

Go Hororata Meeting

2-2-22

7pm at the Hororata Hall



Attendees: Craig Blackburn (Chair), Susan Thornley, Will Freeman, Chris Thwaites, Mark Stewart, Helene Youngman, Douglas Marshall (SDC), Cr Jeff Bland, Cr Jenny Gallagher, Cr Bob Mugford,

Minutes Secretary: Cindy Driscoll

Minutes:

1. Introductions
2. Background given by Go Hororata
3. Discussion over Go Hororata letter to SDC from 23-11-21 and how we got to this point
4. Bob Mugford tabled the following proposal in response to the Go Hororata letter:
 - a. Proposal that points 1 and 3 be put forward as a vote – hall and endowment land and \$1 million dollars
This would have to be voted on by Council then if passed work would need to be done by staff with Go Hororata on the legalities and logistics of this. Bob, Jenny and Jeff would stay involved in the process.
5. Point 2 (agreeing to a designated site for a community centre on the Domain) is complicated for the Council to make happen and the three Councillors felt that it was too much to agree to in one step. The Go Hororata committee members made it clear last night that in the future the community wants the option to build a facility on the Domain.
6. Point 4 (SDC contribute to operating costs) SDC doesn't pay running costs or maintenance on any privately owned buildings. The only thing they could cover is insurance. However, as the Hall project will have a heritage focus there may be opportunities for funding through the new heritage fund in the future.
7. Jeff gave overview of the SDC heritage plan – possibility to apply to the new fund in the future.
8. Councillors seeking clear direction from this meeting – to take report back to Council to be voted on.
9. Go Hororata committee members agreed the proposal was good and support it being presented to Council for voting. Put proposal to Council 23rd February
10. Go Hororata stated they need confidence in getting the money from SDC and have accountability on community side. There was concern from the committee that the \$1 million could be reduced by Council, assurance was given that this would not be the case. Preference money in the bank with accountability reports supplied regularly to SDC.
11. Discussion on timeline if proposal passed. Title could take up to 2 years to sort but in the meantime, Community could plan with confidence
12. Discussion on historic order on the hall and if this could or needed to be removed. There are two parts to this – the Memorial status on part of the hall attached to the title, the other the Council historic order. This is something that needs to be worked through to make sure the community are able to alter and develop the hall to meet needs.