

Go Hororata Minutes

Tuesday 6th December, 7.30pm @ Hororata Hall



Attendees: Margaret Cross, Jenni Carter, Kate Foster, Rose Sullivan (SDC), Murray England (SDC), Susan Thornley, Rob Allen (SDC), Michael Oakley, Helene Youngman, Chris Thwaites, Mike Davies, Barty Doak, Lucy Cookson, Sam Kellam, Norm Jones, Megane Craven, Will Freeman, Annabel Freeman, Phil Freeman, Penny Oliver

Minute Secretary: Cindy Driscoll

1. Apologies
 - a. Craig Blackburn (Phil to Chair), Marty Gameson
2. SDC plan to increase the stored water on the Hororātā drinking water supply network – Rose, Murray and Rob spoke to this
 - a. Rose talked to this proposal – to increase water available to the community when reservoir is not working
 - b. Originally were going to consider putting at Aitkens Rd but Geotech informed them it was not a good idea
 - c. Want to discuss putting the water tank on the top north corner of the Domain farm
 - d. Focus is on getting water to the village – advantage with long term options, good central location
 - e. Has had first discussion with Farm lessees, want to discuss with the community to see if it is something that is wanted
 - f. This is part of a bigger review of water storage in Selwyn
 - g. Would need a pump station
 - h. Need to understand how many more days this would give to the village, only for downstream households – Rose to investigate this

- i. Question asked about if this allows for more units to be added to the scheme – Murray advised this is caught up in consent and SDC working on to open up the scheme
- j. There is room for a second tank which would allow for expansion in the future
- k. Question if a fire hydrant is needed – To be investigated
- l. Need to consider how it is powered in power outage
- m. Would have planting around all four sides of the compound to limit the visual impact – this can be discussed more
- n. This is right at the start of the process with a lot of work to be done that could affect this project
- o. Land would need to be reclassified from recreation reserve to local purpose utility – just the area for the utility (underling Reserve title remains but reclassified to it can be used for water utility)
- p. Design process, ground testing, legal side, ordering and shipping – could be 1 – 2 years (next financial year)
- q. Not the intention to sell the farmland, this is about protecting the infrastructure for water utility use, if SDC want to do anything else on the piece of land they need to go through a process
- r. Want to get this moving as quickly as possible
- s. Public consultation to be done
- t. Water safety checks will be carried out by a computer system
- u. Jenni Carter moved that Go Hororata support this initial proposal as tabled at the meeting. Second Chris Thwaites. Carried unanimously
- v. SDC passed on their thanks to the tenants who had been cooperative and very community minded
- w. Up to committee members to talk to community about this and be positive about it

3. Minutes from previous meeting

- a. Taken as read – Moved Michael Oakley/ Penny Oliver
 - b. Matters arising – all dealt with in agenda discussion points
4. Correspondence
 - a. Playcentre
 - b. Rob Allen re Scout Den
5. Finance – report tabled, shows donation allocation from Mark and Ainsley which covers administration costs for committee, this is part of a bigger donation to the HCT
 - a. Moved that the financial report is accepted Moved Will Freeman /Lucy Cookson
6. Domain
 - a. Domain Master Plan
 - i. Scout Den has been offered to the SDC by Scouts NZ, SDC have asked if HCT would like to take this building on. HCT have asked for more time to consult with community – need to establish if there is a need for this building
 - ii. Phil, Susan and Cindy met with SDC and consultants and plan is progressing, there will be public consultation. Document tabled of items in discussion for the plan.
 - b. Sam Kellam spoke re the trotting track
 - i. Track users would like to have a voice at Go Hororata meetings – the Chair confirmed that this was welcomed as we need the trainers engaged with what is happening on the Domain and working as part of the community
 - ii. Trainers coming from Oxford and Loburn, Sam and Norm only live out here so they can train on the track, whole livelihood revolves around the track
 - iii. Phil confirmed the plan to establish a horse paddock in the Domain where trainers and equestrian users can safely prepare their horses in a contained paddock. This would include a wash down area and loose boxes. He confirmed the front row of stables will be removed at some point as part of the 10 year plan. The back stables will not be done up for horses because horses need to be contained in a paddock.
 - iv. Discussion on the plan for fencing the track so it is fully enclosed – means it will be brought in slightly on East side, will be 17m all the way around. This gives

more area at tennis courts as fence will come in. Sam and Norm did not think this would affect the track. Keeps horses and people/dogs etc separate

