



Committee Meeting  
MINUTES  
Monday 13th June 2022  
7-9 pm

**Welcome and apologies**

**Chair:** Sheila Hart

**Minute taker:** Sally Page

**Members:** Sheila Hart, Sally Page, Catherine Inder, Sonya Cameron, Jeff McDonald, Bruce Gadd, Fran de Gregorio, Chris Wratt, Jelle Keizer, Mark Henderwood. Via zoom: Pat Vinaccia

**Apologies:** Laurie Foon, Fleur Fitzsimmons, Ruby Ghanem, Ben Everist

**Invited guests:** Brennan Baxley (WCC)

**Community attendance in person:** Andrew Lorentus, David Bolt, Edith Diggle, Bruce Harvey, Paul

**Community attendance on Zoom:** Annette Moffat, Kirsten Matheson and Dave Karl

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed residents to the meeting

**Minutes and action points from previous meeting**

The May Minutes were moved as correct and accepted – Sheila/Jeff

Sheila tabled the previous meeting's minutes. She noted Andrew's comments about the removal of car parking and the upgrade of the cycleway (from the April meeting).

There was one correction made to the notes – to clarify that 30 days are required for the nomination of committee members.

Andrew said he was waiting to hear from Council regarding his submission on car parking removal and health and safety.

Sheila noted that the outstanding action (from the March AGM) of reviewing the size of the committee can be done just prior to the next AGM. Any changes will need to be reflected in our constitution.

Catherine volunteered to be the lead committee member checking/monitoring the IBRA Gmail account, agreed.

**Standing Items**

**a. Treasurer update**

Jelle noted that he had stepped down as Treasurer. Jeff volunteered to take over the role; that was confirmed. Jelle noted that the Kiwibank account had been set up, Sheila and Sonya are signatories, Jeff will be added. There is \$1,130 total in the account (\$130 in previous funds, plus a \$1,000 grant from council recently gained). There was a question about whether that's an annual amount from council – the answer was yes, but we would still need to apply. Sonya noted that the survey of local residents would draw on some of the funds.



Andrew asked whether the survey overlapped with another survey currently out, by MP Paul Eagle. Andrew commented that there was previously up to 200 people coming to IBRA meetings when Paul was Councillor. He suggested serving food rather than doing a survey. He commented that the culture of cycleways was damaging. Sheila responded that the survey had been agreed at the AGM so would proceed, and so had the motion that the IBRA would take a neutral stance on the cycleway, so would not be fighting it.

**Action Point** - Add Jeff as an account signatory

#### **b. Membership**

Fran noted that she, Catherine and Sheila had recently met to tidy up the membership database. An email has now gone out asking people with incomplete details to update them. The group went through the 70 people whose votes weren't counted at the AGM and tried to tidy up their records. There were a few remaining, whom committee members will try to identify and contact. Fran noted that there are currently 890 IBRA members. The account was active, with regular unsubscribes, new subscribes etc. Fran noted we were getting minimal functionality of Mailchimp, as we're not a paid member. She noted that there was one member who had moved away from island bay but works in island bay, and still wants to be a member. The committee agreed to discuss that in more detail at the next meeting (but later agreed that the guiding principle should be that IBRA is primarily for people who live in the suburb – there were other groups for businesses, etc to belong to). Sally thanked them for their work on this as it is important to try and ensure everyone who wanted to be a member (and qualified) could be.

#### **c. AGM Planning**

Catherine noted that we would need to have a pack of info ready by 5 September ahead of the AGM on 17 October. 30 days advance notice was required for nominations. She noted that some amendments had been made to the IBRA Constitution as a result of the last AGM's motions, and noted that we could look at other modifications in addition, eg changing 'chairman' to 'chair', 'secretary' to 'secretariat', etc, and that she will speak to Michael Hofmann-Body about these.

Sheila noted that we should also explore online voting to ensure better participation/voting in the next AGM, and be inclusive. Jeff said he had some ideas about secure platforms for online voting. Sheila said the AGM is a big deal to organise, can be quite time-consuming. Fran noted a clear timeline for community would be good, including a timeline of key dates for the community, put on Facebook etc.

