well as online
- c. Speakers – Brian Hunt, and quiz – ask Marty to MC
- d. Need to consider older members of the community who have been involved with the Domain and ensure they are invited
- e. Use hall tables and chairs
- f. Country Feasts to cater 2 course meal
- g. Run a cash bar, will need a licence
- h. There maybe a cost to use the hall
- i. Committee agreed to use the reminder of the Citizens Committee \$1000 towards this dinner (cover costs of licence, hall, advertising, ticket printing etc)
- j. HCT is working with Historical Society on some display signs that tell the history of the Domain, hopefully design can be unveiled at the dinner. If any profit from the dinner it will go towards producing these signs.

11. General Business

- a. Art exhibition for Parish Art and Soul evening 10<sup>th</sup> June Craig encouraged everyone to go to support the Parish and The Artist's In

- b. Send open invitation sent to all Councillor but partially invite Bob to meetings, ensure Councillors and Malvern Community board get agendas and minutes
- c. The future needs of the pre-school generation in the community was discussed, everyone agreed it is important to have facilities that caters for pre-schoolers and their families with in the hub however what that looks like could be different to what we have now. It was felt that Playcentres involvement in the Community Hub needs to be clarified ASAP. A letter from Craig to be draft to be sent to Playcentre about their involvement. The draft to be circulated to committee before sending.
- d. Discussion about what the group is known – agree to Go Hororata. A motion was tabled by Will Freeman that the group would be known as Go Hororata, seconded by Helene Youngman. Passed unanimously.
- e. It was agreed that while there are set times for meetings the committee can call extra meetings when required and minor issues can be decided on via email. Cindy to look at setting up a google group for the committee. It was pointed out emails could be effective way to make a decision if everyone engages and replies all.
- f. Discussion on bookings for the barn. There are a small number of locals who want to use the Barn for private events. Cindy discussed this with Douglas Marshall and he felt this could be managed by the committee. The committee agreed they were happy to manage the barn bookings, Penny would be the point of contact.
- g. New toilets are going in on the Domain at present. Suggestion is to leave the old toilet block there and could be used as a ticketing entrance. Ask SDC to remove the ablutions and leave the building – Phil/Cindy to follow up
- h. Samantha Samuel spoke to the committee that she is looking at running for Council in the Malvern area wanted to see what was happening in the community. The committee thanked her for attending and wished her luck.
- i. Meetings to be changed to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**Meeting closed at 9.03pm**