

Inaugural Hororata Residents Committee AGM Minutes

Wednesday 4th May, 7pm @ Hororata Hall

Present: Penny Oliver, Phil Freeman, Margaret Cross, Craig Blackburn, Brian Hunt, Henry Studholme, Jenny Studholme, Michael Oakley, Dave Askin, Pauline Pearce, Allan Thorne, Mike Davies, John Foster, Barty Doak, Marty Gameson, Jenni Carter, Lucy Cookson, Tim Cookson, Susan Thornley, Diana Irving, Ray Bryant, Tony Thwaites, Ross Hutton, Bill Woods, Janny Gallagher, Bob Mugford, Mike Searle, Karen Meares, A Wright, John Austin, John Oakley, Gordon Dennis, Helene Youngman, Steph Kimber, Olive Webb, Vanessa Murray, Laurie Squires, Will Freeman, John Morton (Chair), Cindy Driscoll (minute secretary)

Apologies: Chris Thwaites, Sheena Broughton, Dee and Gerald Innes, Stuart Oliver, Mark Stewart

1. Welcome/Health and Safety
2. Overview of why the committee being formed, rules and processes
 - a. Overview given by the Chair covering why this group was being formed and its purpose
 - b. Opened the floor to questions – None were raised
3. Election of Members

Community groups had nominated their representatives in writing prior to the meeting, the Chair read out these nominations.

Group	Nominee
Hororata Fire Brigade	Barty Doak
Hororata Community Trust	Chris Thwaites
Hororata Parish	Jenni Carter
Hororata Tennis Club	Lucy Cookson
Hororata Primary School	Marty Gameson
Hororata Historical Society	Helene Youngman
Hororata Rifle Club	Michael Oakley
Community Response Team	Margaret Cross
Hororata Playcentre	Did not put a local rep forward

It was moved by the Chair that these nominations be accepted for the committee. Passed.

Nominations were opened to the floor for community representatives, the following were nominated:

Nominee	Nominated BY	Seconded
Susan Thornley	Lucy Cookson	Steph Kimber
Penny Oliver	Margert Cross	Will Freeman
Craig Blackburn	Jenni Carter	Margert Cross
Phil Freeman	Steph Kimber	Jenny Studholme
Will Freeman	Steph Kimber	Tim Cookson

Chair advised there were still two seats available, no further nominations were made.

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4. Presentation on plan for Hororata Community Hub by Will Freeman
 - a. Chair read the Annual Plan details from SDC document
 - b. Chair encouraged people to make a submission by the deadline 19th May
5. Floor was opened for questions
 - a. Questions around wording for submissions were raised
 - b. Can people submit as an individual and on behalf of a group – Chair confirmed they could
 - c. Questions what happens if people don't have their say on the Annual Plan. It was discussed if the community do nothing there is no chance of progressing so it is important to have a say in the formal process
 - d. Jenny Studholme asked who initiated the formation of the Be community committee – confirmed the Council did through changes to Committees of Council. The Reserve Committee was to be disbanded, the Citizens were given the option to remain a committee of council or set up a residents group. Collectively the committees chose to set up the resident's group as this gives more flexibility. Advised to refer to the document sent out prior to the meeting as this covered how this came about.
 - e. Question was raised if the proposal in the Annual Plan was approved did that mean there will be no ongoing financial support from SDC for the hub. Answered by C. Blackburn and the Chair that the community can apply to contestable funding, maybe heritage funding (rating \$20 per rateable property for heritage, will go into a contestable fund), but confirmed there would be no budgeted support from the SDC for this facility. However, the SDC is not investing much rate monies into the maintenance of the Hororata Hall currently so at least with the 1 million there would be capital investment.
 - f. Cr Bob Mugford – heritage fund for buildings \$70,000, \$50,000 a year heritage seeding fund, \$20 rate in next plan \$700,000 – can access this funding
 - g. Jenny Studholme raised concerns about ownership of the Hororata Reserve. As understood gifted to the community and not owned by the Council. This needs to be clarified. Believes community would have better control and maintenance would. Council need to legally answer this question. Craig Blackburn responded that this has been looked at and there are a number of reports. Chair suggested the incoming committee look into this.
 - h. Vanessa Marray commented that in 1998 the community had a meeting in the hall and it was agreed the Council would rate the Reserve land and take on it maintenance. Before the Reserve was self-funding. Community may not have understood this meant that this meant the SDC took ownership. The status of the Reserve needs to be looked at. Also, will members of the community be able to come to the meetings – Craig Blackburn responded – yes everyone is welcome to committee meetings and everyone will have the right to speak.

- i. Allan Thorne – the farm land was there to fund the Domain, the Council have over spent on all projects and this has put debt against the Reserve. Concerned about not having locals on the committee. Names of the elected committee members were read again and confirmed they all live locally.
- j. It was pointed out that the community needs to work together, Council changed the rules and this is why this committee had to formed. This is not a committee of Council now so have more flexibility. People on the committee are locals and fighters for this area.
- k. John Oakley – as a committee of council you can't oppose council but this new committee can doing this give more freedom
- l. Dave Askin asked for clarification that the hall has attached 10 acres, that 10 acres could hold the key, can we subdivide that land. Chair responded it is possible and would require a plan change. Cr Bob Mugford commented– plan change and no reason why this could be done, how it would work not sure but a plan change could help the whole of Hororata grow. Allan Thorne zoning is rural residential to rural. That land was put in an endowment so needs to go through parliament
- m. Tony Thwaites commented that the meeting needed to keep focused. There has been a lot of background work done to get to this point so the community has something we can work with. Need to look ahead, this group is a good representation for the community and he puts his faith in these people to do right but this district move forward.
- n. Discussion on defined area the Reserve and Citizens committee had developed. Laurie Squires asked why the area was not defined by the 3180 phone numbers as it had been in the past. Gordon Dennis felt this was encroaching on Glenroy's area. Vanessa Murray asked who drew the map. Response from Phil Freeman (former Chair of Reserve committee), Margaret Cross (Former Chair of Citizens committee): The Council required a defined geographic area for the committee to be recognised formally. The Reserve and Citizens committee wanted this to be as inclusive as possible, many people are interested and passionate about the Hororata Domain, it is used by a wide range of people. It is the biggest Reserve in Selwyn. The boundaries are loosely based on the Hororata Primary school boundaries and the Civil Defence boundaries. Areas are no longer defined by rateable areas. Pauline Pearce pointed out communities are interacting more and more which is good and this encourages that. This does not stop other areas crossing over. Majority of the meeting did not see this boundary as an issue.

6. General Business

- a. Dave Askin advised the CRT have secured funding for an emergency power system that can be used to set up a civil defence centre if needed
- b. Questions and concerns were raised on how the Council is treating smaller communities, seeing little investment or engagement compared to urban areas
- c. Malvern is the playground for urban Selwyn – make sure you put your wish list submissions
- d. The first committee meeting will be held 1st June 7.30pm at the Hororata Hall

- e. Community dinner planned for 1st July to celebrate the history of the Hororata Domain

Meeting Closed 8.01pm