**Minutes of Quarterly Matakana Community Group meeting 4th May 2017**

**Matakana Village Hall 7.30pm**

**Present** Simon Barclay (chair) Liz Sharek (secretary), Fiona Longeut-Higgins (treasurer)Sally Marden (Mahurangi Matters),Gary and Sandy Winger,Geoff Craig,Scott McCallum, Robin Barclay, Chelsea de Berry, Trish Allen, Paul Roberts, Murray Wallace, Michael Dixon, Rob Anderson, Barbara Souter, Cate Astwell, Amy Wagstaff, Phil Morris, Richard Wintle, Neville Johnson, Alexander Longeut-Higgins, Beth Houlbrooke, Cushla Clark, John Turney, Clyde and Farida Cooper, Grahame McKenzie, Elle Glazer

**Apologies** Bubbles Bourke, Jenni Francis, Janis Grummitt, Fiona Sowten, Amanda

**Minutes from last meeting** passed Simon/Trish

**March Financial Report** passed Simon/Fiona

**Updates**

**Grey Bridge sale.(Neville)** Upon Trade me. Closes Tuesday May 9th.

**Tamahunga Walking Bridge (Simon)** Consents all through. Start date still to be confirmed.

**Jubilee Park (Simon)** There is still rubbish to be cleared from the site and the nets are to be put up after that.. Auckland Tennis are keen to come up and have a look and they may be able to assist with the cost of the Astroturf surface.

There will be a Planting Bee on July 30th which will be published later.

An opening event will be organized when the courts are finished.

The Community Garden will donate some fruit trees to be planted (Trish)

A needs assessment is being carried out for the whole park. (Chelsea) Other activities that could be included are a skate park, cycle way, pump track, club house and toilet block and cricket pitch. Please contact Chelsea with any other thoughts or ideas.

**School Parking (Simon/Scott)** Wharahines have agreed to take on the project.

The drainage and grading of the site will be undertaken in the summer and then the 15metre wide metal circle around the field can be put in place to be used for angle parking.

There will be one entry and exit point so the council doesn't need to be involved with the car park development.

**CookBook (Cate)** There has been great support so far from the local community and school parents providing recipes. More recipes are needed from the general population. Please submit your offerings by November 2017 . The launch will be sometime from April to June 2018. Cate asked for a letter of support from the MCG.

Proposed Simon. Seconded Trish.

**Matakana Valley Road upgrade (Murray)** Murray has talked to the Local Board but hasn't had a response yet. Beth is going to investigate this.

An upgrade will require capital funds from Council for footpaths, undergrounding power, car parking and the storm water drains. The funds will be coming from different Council funding streams. Nothing is being actioned by AC as yet as these projects have not yet become part of their Annual Plan process.

**(Simon)** But there are real Health and Safety issues with the open drains throughout the village.

Matakana Green Residents are concerned about their drainage swales.

Beth will look at triggers and tracking in the system.

**Mahurangi Waste Busters (Trish)**

The meeting in the Warkworth Town Hall was very well attended . 50 people came with 12 apologies, so there appears to be good community support for this initiative.

Trish has put in an application for $5,000 funding to help with initial costs in researching the options, field trips to other sites and holding some repair workshops. Opportunities for Social Enterprise projects could also be developed at the sites. AC has a commitment to be zero waste by 2040 so this application should be a well received.

**Cycleway (Scott)** There are some potholes at the top of the OBV hill that have been coned for safety and the cycleway on the otherside of Takatu Road is now closed so that the pine felling can be carried out. There needs to be some weed clearing done on the track. A working Bee needs to be arranged.

**Mobile Traders** on Matakana Valley Road at the W/Es have been causing issues. T he permit was apparently issue in error and will be revoked.

**Sunday Markets (Sally)** A new antiques, bric a brac, vintage, collectables and produce market is opening in the Matakana Community Hall on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 May  from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. This community event will be held monthly towards the end of each month.  Future markets are scheduled for 24/25 June, 22/23 July, 26/27 August, 30 Sept/1 October, then twice-monthly in November and December.  Stalls will cost approx $15 per space.  For further information, please contact Jacky - ph 09 422 9221, mob 0278 565656 or email [jic@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jic@xtra.co.nz).

**Signing of Community Lease for Tennis Club (Simon)** Simon, Liz and Fiona signed the 10year lease to AC for the new Tennis Club for $1 per year. The Tennis Club/MCG will be responsible for maintenance of the new courts. This allows us to do such things as laying the Astro Turf without having to seek AC permissions/consents.

**Hall Improvements (Liz)** There are to be a number of changes made around the back of the Hall to clean the area up, deal with issues of the small water tank and build a new (replacement) storage shed. A working bee will be organized by the Hall Committee when the necessary items are ready for installation and advertised accordingly.

**ANZAC day commemorations.(Neville)** Adrian Millar and her team organized a very successful ANZAC Day for Matakana. Thank you to all those involved.

Meeting closed 20.40

Next meeting to be held in the meeting room on Thursday June 1st 2017