**Minutes of the MCG Meeting March 1st 2018 , 7.30pm Small Meeting Hall**

**Present** Simon (Chair), Liz (secretary), Fiona (treasurer), Janis, Barbara, Jenni, Trish, Alison Roe, Phil, Vern, Jenny Kerry, Scott, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB), Sally Marden (Mahurangi Matters, Anna, Neville, Claire Walker, Ralf Kleinsorge, Ivan, Bianca (Junction Mag)

**Apologies** Bevan, Gerard, Bubbles, Robin, Laurance and Ruth Eyres

**Minutes from last meeting** Simon/Scott carried

**Financial Statement** Simon/ Fiona carried

**1) Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimization Plan 2018**(Trish)

Trish presented a Power Point outlining Auckland Council's Waste Management and Minimization Plan that is part of Auckland Council " AK Have your Say" campaign .

**They are asking for feedback on this plan by Wednesday 28th March 2018**.

LINK: **akhaveyoursay.nz**

Auckland Council have a target of zero waste to landfill by 2040.

At present domestic rubbish accounts for 20% of waste going to landfill and this has reduced by 10% between 2010 and 2017.

However, the remaining 80% is from the construction industry and demolition as well as plastic and organic waste. so The Draft Auckland Waste Management and Minimization Plan is focused on these areas in particular to reduce their waste going to landfill.

**2) Waste Busters** (Trish) Mahurangi Waste Busters is shortlisted as 1 of 4 contenders..

The tender docs are going to be available by the end of this month.

**3) Communication and the future of the MCG** (Simon/Janis)

Most of the current projects of the MCG from the last 5/7 years have either been completed or are in the process of completion so it's an appropriate time to be looking at the future of the MCG, it's role in the community, ways of generating new projects and increasing involvement.

1) To increase visibility; advertise the MCG meetings using the 4Square Notice Board, MCG Facebook Page, Jenni's Weekly Newsletter and combine email lists (with permission), Ask Mahurangi Matters to spread the word and upgrade the MCG Website so that everyone in the community can be informed and know that everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the MCG and it's meetings. And word of mouth.

2) Change the format of meetings.

Monthly meetings for updates by those heading projects.

Quarterly meetings to update/feedback for a larger group.

"Town Hall" style meetings annually to generate new projects with 'champions' heading projects and reporting back on progress.

3) Effective dissemination of information on projects.

**4) Country Park** Work in progress. OPEX plan around $10,000/annum

**5) Grey Bridge** (Scott) Work in progress. 2 possible parties interested. If nothing happens in 2 months will look at options for scrapping it.

**6) Tamahunga Cycling and Walking Bridge** Work has started and is progressing. 11 week overall plan.

**7) Jubilee Park** (Simon/Beth) Ongoing needs assessment plan.

**8) School Parking** Simon is going to talk to the AT project manager Andy Millar of the Tamahunga Bridge Project to talk about another entrance/exit and road markings for the school car park.

A special thank you to James at ITM for the materials to build a new post and rail fence along the road boundary of the carpark. The MCG will fund the labour.

Grant Clifton (School Board Chair) is going to talk to Logan Campbell to gain permission to plant trees along the boundaries of the carpark. Possibly something like Cherry trees that will be decorative but easy to remove at the end of the lease term.

The school is funding a path around the back of the carpark to the school for safe access.

The school will put up a display to thank Wharahines, Fletchers, MCG and ITM for their generous contributions to this project.

**9) MVR upgrade** (Beth) Beth is attending the final meeting to secure the funding from all parties on March 15th.

**10) Round Matakana Walk** (Bianca) together with Phil (River Tours) and David Grant (writer of "We Gathered Here" a history of Matakana) would like to develop a walking loop around Matakana with signage and information stops along the way to create an historical walk of Matakana. This might start with around 12 sites which will mostly be on privately owned land. Any signage on Council owned land will require permission. The sites might include scannable codes for information, videos, and a walking map.

They are looking for sponsorship from local business owners, grants, Beth suggested looking at an Auckland Heritage Grant.

**11) Floating Jetty** Phil of Matakana River Tours has suggested that building a floating pontoon off the Matakana wharf would enable better access to the river. Beth suggested the best person to approach about this would be the Auckland Harbour Master.

**12)** **Laly Haddon Bridge** (Ian) requires maintenance. This is the under the responsibility of AC or AT .

**13) AC 10 Year Plan / 30 Year AK Plan and RLB**(Beth Houlbrooke (RLB))

There are a number of key planning points that are coming together for AC; the 10 year Budget, undergoing the 3 year refresh, The Auckland 30 year Plan and the Local Board's annual Budget, the Waste Minimization Plan,and Pest Management Plan, among others.

There are a number of issues that AC is looking for feedback on in their current **'AK Have your Say'** campaign for the 10-year Budget and Auckland Plan 2050.

These include:

A 10cent/litre fuel tax to fund transport issues around AK.

Targeted rates for increased funding of water/waste water infrastructure and also for investment in environmental initiatives.

Rates increase to fund the growth of Auckland City.

Changes in rating category for online accommodation properties. (Rodney is exempt from this, thanks to Cr Sayers))

Details can be found in "Our Auckland" March 2018 edition and online at [www.akhaveyoursay.nz](MCG%20Meeting%20March%201st%202018%20minutes.docx) for the full consultation document.

**Rodney Local Board** is also looking for public input for its initiatives in our area, in particular feedback on funding feasibility and design of a multisport facility at Warkworth Showgrounds, and a proposed targeted rate for Rodney Specific transport pojects. (More details see pg 9 of Our Auckland) There is a public meeting to be held on March 13th 6pm in Wellsford District Community Centre, 1, Matheson Road.

**14) One Warkworth Mahurangi Festival of Lights** (Barbara)

There will be a Mahurangi Winter Festival of Lights held on July 13/14/15th July in Warkworth, Matakana, Snells Beach/ and Leigh.

Through lighting up each town/village it is planned to gain attention to the towns and give a high point in winter for locals and visitors to come together and enjoy winter activities and socializing.

Murray Chapman, One Warkworth, is driving this initiative for the area and Barbara Souter is organizing the Matakana events.

On Friday 13th July the "Illuminate Winter Black , White and Gold Gala Dinner" will be held at the Matakana Hall which will have been decorated in lights for the weekend.

More details to follow of this themed evening where people come together to have some fun, enjoy good food and entertainment in the middle of winter.

Keep this night free!

**14) Community Garden** (Trish) All good, nothing to report.

**15) Jubilee Park planting** (Neville) More planting is planned with the plants being provided by AC. Contractors will be fencing areas for animal control and will also come in to help to control the weeds.

**16) Transport Forum** (Liz) Feedback to be given at the next meeting when the minutes have been received from the Forum.

Meeting Closed

Next meeting April 5th 7.30pm Small Meeting Hall