



Committee Meeting MINUTES

Monday 4 July 2022 Island Bay Community Centre
7-9 pm

Welcome and apologies

Chair: Sheila Hart

Minute taker: Catherine Inder

Members: Ben Everist, Sally Page, Catherine Inder, Mark Henderwood, Jeff McDonald, Jelle Keizer, Fran de Gregorio, Sonya Cameron, Bruce Gadd, Pat Vinaccia, Chris Wratt, Ruby Ghanem

Apologies: Ruby Ghanem, Pat Vinaccia, Fran de Gregorio

In attendance in person: Ben Everist, Sonya Cameron, Bruce Gadd, Jelle Keizer, Mark Henderwood

In attendance on Zoom: Sally Page

Invited guests: Fleur Fitzsimmons, Nureddhin Abdurahman, Paula Muollo, Laurie Foon (Zoom), Brennan Baxley (Zoom)

Residents: Vicki Bealing (Zoom), Julie Crisford, Andrew Lourantos

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

Minutes and action points from previous meeting

Minutes

The Minutes are an accurate record of last meeting. Sheila/Sonya

Action points

The action to improve the unsubscribe function on the Gmail account to better understand people's reasons for unsubscribing (OPEN).

Matters arising

- No progress with the Comms plan this month (OPEN).
- The plan and dates for the October AGM is an agenda item.
- Bus route to Kilbirnie - Bruce will talk to WCC about the possibility of a pilot noting that older people especially are keen for the connection (OPEN).

STANDING ITEMS

Treasurer's Update

The handover of treasurer responsibilities from Jelle to Jeff is underway – need to follow-up with Kiwibank (OPEN)

Membership

- Membership database is operating well - receiving a range of subscribes/unsubscribes.
- Note that Fran is away at the moment



- Committee members are keen to have a membership drive noting that this will happen as part of the survey.

Action

Fran to export the membership database of IBRA members to the Committee so they can target recruitment.

AGM Planning – Catherine Inder and Sheila Hart

- Catherine explained the draft AGM Information Sheet with key dates noted so that the Committee can meet its constitutional obligations and provide residents with clear information about process for the AGM. The Nomination form should include space for nominees to provide a short bio.
- Sheila has asked the Baptist Church on the Parade if we can hold the AGM there as plenty of space. The alternatives are St Hilda's or the Bowling Club.
- Members agreed that providing an online voting option for this AGM is important and carries with it significant advantages through automation enabling pre-populated (with candidates) voting forms and enhanced accessibility (for those with access to the internet). Only members would receive the link to vote.
- Members noted that voting by proxy is difficult for people who don't have printers but can mitigate this by having forms available at the library and other places.

Actions

- Catherine to update Nomination Form on the Information Sheet
- Ben and Sonya to work together to enable online voting to be an option at the next AGM.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Parade Upgrade Public Space Design Component - Brennan Baxley (WCC)

- Brennan will attend the next meeting in person to walk the Committee through the proposed public space upgrades. The work will commence in 2023.
- There is one more pre-design to discuss with the working group – keen to identify a local artist to paint a mural for the public toilet.
- WCC has surveyed business to understand accessibility issues – there will be an accessibility audit as part of the detailed design work.
- Brennan invites emails, including on accessibility issues. He is also happy to meet/telephone to discuss issues. Notes that WCC has received some really good suggestions.
- Currently working with mana whenua: Te Ati Awa and Ngāti Toa to include their stories as part of the upgrade.
- Public spaces, pedestrian crossings and the library are the focus. The Post Box will be reinstated.
- New World supermarket is not supporting an events space but the conversation continuing to see what is possible.
- There was a comment that the mural near the liquor shop is very tired. Brennan responded that he is keen to contact the artist to update that painting and/or consider other options to



upgrade it. Bruce thinks the artist's name may be recorded in the South Coast Arts Trail booklet. It may be in the booklet for SC Arts Trail.

Action

Bruce will share South Coast Arts Trail booklet with Brennan (CLOSED).

Parade Upgrade Road safety improvements implementation - Brad Singh

- Brad apologised for not attending in person he is currently unwell with COVID
- A second layer of paint is due. The quality of the chip seal is good – the sections from Mersey are performing well. Weather did not help with the application and there is a plan to fix.
- There have been comments on the width of the cycle way because of the retention of parking in North section.
- A written update from Brad will be added to the website for all to see.
- Bruce raised a safety issue involving buses going up on to concrete pads to get past each other
- The Committee noted that Mr Chew has commented on Facebook with a technical issue about the chip seal. Sheila will invite him to attend the next meeting.

Action

Sheila to invite Mr Chew to the next meeting to discuss issues with the chip seal.

WCC District Plan - Fleur Fitzimmons

- The 30 year District Plan determines how development happens in Wellington. The back-drop to the plan is the affordable housing crisis.
- Internationally there is recognition of the need for densification but there is resistance
- In fact, Wellingtonians like densification recognising it is better for the climate and affordable infrastructure
- The Government has introduced a legally binding declaration to increase housing density.
- This will change Island Bay – enabling 6 stories in the town centre. Important to note that 6 stories are not required but the WCC plan must enable 6 stories.
- The 'Get Wellington Moving Plan' specifically, the business plan for mass transit will work if this can be achieved.
- WCC have agreed to notify the District Plan then there will be consultation. Independent Commissioners will carry out the consultation not the WCC.
- One of the amendments involved a Heritage building at the far end of the Parade. The owner could not afford to strengthen the building and didn't agree that it met heritage criteria. This was accepted.