#### **Actions**

- 1. Confirm requirements for minor changes to constitution - Catherine**
- 2. Consider any major changes to constitution to be tabled at next AGM - all**

#### **Council Update regarding the Island Bay shops upgrade**

Brennan from WCC thanked everyone who had attended the working group meetings, and for the useful feedback. He said the WCC had some final pre-design options. He will give the working group one last look at end July then this will go out to the community in August. He noted local iwi Ngati Toa



are engaged. He said WCC was looking into artwork (murals) for the village, saying there would be a request for services go out to local artists.

Following feedback on the upgrade, WCC had conducted a quick survey on the pedestrian laneway and space next to liquor store, to help inform surface upgrades. WCC will speak to the New World owner further about the proposal to make that an event space/stopping point. There was also several local residents who use wheelchairs giving feedback from a disability perspective.

A question was asked about images of what's planned, and WCC noted these will be shared publicly in August. There was a question about who was on the working group, with the response that there were a few members of IBRA committee, and others from the community. Andrew asked a question about angle parking and parking more generally (in light of new apartment buildings etc) – Sheila responded that that is not part of the scope of this exercise; it's dealt with by the traffic resolution committee.

Brennan said that the Village Upgrade and the Cycleway (that includes changes to parking) are two separate projects but the two teams were working together. The Village Upgrade refers to the space between the curb and the storefront. Brennan undertook to pass on that feedback.

Pat asked whether the project included any activity near the businesses in island bay outside the town centre? Brennan said no – the scope only extended to the main village shops.

### **Community Survey**

Sonya said the survey of Island Bay residents would hopefully go out shortly. She thanked people who had provided feedback. She had also checked in with a local survey expert regarding the proposal to distribute the survey in letterboxes – they had advised against doing that, as we are inviting open text responses, and this would be difficult if paper form.

There was a suggestion that we should ask library staff to assist anyone who has difficulty doing it online. Committee members were asked to help to connect up with schools, churches etc to promote the survey. Jelle suggested we put up QR codes at bus stops. (Mark later confirmed that library staff can assist people to fill out the survey.)

Jeff suggested at some point coming out of the survey we could vote on the main issues (raised by local residents) for the IBRA to prioritise. Catherine added we might need to get some demographic info to support these results. Sonya suggested a brainstorm of motions we might put forward for changing the constitution, prior to the AGM.

Andrew asked whether there were other ways of promoting the survey besides online? Sheila said we were already planning to have copies available at New World, Library, etc.

Fran suggested regarding Paul Eagle's survey, we could ask him to provide his results broken down by suburb – but someone noted that that could be difficult as he wasn't asking for addresses.

### **Any other business**

#### **Linking the Bays and Community Sea level rise meeting**

Sheila spoke about the "Linking the Bays" initiative, started by the Owhiro Bay Residents Association.



This aimed to increase locals awareness about sea level rise, mitigation measures, etc. There will be a meeting on 29 June focused on climate change, which will include the authors of a recent report about Wellington sea level rises, Hon James Shaw (climate change Minister), the Mayor, a WCC climate change adaptation spokesperson, regional and local councillors etc. Sheila encouraged everyone to put it in their diaries, noting it will be added to our website.

#### **Meet the candidates Local Elections**

Sheila noted we would soon start organising a 'meet the candidates' night in the lead-up to local council elections, as well as one to meet the Mayoral candidates. Provisional date 25th August.

#### **Dog Poo**

Sheila noted she'd received a lot of complaints lately about dog poo; others noted this is becoming an issue. She said she had asked through the Village Upgrade working group for there to be more bags stations and bins provided. Fran suggested people could use the WCC Fix It app to register the problem.

#### **Bus Service**

Sally spoke about the post on Island Bay Peeps regarding a proposal for a linking the bays bus route (from Owhiro Bay to Lyall Bay, back through Kilbirnie), noting that it had received a lot of support from a wide range of people. Bruce noted buses often finish their route in Island Bay and then drive back empty to the base in Rongotai. Fran said there used to be a bus to Makara from outside the library.

**Action-** It was agreed that Sally and Bruce would take it up with the Council.

#### **Stavros's Sculptures**

Bruce noted that someone had been kicking over the rock sculptures on south coast. The artist was very upset.

