**MCG Minutes 5th July 2018**

**7.30pm Meeting Hall**

**Apologies:** Gay Smith, Rod Severn, Dara Walsh

**Present:** Simon Barclay, Liz Sharek, Fiona Strathern, Jenni Francis, Trish Allen, Robin Barclay, Beth Houlbrooke, Neville Johnson, Scott McCallum, Janis Grummitt, Barbara Souter, Angelica Garcia Peters

**Minutes** from last meeting circulated carried Simon/Fiona

**Financials** circulated carried Simon/Barbara

**1) Mahurangi Festival of Lights** (Barbara)

All set to go but trying to get Hall stage curtains change for the light show. Barbara has contacted Tim Smythe.

**2) Update on August 2nd Special MCG Event** (Simon)

The start time has been changed to 5.30pm to allow adequate time for the event.

Wendy Douglas has kindly agreed to be MC for the evening.

Hall booked.

Publicity to be sent out with Mahurangi Matters, Jenni's Newsletter, Facebook page.

Also need to think about members actually being able to join the MCG with a yearly fee. Maybe have a button on the website and details to be added directly to the new data base . IT expert to help out with this. Will discuss fees ($25) at the November AGM. But these could be a source of funds to help with ongoing expenses (eg car park upkeep)

**AC presence at Event** (Beth) Even though this is quite short notice, Beth will contact Sue Dodds of AC Community Empowerment about the event and she will hopefully be able to come and provide resources to use at the meeting , such as maps, and a Tool Kit to help the process. Beth will email Janis the Tool Kit once she has talked to Sue.

**3) June 30th Planting** (Neville)

250 seedlings were planted along the wharf area. Thank you to all those who helped.

A 3 metre wide area was left through the planting to allow for a future path to be laid up to the King George Memorial.

Ongoing maintenance will need to be discussed with AC (Sinead)

It would be good idea if the new plants could be marked with stakes until they grow taller so that they are not mowed over.

**4) Parking at the Wharf**

There have been complaints about cars parked at the wharf and blocking the boat ramp access and also not allowing enough space for trailers to turn.

Also, when the larger buses are bought on line for the new AT Hop Bus link, this area will need to be kept clear for the buses to turn.

Maybe there could be no parking from the end of the tar sealed area with a sign put up.

Beth will investigate further.

**5)New Bus Service** For more info about the new bus service go to the AT website. It is coming on line September 30th. Gold Card holders travel free. 99c for students. It won't be competing with the current privately run services as it is offering a completely different service. ie to North Shore Hospital and University.

**6) Laly Haddon Place Traffic**

Ivan has talked to Richard Didsbury about the Laly Haddon residents concerns relating to the construction traffic for the new subdivisions coming through LH Pl. This already a problem.

AC want the road to go straight through.

For further discussion.

**7) MVRd Upgrade**

There is still consultation around the storm water drains. However the plan is still to have the upgrade finished for the summer.

**8) School Car Park**

AT are going to concrete the existing entrance and will make it as wide as possible to facilitate traffic flow in and out of the carpark.

Re-forming the other pedestrian entrance to become another car access is proving a bit more of a problem as the entrance as is not on the original AT plan.

**Maintenance.** The Car park is going to require ongoing work. Could be around $4,000 / year. Richard Didsbury has kindly agreed to help with these costs but the community will need to make up the short fall. Fundraising by school children off the school property is problematic because of health and safety concerns, but there could be an honesty box set up for visitors using the car park to contribute to the upkeep.

**Car Park Drainage.** There have been issues of flooding over the adjacent properties. This has now been ameliorated with a drain dug along the fence line but this will require ongoing attention to keep the ditch clear.

The car park surface will have pooling areas filled with metal over the summer.

**9)** **Wharahines footpath** **extension**

This is progressing well. AT are excavating new drains before laying the path. Any trees that are in the way are being dug out and will be replanted once the drains have been finished.

Parking will be removed from either side of the road once the project is fully finished. This will give much better visibility entering and exiting the car park.

**10) Hall**

The Hall committee is looking to replace the hall roof and ceiling. The Hall also requires up grades to the kitchen and a new stage. They have called a committee meeting for next Wednesday.

**11) Toilets**

A handle has been removed from one of the toilet doors again so one of the toilets is out of service until this is replaced. By AC?

Meeting Closed 8.25pm

Next Meeting August 2nd EVENT 5.30pm in the Hall.