Feedback

- The biggest challenge is how the WCC Plan is communicated. Key points are:
 - the plan happens over a 30-year period
 - there is no compulsion to sell home
 - Light-rail is a "carrot" - need to be clear.



- We can protect some sunlight but people are not going to have exactly the same sunshine profiles as currently – important to be honest
- Plans for Shoreland Park in response to comments that it was at risk to enable infrastructure for mass transit.
- Fleur considered this unlikely – the Government goal is to protect green spaces. The urban form will change to accommodate
- The importance of retaining the heritage prison wall was discussed with a focus on how it can be incorporated into the changes.
- Note that property developers need to contribute financially towards the costs of the plan implementation.
- Fleur emphasised that green spaces and community facilities are really important and this is a long-term plan – the increase in population as a result of densifications means bigger schools, library, medical centre.

WCC Election in October 2022 – Laurie Foon (Councillor and Candidate)

- Laurie introduced herself and announced her intention to run for Council again – with the endorsement of the Green Party. She wants to complete a second term putting her first-term experience to good use.
- Laurie noted that Councillor Fitzsimmons could also respond to questions about the election (Councillor Fitzsimmons not standing again).
- Noted that this was an opportunity to select a new representative to represent community views in the Paekawakawa Ward including Island Bay, Berhampore, Vogelstown (7000 homes).
- There are two incumbents standing for re-election. Need another 3.
- Her counterpart also present at this meeting is the Labour party endorsed Nureddhin Abdurahman and Paula Muollo, standing as an independent.
- We have a Māori ward seat – so there is one seat for a Māori candidate – this is a really exciting change. There are 2 mana whenua seats.
- We need to encourage and work hard to increase enrolment.
- Key dates are:
 - On Friday, 12 August there is a local event for all the Mayoral candidates (currently six) are running including: Paul Eagle, Tory Whānau, Barbara MacKenzie.
 - Can stand for WCC up to 12 August
 - IBRA Meet the candidates on 25 August (combined with Owhiro Bay)
 - Can vote from 17 September to 15 October
 - Successful candidates will be announced 19 October.
- There are issues with postal votes and IBRA can support voting by providing a postal box.
- If there is enough interest then we will also run a regional councillors event.
- Wellington City will run a mayoral candidate evening

Action

IBRA to encourage public support and engagement in the WCC elections up to 7 October.

WCC Election in October 2022 – Paula Muollo (Candidate)



- Paula keen to introduce herself and meet Committee members. Paula is born and bred in Island Bay of Italian heritage.
- She wants to hear of any issues. We are a voice for everybody.
- Supports expansion and growth and recognises there are a lot of issues at the moment and that's why she has decided to run for council
- She is focused on what's important for everyone. We need to spend sensibly. In favour of biking lanes but not at the expense of parking for people who need it.
- Thinks Wellington was once the coolest little capital but has lost our lustre and vibrancy. We need to bring back the soul to the city.

WCC Election in October 2022 – Nureddhin Abdurahman (Candidate)

- Nureddhin is a father of three. Immigrated from Ethiopia to NZ in 2008.
- He went to VUW and has 2 degrees. He is a taxi driver and runs a small business
- He has a different background than most.
- We need a society that is future facing – a good place to can raise children.
- Notes that in NZ 25% of people speak a language other than English and that includes 20% in Island Bay
- We need to push for a sustainable future for all of us
- On the cycleway – need to share space and the community needs to be listened to
- I will be listening to community about what they want.

Community Survey Update – Sonya Cameron

- Sonya is keen for the Survey to go up on the website and go live soon. We delayed it because Paul Eagle was carrying out a survey and wanted to avoid “fatigue”
- She is working on a poster and Jelle will help get the survey up on the IBRA website
- Important to promote the survey and generate as much interest as possible
- The plan is for it to be live for a month. If the response is not significant then we could look to extend.

Other Business

- Jeff is working with people with rare diseases and extends an offer to people in the community with issues and concerns to contact him if they want support and representation.
- IBRA happy to support Jeff with this initiative and will include a notice on the website.
- The Chair thanked WCC election 2022 candidates for attending.

Action

Jeff to work with Sheila and others to include a message on the IBRA website indicating interest in and support for people in Island Bay managing rare diseases.

Date and time of next meeting

1 August the next meeting, Island Bay Community Centre, 7-9pm.



Action Running Sheet

Date	Actions	Who	Status
4 July	Export the membership database of IBRA members and share with the Committee.	Fran	Open
4 July	Update Nomination Form on the AGM Information Sheet	Catherine	Open
4 July	Progress the online voting option for the next AGM	Ben & Sonya	Open
4 July	Share South Coast Arts Trail booklet with Brennan (WCC)	Bruce	Closed
4 July	Invite Mr Chew to the next meeting to discuss issues with the chip seal.	Sheila	Open
4 July	IBRA to encourage public support and engagement in the WCC elections up to 7 October.	Comms team	Open
4 July	A message to be added to the IBRA website indicating interest in and support for people in Island Bay managing rare diseases.	Jeff & Comms team	Open
13 June	Liaise with Metlink re bus service options	Bruce Sally	Closed
13 June	Confirm requirements for minor changes to constitution	Catherine	Open
13 June	Consider any major changes to constitution to be tabled at next AGM	All	Open
13 June	Add Jeff as treasurer to Kiwibank account	Sheila	Closed
13 June	Publicise on our SM re Stavros's sculptures	Sheila	Closed
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	Closed
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