

MDCA Executive Meeting

Notes from meeting held Tuesday 26th June 2018

PRESENT: Elena (Chair), Mike Kininmonth, Naomi Aporo, Marion Satherley, Wayne Chisnell, Aileen Connell, Helen Bibby, Trish Smith and Mary Garner.

APOLOGIES Tim Hawthorne

MINUTES. THAT the Association June minutes be accepted to table at the next Assn meeting. Amendment to the Exec minutes to include the discussion about representation at the new WWG and that Marion and Mike as representatives reflect the decision that one of the WWG representatives is to be an Exec member..

(Trish /Marion) **CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT

Membership: 105

- Current balance: \$15,937.83
 - General \$3,478.43
 - Dominion Flats \$11,521.23
 - Waterfront Park/Aquarium \$468.17
- Accounts for payment :
 - \$698.63 to A & M contracting (Ash) for ongoing work at Dominion Flats
 - \$1886.00 to Nelmac, plants for Dominion Flats.
- General:
 - The new membership spreadsheet is being rolled over.

THAT the report be accepted and the accounts passed for payment Aileen / Elena **CARRIED**

AGM Discussion about arrangements for the AGM, noting that reports will need to be to Mary by 13th July as she will be away from 26th July.

BUDGET. General discussion with the following covered.

- Noted that income only barely covers expenditure with a shortfall of \$800 at year end.
- Examination of areas where costs could be saved with example of nibbles at AGM and end of year meeting being noted as saving approx \$500.
- Secretary role and income needed if this was to be paid. Noted current honourarium is \$1800 pa. Discussion about the option of raising the membership fee and if so, how much. Further discussion about the merits and philosophical aspects of changing the role from voluntary (i.e. implications about motivation etc) to paid.
- Community Grant. Need to decide re how much to apply for.
- Decided that the following be raised for discussion at the next Assn meeting:
- **Recommend that the secretary honourarium be raised to \$2,400 which is \$200/month.**
- **Recommend that the membership fee be raised to \$10**
- **Kai for meetings to be BYO and shared.**
- **Social Media honourarium to remain the same.**

- **Community Grant.**
 - Recommend that we apply for \$5,000 this year.
 - Mention the proposed payment for secretary in the application.
 - Ask for a stats report re effectiveness of outreach via social media and this information to also be included in the application.

CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards.

- From TDC re street lighting improvements

Outwards

- Application to Rata for the **BBQ**
- Reports back to Rata, Network Tasman and Pub Charities re how the money was spent.

COMMITTEE AND OPERATIONS PROCESSES. Discussed under Financial/Budget above.

ROADS & PATHWAYS

- Seaton Valley Stream pathway
- Higgs Rd footpath. Good feedback re this. Noting that Wayne did thank TDC re the success of this.
- Jessie St. Further attempt to contact Kim Bowie
- Higgs Rd/Aranui Park pathway. No further action re this.
- Pathways in respect of pedestrians and cyclists. Wayne to contact TDC to determine if there are any procedures re this – specifically in respect of Higgs Rd.
- Discussion about obtaining a :”welcome to the village” sign, similar to one at Richmond.

WATERFRONT & WHARF

- **WWG.** Discussion about any issues for Marion to raise at the next meeting.
 - to advise the WWG of our application for a BBQ.
- **Waterfront Park Upgrade sub committee.**
 - **Aquarium sign.** Mary yet to contact mark Johannsen re MDCA intention about this sign. Noted a second sign was found at the boatclub (Mike). Mike reported on his discussions with the boat club. Shed Four ok with them. Permission to use it. Noted we want some visible honouring of the aquarium. Along with interpretative panels, the sign is part of the narrative of the wharf precinct. Flag the sign as being raised at a future WWG meeting (probably not the first one).
 - **Playground.** Trish frustrated re trying to find a couple of date for Mapua Landscape to do the work so that TDC can be invited to attend for the work to be done (which has already been paid for). Mary to send letter. *See late entry below M.*
- **Repair of photo frames.** Still waiting for the school.
- **TDC consultation with Iwi.** Letter to TDC encouraging them to update their information on clarify their processes and inform their staff on how iwi are involved in

/consulted on issues. This following discussion at last MDCA meeting about representation on WWG and noting the TDC staff member seems unaware of who to contact with limited evidence of engagement with that community. MDCA to write supporting a more structured process around engagement with the Maori community. Agreed that Elena will draft this letter with consultation with Naomi.

- Meeting noted that Naomi will be attending WWG in a personal capacity to represent local Iwi.

ENVIRONMENT . Short verbal report by Helen noting:

- Increased physical areas now in the public face.
- Reports sent to Rata Foundation, Network Tasman and Pub Charities regarding grant money we have spent.
- Application sent to Rata for the BBQ money.

Tree planting fundraiser. Mary apologised for not circulating the remaining date for this.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT & TDC REPORTING

- Verbal report from Mike. Hard copy to be circulated with mailout prior to next Assn meeting.
- Card to be sent to Colin accepting his resignation and wishing Hazel all the best.

SOCIAL MEDIA Tim not present.

AED sub committee

- Letter to Club Mapua thanking them for their donation and asking about possibility of an annual donation. Wayne's letter tabled and Aileen to hand it to Martyn Barlow. Copy of letter to go in mailout for next Assn meeting.

RELATIONSHIPS. Verbal report from Naomi noting:

- Been connecting with individuals and groups to foster engagement with local Iwi.
- Noted communication with John Fountain re examples of indigenous signage and representation in communities in Canada.
- Valuing our community.
- Brief discussion re the MDCA's role when cultural communication issues arise.
- National Land and Water Science CEO visiting Nelson and Naomi's experience taking him round to several local agencies including TDC where Naomi felt they received a negative reception. This feedback given back to Cr King. Discussion about conversation and reception in comparison with other regional councils.
- Discussion following culturally inappropriate comments displaying prejudice recorded by a local Real Estate agent to a local resident. Lengthy discussion re merits of whether MDCA should respond, referencing the constitution and fostering the cultural health of the community. Decided no further action.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Elena reported on the sub committee's first meeting.

- Tabled Bruno's report with suggested motions to be placed at the next meeting. Noting that the report was presented at the TDC Engineering sub committee meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Friends of Waterfront Park.** Marion spoke briefly of some recommendations she personally made re the FWP's proposed constitution noting some concerns about transparency.
- **Community Transport.** Elena reported on some research and conversations in the community about this issue and isolation of older people in the community. Elena suggesting the the information be placed instead of an actual speaker for the Hot Topic.
- **AGM**
 - Mary to email last year's reports to everyone to use as a template.
 - Discussion re requirements of advertising the AGM to ensure we comply.
 - Noted Naomi and Aileen will be standing again & Aileen happy to be Treasurer again.
 - General discussion re the urgency about options for Chairperson and Secretary positions and the skill set needed for both these positions. Concern that the AGM will fail to produce any nominations for these positions.
- **Induction manual.** Mary to send all information to Naomi for formatting into one document.
- **Civil Defence.** Helen. Seven volunteers' names been sent to civil Defence to form the basis of a local team of people available to respond in the event of another civil emergency.
- **Seat outside Tessa Mae.** Trish asked that this topic remain on the agenda for future discussions. Suggestion that there be a seat available in this area.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm .

Next Meetings: Assn Monday 9th July **Exec** Tuesday 24th July

Trish apologises for the next two Execs and the August Assn meeting.

- Waterfront Park Playground and Mapua Landscaping. Since noted..... Letter not needed now. Contact from Mapua Landscaping indicated they have been trying to access top soil.. So weather permitting, Richard (TDC) available, they are hoping for late next week.