



## Committee Meeting MINUTES

Monday 3rd October, Island Bay Community Centre  
7-9 pm

### Welcome and apologies

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

**Chair:** Sheila Hart

**Minute taker:** Sally Page

**In attendance in person:** Sonya Cameron, Bruce Gadd, Sheila Hart, Catherine Inder, Jeff McDonald, Sally Page, Chris Wratt

**In attendance on Zoom:** Ben Everist

**Apologies:** Ruby Ghanem, Pat Vinaccia, Fran de Gregorio, Mark Henderwood

**Invited guests:**

**Residents:** Paula Muollo

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

### Minutes and action points from previous meeting

#### Matters arising

- Bruce noted the South Coast Arts trail will be pushed out by a week due to Womad. Funds have been transferred. This will be the second one, the inaugural was last year.
- Tax return for the Company's Office will be filed by Sheila. Very simple as our only transaction was a grant from WCC. Sheila has also tried to find an accountant but no avail.
- Bruce reported on his enquiries with WCC about KPIs on the cycleway. Bruce said they didn't do a cost-benefit/KPI when they built it. Sheila noted you'd get more useful information once it was connected up. Bruce said the numbers on the counters were dropping. Paula Muollo said she had heard some cyclists preferred to ride on the footpath.
- Sheila noted she would remind people to vote in the Council elections.

#### Treasurer's update

- No spending since last meeting. Sonya noted there could potentially be ideas coming out of the community survey for spending.
- Jeff still working with IRD to secure access to IBRA IRD account

#### Action



Jeff to get access to IBRA IRD Account

### **Report on IBRA community survey**

Sonya Cameron gave a report on the IBRA community survey results.

There had been 102 responses, with the majority aged between 40-59.

4 key questions

Ideal future – sense of community. Friendly, safe and diverse key words. Wanting to see Island Bay be more harmonious, respectful, inclusive. Less divisive. Balanced views, being more positive, considering each others' viewpoints.

Transport: the survey found the community equally divided between (on one hand) people supportive of multi-modal transport, sustainability etc and (on the other) people wanting to 'return the Parade to how it was', preserve parking, etc. Some issues were agreed upon across the board: speed of traffic, some suggesting calming, speed bumps etc. Some suggested making sure elderly and disabled had somewhere to park. Emphasis on safe and respectful behaviour towards each other, staying in the right place, etc. Some comments on road and footpath maintenance.

Community engagement: people happy with the work of the IBRA. People spoke about the importance of building inclusiveness. Some spoke about keeping ideologies out of the IBRA, important to continue with that. Some expressed view council wasn't listening to them.

Emphasis on thriving businesses, including an idea about a pop up shop where the dog spa had been. Many people wanted to see better restaurants, craft beer, green grocer, dentist, physio, i.e. more useful shops.

Lots of support for existing events, island bay festival, South Coast Arts Trail, the 4C project. Events were highlighted as having the potential to make IB more of a destination and unite the community. Many ideas had been submitted with a focus on climate resilience, tree planting, community gardens, etc.

One idea was for 'BBQ talks' – with a local specialist to come and speak on a particular topic. Another was to include in the monthly panui a 'meet the local' column. Paula noted the recent historical society photo exhibition was popular, run by Colin and Annette. Covered Maori settlers, other populations, Italian community etc.

Need for infrastructure and village centre upgrade – stormwater, tarseal, trees

Lots of views about upgrading the library. Make better use of Plunket building, community centre.

Many people wanted to do a better job of celebrating our unique identity e.g. seaside, Italian heritage etc.



Affordable housing focus- more people supportive than anti. Those who were anti density were the same as anti-cycleway. Those supportive didn't want IB to be exclusive. Some concern about the size of recent new blocks.

Points were made about environmental protection in the context of climate change – pest control, marine reserves, slips, sea level rise, protecting the bush, etc.

Lots of interest in improving the connection between shoreland park and the beach, a lot of interest in removing the road between them, not a safe place to cross. Bruce noted that IBRA had previously asked the council for a pedestrian crossing but the response was that not enough people were crossing the road to justify the expense.

Concern was expressed about crime, car theft, dog poo.

Two people who answered the survey won spot prizes donated by the White Room Gallery and Empire Cinema. Sonya said she would also present the findings at the AGM. Early in 2023 the IBRA will have a brainstorming session about which ideas to pick up.

**Action**

IBRA Committee to have a discussion in early 2023 about which ideas from the survey should be picked up and carried forward.

**AGM**

Sheila noted that Bruce, Pat, Ruby and Fran had decided not to stand for 2023. She thanked them for their contribution to IBRA. There were three new nominees as well as people standing again, bringing the total to 11 nominees which meant there wouldn't be a need for an election at the AGM.

Sheila noted that under the new Incorporated societies bill we will need to re-register as an incorporated society in 2024, and said there would be several things to update the Constitution on at that time. In the meantime, there were several suggested changes that have been put forward as motions for the upcoming AGM.

After discussion about details of abstention votes when it came to matters being voted on related to Constitutional amendments (whether an abstain be counted as a no), Sheila agreed to remove that motion as it was too confusing and there was disagreement amongst the committee members as to how an abstention should be treated. This can be reviewed in 2024 when the constitution needs to be rewritten as part of re-registering as an Inc Society.

Sally asked whether we needed to put up a motion at the AGM about spending money on initiatives in 2023. Sheila said we didn't as it would be next year's committee making decisions, but we can note



that there is that intention. Also, needed to confirm with WCC as the provider of the grant if this was doable.

**Action**

Confirm with WCC if grant money, awarded for survey, can be used to carry out actions related to the survey.

**Any Other Business**

Bruce noted the new Shetland Island mural by Shorland Park had been installed and was being finished off. He also said there was a survey going on about the dog park.

Paula Muollo spoke about her conversations with the council about asphalt, after conversations around the community she had asked them to use finer chip. Others agreed that the bigger chip used recently was causing several problems.

**THE CHAIR OPENED THE MEETING TO QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

**Date and time of next meeting**

AGM 17 October, Island Bay Baptist Church, 7-9pm.

## Action running sheet

Date	Actions	Who	Status
1 Aug 2022	Jeff to register with IRD and Kiwibank	Jeff	Open
2 May 2022	Share the draft comms strategy for feedback	Bem	Open

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