- v. Sam request for there to be covered stables in the horse paddock
 - vi. Trainers happy to pay a fee for using the track – SDC need this system, it is not managed locally
 - vii. Sam felt there needed to be more communication with trainers around events. Phil pointed out since Jonny has left there has not been anyone to communicate with. It was discussed managing cars on the track for big events and how this made the ground hard for horses. Phil and Mike pointed out that they do everything they can to minimise the impact on the track but managing that many cars it is inevitable it will impact the track, the events are important to the community. The HCT has invested in repairs and improvements to the track in the past and will continue to do this. Sam suggested that trainers could check the track with the HCT committee members prior to and following events. This is acceptable but there needs to be a training representative.
 - viii. Sam asked that if anything was going to be done around horse areas in preparation for events that trainers be talked to about this
 - ix. There is not list of track users so they cannot be communicated with. If the track needed to be closed there is no way to inform trainers. Sam suggested she could be the communicator with the track users
 - x. Norm asked if there could there be a temporary fence to stop people driving around the back? Phil not sure this is possible
 - xi. Moved that Sam Kellam to be voted on to Go Hororata as Totting Trainer delegate. Carried
- c. Hororata Equestrian Cross Country Course – sitting in limbo waiting on plan
- i. Annabel asked if better chains could be put on the gates in to paddocks – Mike Davies to look into this
- d. New toilets
- i. Wetland septic system – new system – waiting for Ecan for sign off, hoping for March 2023
- e. Motorbikes not allowed on the Domain – there is obviously a need; could the pit be used for that purpose?

7. Community /Village

- a. Trees down Bealey Rd need a trim – Cindy to talk to SDC

8. Community Hub

a. Playcentre meeting update

- i. Megane Sole was welcomed as local Playcentre representative on Go Hororata
- ii. Craig and Cindy met with Playcentre representative. Playcentre felt they had not been communicated with since the signing of the MOU. Rob Allan accepted the SDC should have talked to them as they are the landlords until property is handed over. Craig assured that Playcentre was still able to be involved in the Community Hub.
- iii. There has not been any plans made of how the hall will be renovated or how the hub will be developed as we still need to talk as a community about this. No money being spent until keys are handed over. All options are on the table, we cannot confirm if Playcentre can stay in their current location in the hall yet. We need to look to the future and not be distracted by what is currently there or done.
- iv. Playcentre NZ property group are putting together list of non-negotiables for what Playcentre needs to operate within the hub. It is challenging if they need a dedicated space as this adds considerable cost to the project. Playcentre could apply for some funding but we need to make sure this does not work at cross purposes to the funding opportunities for the whole project

b. Rob Allan spoke of legal process for preparing the hall to be handed over to the HCT

- i. Two elements to the title for the hall – reserve which needs to be revoked
- ii. Endowment land – need to talk to the descendants of Sir John Hall, this will be done in the New Year
- iii. War Memorial status which covers the war memorial boards in the hall. SDC suggest put a covenant on the war memorial status – wording to be agreed with the HCT
- iv. Proposed district plan has some protection for the hall with historic status
- v. Endowment land – currently no tenant - if community want to relet it now this can be facilitated with the SDC and HCT

- c. Information to be shared with committee from SDC as it comes through – Cindy to action
- d. Historical Society update
 - i. successful stories from the grave event
 - ii. Working with Heritage NZ who have a new property manager has offered his labour to lay the floor in the current museum building for free, HHS to provide materials
 - iii. Met with Hamish Shaw re the feasibility study – 3 options considered – staying where they are, moving in to the hall, being incorporated in the new Hub as a separate new build. Hamish is carrying out the feasibility study which will give clear indication of Museum needs which helps in planning the hub. This needs to be completed by June 2023 to meet funding requirements. HHS are engaging Hamish directly for this stage of the project. Still need to keep the big picture in mind.

9. General Business

- a. Draft Sport, Active Recreation and Play, Spaces and Places Plan – people encouraged to put in submissions
- b. Chris Thwaites, on behalf of the HCT thanked the committee members for their efforts in the community. He especially thanked Phil Freeman for his dedication to the Domain, he has given a huge amount of time to getting the Domain improvements and is ensuring the community have a say in its development. Phil was presented with a gift from the HCT to thank him

Chris also acknowledged Craig Blackburn and the work he has done with getting the Community Hub project moving and MOU. This took a lot of time and often Craig had to rearrange his work life at short notice to carry out the negotiations with SDC. Craig will be given a gift from the HCT to thank him

- c. Jenni Carter found an Honours board in a back room at the hall and asked if the committee would see it restored. HHS to look into and will report back on costs

Meeting Closed 9.50pm