



Committee Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday, 19 March, 2025 - Island Bay Community Centre
7.00-7.45 pm Committee only
7.45 – 8.30 pm Open to all

Welcome and apologies

Chair: Sheila Hart

Minute taker: Kirsty Smith

Committee Members in attendance: Kirsten Matheson, Andrew Lourantos, David Bolt, Elena McDiarmid, Sandra Proctor, Mark Henderwood and Sharon Newman

Apologies: Alex McGibbon, Ilias Tora and Sonya Cameron

Wellington City Council (WCC): Laurie Foon, Nureddin Abdurahman

Residents (from 7.45pm): Tina Hakaraia, Lockie Stewart, Andrew Langton, Lynne and Gerald Griggs

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

Minutes and action points from previous meeting

Minutes confirmed as a true and accurate record of the February meeting. Proposed by Sheila, seconded by Kirsty.

Action points

- Draft MOU was circulated
- Bunnings emailed but no response
- No contact yet made with Darran Ponter re bus fares for school children (note the GWRC transport plan has been open for feedback, closed 28th March)

Treasurer update

Alex, the new treasurer, still attempting to make contact with the previous treasurer. She will need signed copies of a set of minutes to confirm her role to become a signatory on the kiwibank account.

Grant application has been submitted for \$1000 from the Sport and Recreational Fund. This fund is currently under review, details were provided in the March Monthly Email update.

Pātaka Kai – MOU

The draft has been sent back to WCC, still awaiting a response.

It appears the pātaka kai is having good rotation of food since it opened on Saturday.



Constitution Update

Andrew and Mark to work on this – have not yet met to discuss

Previous feedback has been summarised both in a summary document and as comments added to the draft version. The feedback including in the surveymonkey votes has also been saved. All of these have been emailed previously to the current committee and are saved in the IBRA G-drive, all have access to this. There are also several constitutions that have already been used to re-register from other Ras as examples saved in the G-drive.

Sheila has been forwarding the email updates/advice from the Inc Societies Register with details of timelines/requirements etc.

David asked for more clarification around the constitution update.

Sheila summarised the attempt to update last year

- New Act 2022
- All societies need to reregister by April 2026, if IBRA does not re-register the association will cease to be
- An updated constitution needs to be passed at the AGM or a Special meeting for that purpose
- There are more robust requirements:
 - o Reporting requirements many of which do not apply to us as our income is < \$50k.
 - o Membership database requirements
 - o Dispute resolution requirements
- Timeline
 - o This requirement had been signalled as a key project for 2024 to the committee, with a plan for the update developed. This plan was shared in the July Monthly Email update to Members. The first draft was discussed by the committee in July (and via email in advance of this meeting), it was presented at the August community update meeting and discussed at the September committee meeting. A revised version was produced, taking into account the feedback received and this was circulated prior to voting at the AGM in October. It did not pass at the AGM. 15 'no' votes came in on the afternoon of the AGM.
- Sheila and Catherine worked on redrafting and took the opportunity to streamline the objectives of the society. That was the main area of contention regarding what groups were named individually vs not and whether businesses were included.
- They had initially started using the constitution builder, and then referenced other Resident Association constitutions that had been accepted. Sheila suggested that this time round, the constitution builder be used as the base structure and lift our current constitution into that.
- There was also a lot of confusion about what the 'Island Bay Plan' was that is referenced in the current constitution. The 'Island Bay Plan' was a list of ideas that the committee that formed the association had collected as priorities for Island Bay and was what they wanted to work on. It is not a documented plan and does not relate to WCC in anyway. Sheila



commented that this needs to be removed as it does not exist so how can it be an objective of our organisation.

David suggested that only the changes that are legally required be made and that it needs to be done in a timely manner. Already it is March so we are in a similar position to last year. Any updated version will not be ready to be shared with members until April at the earliest (last year it was July for the August meeting).

There were some concerns about the validity of passing a constitutional change based on low numbers attending the AGM/voting.

Many felt there was a lack of trust around the process, but unclear how to address this given last year all drafts with suggested changes and rationale were shared and discussed at the community update meeting and committee meetings including the open session.

Some felt there should be community agreement all the way through, but it is unclear how to achieve this.

Sheila emphasised given the amount of time she devoted to it last year, and the mistrust about the process, that she will not be involved in the process this year.

ACTION Andrew and Mark to take this forward

Meet the Candidates Night planning

Owhiro Bay chair, Sue Reid, has been in touch regarding a joint event again.

This suggestion was circulated to the committee via email earlier this month, as some had expressed concern after the last event that we should not do it joint. The response to the email suggested all in favour of doing it jointly again (less demand on councillors, more people to help out on the night).

Mark proposed the 16th September – this will be after the deadline for nominations.

The last event we organised was early in the process, end of August. The number of candidates that ended up standing grew over the time we were organising so that there ended up being 19 southern ward and mayoral candidates. That made it a very busy night.

Discussion ensued about whether the meeting should be a joint southern ward and mayoral candidate night, or just southern ward. Note there will be many other Mayoral candidate nights being hosted.

Some suggested holding 2 meetings – one for southern ward and one for mayoral. This would make them accessible to those in our suburb. It was emphasised that organising these meetings is a lot of work, then someone else on the committee will need to coordinate one in addition to Mark organising one.

ACTION: Mark to liaise with OBRA and coordinate a meet the candidates night in September

Community Update Meeting



An attempt was made to get other committee members involved in organising the community update meetings. So far no volunteers for the first meeting.

An initial suggestion had been related to 4C work and the climate adaption plan. WCC will be organising focus groups for this and the timeline is quite short.

