

Creswick Valley Residents' Association (CVRA)

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date of meeting: 23 March 2023

Period covered: 2021/22 FY

The meeting was held at St Annes Church Hall; it opened at 7.30 pm and was attended by around 20 members/supporters. One apology was received.

1 Opening Remarks

The meeting was opened by the Chair Sara Clarke. The AGM covers the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, (the AGM would normally be held in September but was deferred due to Committee member work commitments).

2 Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were briefly discussed and it was noted that these have been available for some time on the CVRA website. All present agreed the minutes should be accepted.

3 Summary of CVRA activities

Sara spoke CVRA activities and issues on which CVRA has contributed to discussion or made submissions on:

- Intensification of housing – this applies more in Karori and is not a significant issue in Northland due to the topography and existing housing, so the focus has been primarily within Northland village. A planned development, which would have impacted the village environs, is no currently proceeding.
- Parking issues and local traffic flow – especially as this relates to Curtis Street traffic flow, use of side streets by commuters, parking being removed from Glenmore St and being displaced onto narrower Northland streets where residents' parking is already an issue, and parking on Creswick Terrace.
- Toilets at the Dog Park/BMX Park – CVRA co-ordinated a petition and presentation to WCC regarding the failure to provide the toilet facilities in the vicinity of the Dog Park/BMX Park/Skate Park that were integral to the original design. WCC were sympathetic to this situation and promised to get some toilets under way, but failed to provide any budget.
- Increased use of Ian Galloway Park for sports and recreation while some parts of Wilton and Karori have been affected by floods/slips
- Communications with supporters are through Facebook or email newsletters (with a new newsletter software now being used). Liaison with other Residents' Associations continues, although this has been on Zoom since Covid.

4 Presentation of Accounts

Wayne Newman gave his treasurer's report and presented accounts for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. All present agreed the Treasurer's report should be accepted.

5 Changes to the Constitution

Due to changes introduced in the Incorporated Societies Act 2022, changes were needed to the CVRA Constitution. These changes had been circulated to members through a link to the CVRA website. Key changes were presented at the meeting and hard copy was circulated at the AGM. These changes removed anachronisms like "cheque", as well as adding the extra provisions required by the new Act.

Sara Clarke proposed the changes should be enacted; seconded by Peter Thompson; show of hands was 100 percent; the motion was passed.

6 Setting of Membership Fees

Sara Clarke proposed that subscriptions should remain at \$15 per year; seconded by Bridget Parkin; the motion was passed.

7 Election of Committee Members

The following people were re-elected unopposed :

Sara Clarke as Chair, Karen Shaw as Secretary, Wayne Newman as Treasurer, Deb King as Committee member.

James Campbell was elected as a new Committee member.

Peter Thompson and Bev Hosking registered their willingness to be volunteers if extra hands were needed. Daniel Tulloch's resignation was accepted.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.

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Question and Answer Session with City Councillors

After the AGM closed, participants remained to hear from the 3 Western Ward Councillors – Rebecca Matthews, Ray Chung and Diane Calvert. Each councillor gave a short talk on what their main focus has been since the election last year and they also took questions from the floor.

Rebecca noted some key interests are :

- Chair of the Long Term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee
- Accessibility for disabled people
- Commuter parking in Northland
- An interest in lower speeds (for example outside Early Childhood Education Centres)

Ray noted his main interests are :

- Reducing spending or trying to cut spending in some areas to redistribute to other areas
- An interest in keeping Rates increases down

Diane noted some key interests are :

- Suburban Planning and in particular Northland, which has long been overlooked by Council.
- Diane has had input into the move to get toilet facilities near Ian Galloway Park. A comment from the floor, was that the area is used by 3,000 people a week, but it is disappointing that there are now to be no toilets. Diane noted that next month the Draft Annual Plan will be up for discussion and will be open for comments for a month.
- She agreed there was a commitment to supply toilet facilities, but there is nothing in the budget. Comments from the floor indicated this was a public health issue and WCC should at least be supplying temporary toilets.

Questions and Comments were mainly as follows :

One participant expressed concern over the intersection of Curtis Street and Whitehead Road. This is a busy intersection which now has vehicle access off both Roads and has two Tiny Homes sitting on the Northern end of the Curtis St site. Furthermore, the bank opposite is crumbling.

Also discussed was commuter access to the CBD for pedestrians (and cyclists). It was noted that there seems to be an increase in the number of vehicles parked in the bottom half of Orangi Kaupapa road and this hinders pedestrians, cars and cycles. This also seems to be an issue in the Northland Tunnel Road and the roads leading to Highbury.

Changes to the Council Housing model were discussed. Under the existing system, council tenants were not eligible to receive Government subsidies, so they have been moved to being supplied by a (still wholly Council-owned) Community Housing Provider to ensure these subsidies will apply.

The future of Ian Galloway Park – this will be covered under the 10 year plan.

A comment from the floor was that one month for the consultation period is too short. Councillors were asked to consider whether 2 months would be better for submitters to come to grips with the issues and to prepare submissions.

A frequent bus user commented that there is no electronic board in Northland, so users have no idea how far away a bus is, or whether it has been cancelled. They would like to see one installed.

Also, the same user noted that there are no seats in some parts of the new bus hub at the Main Railway Station. This is of concern, particularly for the elderly, people travelling with children, etc. Diane offered to pass this concern on to Simon Woolf who is now part of the Regional Council and covers transport.

Councillors were thanked for attending and taking questions/comments.

This part of the meeting closed around 8.30 pm.