

Plimmerton Residents Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on Monday 26 May, 2014 at Plimmerton Boating Club, Plimmerton, Porirua

The Annual General Meeting was chaired by Dave Anderson, Acting Chair of the Plimmerton Residents' Association.

The meeting began with a welcome from the chair, Dave Anderson, and a call for apologies.

Apologies were received from: Mayor Nick Leggatt, Cllr Jenny Brash, Cllr Bronwyn Krupp, Colin and Marg Bleasdale, Robin and Russell Jones, Dave Lowe, Alison Holt, Rosaleen and Gary Conway, Rick Webber, Peter and Beverley Fairfax.

The following members attended:

Marleen Casey	Andrew Deller
Dorothy and Robin Mitchell	Helen Webber
Anita Baker	Tim Sheppard
Euon Murrell	James Baigent
Niels Gedge	Ian Baigent
Dale Williamson	Judith Johnston
Robyn Procter	Brian Mosen
Mary Casey	Johan Sinke
Gillian Dodson	Bob McCoy
Colleen Ward	Debbie Monahan
Roberta McKeon	Janette Wallace Gedge
Martin Cawthron	Alistair Robb
Frances Cawthorn	Allan Dodson
Barry McEwen	Carolyn Williams
Rosemary Anderson	David Anderson
Brendon Gardiner	Alan Reader
Brian and Roberta McKeon	Robin Jones
Mary Beckett	Pip Piper
Mike Gould	Roger Beckett
Geoff Mowday (representing Whitby Newsbrief)	Roger Johnston
Mike Doig	Sandra Werner
Adrienne Gibbs	John Johnston
John Robertson	David Verrinder
Bill McAuley	
Kevin and Barbara Clark	

Minutes of the Last AGM held on 27 May 2013

Dave Anderson asked that the minutes be taken as read as they had been available to read on the PRA web site for a period of time. The minutes were proposed as a true record of the 2013/14 AGM by Dave Anderson and seconded by Carolyn Williams. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chair's Report

The chair for 2013/14, Colin Bleasdale, had prepared a report which Dave Anderson, acting chair, read to the meeting. The report highlighted the activity of the PRA over the last twelve months and is available on the PRA web site.

Dave also introduced the committee members from 2013/24 and acknowledged their efforts in another busy and productive year.

Dave then proposed the chair's report be adopted, seconded by Allan Dodson and it was adopted unanimously.

Financial Statements and Budget

The Financial Statements for 2013/14 were introduced by Roger Beckett, Treasurer. He gave an overview and in addition outlined draft budgets for 2014/15 and 2015/16. Roger explained that the draft budgets were provided for information and did not require approval of the AGM.

Question from the floor about use of discretionary funds of \$14,000 available at 31 March 2014. Roger advised that allocation of these funds to projects is reflected in the draft budgets.

Roger Beckett moved that the financial statements for 2013/14 be adopted and that the budgets for 2014/15 and 2015/16 be noted.

The motion was seconded by Brian Mosen.

The financial statements were approved unanimously.

Roger requested that a vote of thanks to June Penman be recorded. June had carried out an independent review of the financial statements,.

Guest Speaker

Dave Anderson introduced, a guest speaker Sonali Chandratilate, Emergency Management Advisor from Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office. Sonzali told us about her experiences as a Team Leader for the Student Army during the Christchurch disaster and drew on her personal experience to emphasise the importance of neighbourhood emergency management planning. She also told us about the Civil Defence (CD) volunteer training that is available and gives participants rudimentary CD practices. She invited us to take a copy of the “Get Prepared” Booklet that helps with personal CD planning.

Brief Reports on activities over last year

- **Newsletter, Website and Project Support**

Dave Anderson introduced Carolyn Williams who, apart from being responsible for the production of the monthly What’s On in Plimmerton Newsletter, also gets involved in many other projects.

Carolyn reported on the Newsletter and invited residents to send information, especially any community group activities, and asked that items be kept short and sweet. The Newsletter is sent out in the last week of every month by email and paper copy. She made a request that members keep their email addresses up to date. Carolyn also reported on the website developments as Sandy Werner was incapacitated. Sandy had requested that information also be sent to her for posting and she particularly welcomes photographs and suggestions by email.

Carolyn then described the ideas for an entrance introduction to Plimmerton and some new mosaics to be started soon. The proposed Green and Gold trail will have information about the social and natural history of Plimmerton and a Smart Phone facility to access further details.

Carolyn and Dave Anderson then made a request for volunteer coordinators to get involved in various projects without being on the committee. Carolyn had a list of projects that would help people to decide potential involvement.

- **Karehana Park**

Roger Johnston then spoke about the developments in Karehana Park over the last year. Entrance to the park is now accessible for wheel chairs and buggies in all

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weathers now, including in winter. The paved pathways have been laid and 42 pavers sold to allow stage three to commence.

Roger showed photos of the petanque court, which was sponsored and built by Tuohy Homes. More seats and picnic table have been added. The picnic table is still available for someone to 'buy'.

The Picnic in the Park event was well attended in January and is now set to continue on an annual basis on the weekend after Wellington Anniversary weekend. Roger also showed plans for further development of the stream to turn it from a potential safety hazard into an amenity for children and adults and fish to enjoy.

The playground equipment is due to be upgraded and there is a request for parents of young children to get involved in the design to make sure that new equipment meets needs.

Roger expressed a big thank you to Mana Community Grants Foundation, and to all who donated for pavers, and gave other support.

Guest Speaker

Dave Anderson then introduced the principal guest speaker, Allan Dodson. Apart from being on the PRA committee, Allan is very active in representing Plimmerton in preparations for WW1 centenary commemorations (WW100). Allan was also one of the driving forces behind the restoration of the railway station.

Allan's talk gave an insight into the Plimmerton connections with WW1 uncovered by his remarkable research and tenacity in tracking down connections and joining the photos to the stories.

He requested that anyone who has stories about WW1 or WW2 contact him so that he can record the stories now.

Dave Gave thanks to Allan for his fascinating talk and then passed the chair to Janette Wallace Gedge to conduct the election of the PRA Committee.

Election of committee for 2014- 2015

The following nominations were received:

Alistair Robb

Alan Reader

Allan Dodson

Robin Jones

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Carolyn Williams

Pip Piper

David Anderson

Roger Johnston

David Verrinder

Sandra Werner

Roger Beckett

John Johnston

Since twelve nominations were received for twelve vacancies, the above were confirmed as duly elected for a twelve month term.

The 2013/14 committee members were thanked for their efforts and their willingness to stand for another year.

Dave Anderson took over the chair to conclude the meeting by thanking Plimmerton Rotary for donating the defibrillator that is now on the wall outside the Four Square, and the Wellington Free Ambulance and Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade who have run training in how to use the defibrillator.

Thanks to all PRA members for their support and activity throughout the year.

David Verrinder then conducted the prize draw:

Painting of Plimmerton waterfront by Denny Everson was won by Mike Doing

Sunset dinner for two people at the PBC was won by Taffy Parry

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Salami coffee card was won by John and Merrill Holdsworth

Lighthouse cinema pass was won by Adrienne Gibbs.

Dave then gave a vote of thanks to Plimmerton Boating Club for providing the premises and concluded the official part of the meeting at 9.10pm.

Everyone was invited to stay and enjoy refreshments.