



Attendees:

Craig Blackburn (chair), Phil Freeman, Penny Oliver, Margaret Cross, Susan Thornley, Lucy Cookson, Helene Youngman, Chris Thwaites, Michael Oakley, Kate Foster, Will Freeman, Mike Davies

Minute Secretary: Cindy Driscoll

1. **Apologies**
 - a. Barty Doak, Annabel Freeman, Jenni Carter
2. **Minutes from previous meeting**
 - a. Minutes from 2nd August taken as read. Moved Phil Freeman, Second Helene Youngman
3. **Correspondence**
 - a. Outgoing:
 - i. Letter to Mayor re Cross Country Course closure
 - ii. Email to SDC re toilets not working at Swap Meet
 - iii. Email to SDC re new toilets update
 - b. Incoming
 - i. Reply from SDC re Cross Country Course
 - ii. Reply re new toilets
 - iii. SDC forwarded report Equestrian NZ have done on the Cross Country Course
 - c. Correspondence accepted. Moved Margaret Cross, Second Marty Gameson
4. **Finance**
 - a. Finance report tabled
 - b. Hamish Shaw has been paid using grant money from SDC for the preliminary report
 - c. Discussion on future coding and being able to show more detail on income (i.e. donors) and outgoings. This can be done once fundraising starts.
 - d. Finance report accepted. Moved Will Freeman, Second Chris Thwaites
5. **Domain Trees/Master Plan**
 - a. Map presented by Will Freeman showing the suggested replanting and fencing plan for the Domain
 - b. This fencing will see the trotting track users separated from walkers, equestrian users (hacking) will use walking track
 - c. Pinch point on the easter boundary merge for a 25 m section on the back
 - d. Foraging forest will go behind the Millennium gardens, will be grassed once cleared
 - e. Discussion on where best to have float parking, this needs to be in a fenced area away from main Domain area. Difference between casual users and organised events. Organised events should use centre paddock – permission to be sought from Parsons. Causal and track users could park in the equestrian paddock. This would mean water and a wash down station and hitching rails are needed in this area. But is much safer because it is fully fenced so if a horse got lose, it cannot run around Domain or onto the road. Would possibly need to shingle a driveway to this paddock.

- f. Phil is going to be talking to the SDC planner about these suggestions. The planner (Derek Hayes) is working on completing the Hororata Domain Master Plan which is a 10 year document for how the Domain is run and what activities can take place on the Domain.
- g. Discussion around needing flood protection around hanger and a shingle track into this area for Civil defence.
- h. Need to consider what area in hanger paddock that has been cleared can be used for – float parking, motorhome parking etc
- i. Marty commented that the school uses the Domain a number of times a year for sporting events like duathlons, cross country and asked that this be considered when designing new walking/cycling paths
- j. It was discussed that the front row of stables could be removed which would open up a nice grass area under the trees. Do up the back stables which are in better repair. John Foster has offered to lead this project. There would be very little cost to doing this.
 - i. It was moved that the front row of stables would be removed in the next few years as part of the Domain master plan development. Moved Craig Blackburn, Second Penny Oliver. Passed
- k. It was moved that:
 - i. Go Hororata are happy with the initial plan tabled, noting that more thought into float parking needed to be addressed. Moved Craig Blackburn, Second Penny Oliver. Passed

6. Hororata Equestrian Cross Country Course

- a. New draft report from SDC from equestrian NZ – outlines maintenance needed
- b. Discussion on maintenance and who does this and who owns the jumps. The meeting agreed that we should not get hung up on who owns it as long as the jumps are maintained, can't be removed, and the course will be kept open
- c. Fundraising might be required to repair the jumps – SDC getting costings

7. New toilets

- a. No septic system in new toilets
- b. Septic system on existing toilets not working properly
- c. 5 trees coming out between road and new toilets this week
- d. Need to think about new fencing between road and new toilets, needs to look good and also make it possible to secure for events – maybe put history boards there
- e. Need to ensure that existing toilets are working for the Fair – SDC responsibility

8. Community Hub Update

- a. MOU signed, Craig gave overview
- b. Next steps
 - i. Need to be optimistic about encumbrance coming off the titles but there could be unforeseen issues that hold things up
 - ii. Don't want to rush in and spend too much community money until it is confirmed
 - iii. Need to communicate with community and find out what community wants for the hub. Can refer back to Octa, Gurden and HSW reports which all include a huge amount of consultation with the community and highlight needs for a facility
 - iv. Need consultation and think about it properly about how this works with the rest of the village, think 100 years into the future
 - v. Need to have overview for community with ideas and suggestions on what the Hub could look like and include for community meeting early 2023
 - vi. Craig to talk to Playcentre and confirm their needs and how they could be part of the hub
 - vii. Hororata Historical Society have \$20,000 of funding to spend by May – this will include looking at their 3 options and then developing the preferred option.

- viii. It was noted that as part of the land transfer the War Memorial status had to be removed from the title however Go Hororata very much intended to honour the war memorial and all that it means as part of the hub. This is just a paper work legality that has to happen
- ix. The next 12 months will be about developing a brief and overview plan which shows the vision for the hub and how it can meet the needs of the community, be a destination, allow for growth and fit within the village and wider Selwyn
- x. Craig asked the committee to have discussions with people in the community over the next two months and bring ideas to the December meeting. Ask questions about what people see happening to the hall i.e. renovating the hall, or rebuilding while honouring the history, retaining original Hurst Seager Hall, removing the additions, but don't be tunnel visioned on the hall building, what could the whole site offer
- xi. Cindy to circulate the vision document again

9. Events

- a. The SDC is now managing all bookings for the Domain this is not done locally. Major event dates are not secured with SDC until Event Permit approved which means the SDC can double book the Domain. It also means for small gatherings that the only way to book the Domain is to complete the event permit process which is quite involved. The SDC need to look at this as it is not practical. Community should be able to book the Domain to secure the date just like a hall or community centre booking and then if it meets the criteria of being an 'event' the organiser must apply for a event permit and follow that process
- b. Go Hororata need to be able to see what events are booked on the Domain, SDC need to notify.
- c. In the future Go Hororata would like to see the Domain bookings controlled by the committee not SDC

10. General Business

- a. SDC have asked is Go Hororata would support a Summer picnic in Hororata. This is aimed at getting people together. Committee would not have to do much other than promote and engage with the community. It was agreed this would be good.
- b. Sandbags need collecting from Hawkins road, working bee to be organised to collect and return to bunker

Meeting Closed – 8.53pm