Sheila had asked if the team from Tapu Te Ranga marae to provide an update.

Put a provisional date for June – Sheila will coordinate.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sheila has run an Easter Egg hunt/clean up in Shorland park for the last 2 years. Enquiry was made regarding the committee's support for this and requested financial support from the committee (has previously been covered by personal funds).

Sheila felt this was a positive community event in keeping with the goal of connecting our community.

Request for \$100 from IBRA to fund supplies made – all present supported this.

No volunteers to assist although general support for the activity.

Open meeting 7.30-9.10pm

The Chair welcomed everyone

Long Term Plan Amendment and Annual Plan – Laurie Foon

LTP

Laurie highlighted the drivers for the Long Term Plan amendment in terms of trying to reduce our debt, leaving more debt headroom to cover the insurance short fall (aiming to increase this to \$1billion). This will facilitate increased borrowing to get money for rebuilding that will be required in the event of a disaster in wellington.

A suggestions is to sell some ground leases and start a small disaster fund.

Having to cut \$400m over next 10 years on capital expenditure.

- Key aspects being consulted on: Begonia house, Karori Events Centre, bike network program (already been reduced by \$80m, suggestion now to reduce by a further \$40m but cutting some of the peripheral connections)
- Many other areas being cut back
- Councils preferred option indicated in the proposal document

Discussion regarding government support in the event of a natural disaster, the government is aiming for local councils to be more resilient. Yes they will provide money for key infrastructure restoration, but not community rebuild. This has been seen with recently cyclone events.

Therefore WCC needs to have more financial resilience to manage.

In addition, getting insurance is becoming harder given the number of events occurring and given Wellingtons risk of things like earthquakes has gone up based on recent reports/forecasting. This is contributing to the insurance short fall.



Discussion regarding wants vs needs, and the challenge of taking into account the diverse views of the city.

Consultation opens tomorrow

Information session being run across the city (in Island Bay 3rd April)

Multiple ways to submit, close 14th April

Annual Plan

Two key decisions

1. Matawana Reserve – do WCC go into partnership with Iwi to run this?
2. Short term accommodation paying commercial rates
 - a. This is already in place if place available to rent for > 28 days/year, plan to increase to >60days.
 - b. Will remain voluntary, but there will be a better system for running it and more clarity around the policy and how visible it is.
 - c. Any income from this will go into the commercial rates 'pie' to try and reduce commercial rates and the commercial to residential rates differential.
 - d. No enforcement planned at this point, but systems will be improved, so potentially this could come in the future.

Laurie clarified the way submissions are managed

- Independent organisation goes through submissions and pulls common themes to present to council
- All available publicly

Elena suggested selling encroachments as a means of generating income. The challenge of this due to archaic legislation was discussed.

Water Done Well – Laurie Foon

The way water is managed needs to change, proposals out for feedback from tomorrow (20th)

Three proposals suggested:

Council Controlled Organisations – WCC only, joint with other councils and GWRC (preferred option), modified status quo.

The main benefit of the Multi-council CCO is they will own and manage assets, and also have the capacity to borrow more to invest in the infrastructure, and given the size, will have greater buying power etc

Discussion re water metres – no decision has yet been made, a business case is being developed. Main benefit is for monitoring use and picking up leaks. Lots of concern expressed in the room regarding water rates on top of rates.



Submissions open until the 14th April

Derwent Street and Buses – Nureddin Abdurahman and Lockie Stewart

Lockie presented the issues facing residents on Derwent street

Vibrations from the road impacting the residents and houses on the street over the last 5 years (sleep disturbance, stress, cracks in paint and walls).

There have been many meetings with WCC representatives.

Theory is the heavy double decker buses moving at speed hitting bumps in the road are causing the vibrations. Appear to be related to road repairs on the road creating ridges in the road.

A challenge is the different councils/organisations involved involved (WCC, GWRC and Metlink).

Suggestion has been to divert the number 29 bus from Derwent Road to the Parade and/or impose a speed limit reduction for the double decker buses (NOT speed bumps).

Asking for support to progress this

Nureddin has received feedback from WCC and GWRC to look at options for a bus diversion route, they want feedback from local residents. This is where IBRA comes into play, to get community feedback and support.

Lots of discussion ensued regarding public transport, bus usage and types etc, but not directly related to the issue on Derwent street.

This is the first time this has been raised with IBRA since Sheila has been chair, although many in the room were aware of the issue/had seen the signs on Derwent street.

Action – Organise a community meeting to discuss this issue with key players – Nureddin, Sheila and Lockie. This should include Brad Singh.

Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Action running sheet

Date	Actions	Who	Status
22 July	Invite Darren Ponter to meeting to discuss the bus service.	Sheila	Open
19 Feb	Review and circulate the draft WCC MOU re Pataka Kai and summary re financials.	Sonya	Open
19 Feb	Email Bunnings re additional support for Pataka kai	Sheila	Open
19 Feb	Add time to next month's agenda for council updates re Long Term Plan and Water Done Well to be presented by Laurie	Sheila	Open



19 Mar	Mark to liaise with OBRA and coordinate a meet the candidates night in September	Mark	
19 Mar	Sheila to organise May/June community update meeting	Sheila	
19 Mar	Update Constitution – plan, process and draft shared	Sheila	
19 Mar	Carry over Speed limits discussion and edging to next meeting	Sheila	
19 Mar	Organise a community meeting to discuss this issue on Derwent street and rerouting the bus route from Derwent onto the Parade	Nureddin, Sheila, Lockie	

* Items that are crossed out will be removed following the next meeting