**Action** – Publicise via SM Sheila COMPLETE

### **Predator Free Wellington**

Sally introduced Alastair Henshaw from Predator Free Wellington, as well as Eugene Doyle and Sue Reid from Owhiro Bay Residents, to talk about local Predator Free efforts.

- Alastair described the Miramar peninsula story, which was the world's first urban pest eradication (we'd done islands before but not anything urban). He noted that it is more difficult in populated areas, and the effort required a lot of community support. Been a lot of challenges along the way, but we're now within 6 months of having Miramar rat-free.
- He said Phase 2 of Predator Free Wellington stretched from Owhiro bay north, through tawatawa reserve and the prince of wales park, through massey uni and the basin reserve, to the CBD (so including Island Bay). He noted that this area was 1.5 times the size of Miramar, and in order to roll it out they needed 7,000 permissions on private property. It had a lot of complexities compared to Miramar (which had the airport as a natural barrier). A 7km boundary to the area would be maintained by volunteers. He said they had had a great reception in Island Bay and were about to head into Berhampore. Lots of people signed up online. Need to establish a bait station every 50 metres.
- There was a question about reserves – Alastair said PFW had a blanket arrangement with the council to use their land, including berms.



- Alastair described the bait stations. He said they are making sure they're well secured in order to avoid any risk of them tipping over and dogs etc getting access to the poison. He said they had had no incidents of this on the Miramar peninsula.
- There was a question about snails – they do love the bait, but are unaffected. Important to rid the traps from time to time of snails to keep the entrance points open, as rats won't enter anything unless they can see all the way through and out the other side.
- There was a question about how often the bait stations are refilled – Alastair noted this really depends on where the trap is and could range from once a week (in a priority area) up to once a year.
- Eugene and Sue talked about the Owhiro Bay Places for Penguins programme. There had been great community connectedness from this project.
- Traps for backyard trapping can be picked up from Rupert @ Predator Free Island Bay.
- There was some discussion about the apps needed to record kills, noting this had changed in recent years and some people might think they were registered but are actually not.
- Question about changes with climate change? Yes, noticing that cape ivy was getting harder to control.
- Question about whether the Miramar project had actually made a difference? Alastair said yes – there was a massive difference in the number of birds, wetas, skinks, geckos etc (one person commented that the home pest issue had switched from mice to wetas). He said blue penguins had been sighted up to 650m inland, 70m up, in new nesting locations.
- Question about whether Taputeranga Island was trapped? Yes.
- Could rats get through underground sewers? Yes, but only the Norway rats and they were the easiest to control.
- Question about cats - Alastair commented that many people think their cat doesn't kill birds, but reality is they do. But the cats aren't taking over the Miramar peninsula. Australia has introduced controls on cats.
- Alastair noted that other cities around the world were watching the PFW effort and wanting to follow suit, and learn from us.
- Alastair noted that in Miramar the flat areas had been the quickest to eradicate pests – the harder areas were hillsides, and where properties bordered reserves.
- Question about when they would start rolling out the traps in Island Bay? Alastair said hopefully in the next 6 months.

For further information feel free to get in touch:

<https://www.pfw.org.nz/>

<https://www.pfw.org.nz/island-bay-to-cbd/>

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**Date and time of next meeting**

**Monday 4th July Island Bay Community Centre 7-9pm**



## Action running sheet

Date	Actions	Who	Status
13 June	Liaise with Metlink re bus service options	Bruce Sally	Open
13 June	Confirm requirements for minor changes to constitution – Catherine	Catherine	Open
13 June	Consider any major changes to constitution to be tabled at next AGM – all	All	Open
13 June	Add Jeff as treasurer to Kiwibank account	Sheila	Open
<del>13 June</del>	<del>Publicise on our SM re Stavros's sculptures</del>	<del>Sheila</del>	<del>Complete</del>
2 May	Put together a budget of operating costs for this and future committees.	Jelle	Open
2 May	Develop a plan with relevant dates for the AGM and present to next meeting.	Catherine	Open
2 May	Share the draft comms strategy for feedback	Ben	Open
AGM	Consider size of the Committee	Sheila	Open

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