

CRESWICK VALLEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting - 9 December 2020 - Northland Memorial Community Centre

Present: 17 members

Previous Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting were accepted; moved and seconded.

Summary of CVRA Activities for previous year:

Note: While the AGM officially covers the year to 31 March 2020, the summary of activities generally covers the year to the date of the meeting

Communications- were sent out regarding lockdown and Covid response plans through emails to members and through the CVRA facebook page. This included links to other relevant sites.

Northland Improvements – there has been no action on this this year.

Hoarding Free Area – near the Farm Rd, Northland Rd corner. Issues of hoardings in the wrong place have been resolved through calls to WCC. Residents are encouraged to use the fixit app to report hoardings in the wrong place, and WCC will aim to fix this. (They can obscure views of the intersection for motorists and pedestrians).

Curtis Street site – There are no indications of building activity so far; the land has to settle first. A letter to WCC has been drafted regarding the use of the site by the coffee café related to traffic management, toilet management, the fireworks “shop” which was sited there and the rumour that the coffee shop owner would like to get a liquor licence.

Submissions on local traffic issues – CVRA made submissions on parking and access in Garden Road.

Submissions on wider parking policy – CVRA made a submission on the area wide parking policy.

Meetings with councillors – CVRA met with Western Ward councillors early in the year (Woolf, Calvert, Matthews) to discuss area wide parking issues especially with regard to park and ride people parking around streets in Northland.

Bus Network Review – CVRA prepared and circulated a summary of the bus network review

Bus Stop at Dog Park – CVRA wrote to WCC re the bus stop at the dog park, which has road markings which prevent people parking there. We will continue to try to get this changed.

Covid – it was recognised that many meetings that CVRA would normally attend were cancelled due to lockdown and due to changing demands of the Covid year. It is hoped these will be resurrected next year.

WCC Draft Spatial Plan - This details WCC plans for intensification of housing. Northland is not affected; there are currently no plans for intensification in Northland. CVRA have therefore not submitted.

Communications from CVRA:

Facebook - is quick and easy, thus making our posts timely and easily accessible to FB users

Neighbourly – some present said they liked to use Neighbourly as well as FB.

CVRA website – is mainly used as an archive; a repository more for official documents than communication with members

NMCC – Northland Community regular community catchups involving St Annes, Northland Primary, NMCC Committee, and CVRA.

Karori Residents' Assn – CVRA stay in touch with KRA due to some overlapping interests.

Financial Report Presented

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. This was accepted.

It was agreed that subs should stay at \$15 per household for the 2021/22 financial year; moved and seconded.

Election of Committee members:

Current committee members all offered to remain in their positions. Deb King offered to stand as a new additional committee member.

Chair – Sara Clarke. Treasurer – Wayne Newman. Secretary – Karen Shaw.

Committee member - Daniel Tulloch. New Committee Member – Deb King.

Predator Free Northland:

The meeting heard from Tim Trengrove who runs Predator Free Northland. This was started in February 2017 and has had a great response. There are currently 260 members and 304 traps in Northland. Tim discussed the range of Norwegian rats (on the ground) and Ships Rats (in the trees) – around 1 hectare. The bushy areas eg Albermarle Stream are very tricky. He also discussed Predator Free Wellington activities. Traps are available from Tim for \$10; contact him at predatorfreenorthland@gmail.com

CVRA Activities Going Forward:

Northland Improvements – CVRA hope to remain involved in any discussions around improvements for the Northland area

Traffic and Parking in Residential Streets – ditto

Curtis Street Site – ditto

Issues Raised from the Floor

Buses - There was much discussion around bus routes and the desirability of buses going to Courtenay Place, instead of intermediate hubs. This is noted on a list of Met Link recommendations, but may not eventuate in 2021/22.

Curtis Street site - Attendees noted that the coffee cart on the site equates to development and wondered whether this complied with the regulations imposed by the Environment Court. It was also noted that the siting of the coffee cart caused a bad traffic hazard. It was also noted that the present lease holder does not have any toilet facilities for himself, his staff, or his customers. Added to this, was the issue of someone who sold fireworks next to the coffee café over the Guy Fawkes Day period. The meeting was asked were the WCC aware of these health, safety, and traffic hazard issues, are they lawful activities and are they consented on this site under the RMA ?

Ian Galloway Park - It was noted that the skate board park, the BMX park and the dog exercise area all located within Ian Galloway Park still have no toilets for users. When there are large events such

as a recent skate board competition, there appears to be no regard to traffic management, provision of toilets (people use the bush) or noise control. People using these amenities on council land are crossing the road to also use the coffee cart and due to its siting, they are crossing right on a major intersection. The coffee cart has a sign directing customers to park across the road at the skate board park, which encourages patrons to cross this road twice for any visit. CVRA have prepared an email to WCC regarding these issues.

Stellin Park - It was noted that some people have created an informal mountain bike track in Stellin Park/Te Ahu Mairangi hill . It was noted that this activity is already known about and covered by other relevant groups. The relevant member will email CVRA regarding concerns.

Assurance Office at WCC - People were reminded that the Assurance Office at WCC can investigate complaints Wellington residents might want to make and the office is fully independent.

Covid Response Question - It was noted that during lockdown, it was quite hard to find people that might need help. St Anne's were involved and reached out to some community members for help. It was suggested CVRA and NMCC could be more involved if there is a next time. As this is quite a big subject, it was decided to discuss this further in the new year.