**Minutes MCG Meeting 6th December 2017**

**Present** Simon (chair), Liz (secretary), Robin, Barbara, Trish, Alison Roe, Sally Marsden (Mahurangi Matters), Chelsea, Neville, Janis, Beth Holbrooke

**Apologies** Paul Roberts, Bubbles, Amanda, Scott, Fiona Strathern,

**Minutes** circulated from November AGM Simon/Robin carried

**Financial Statements** circulated Simon/Liz carried

**1) Tamahunga Bridge** Start date January/February 2018. December 5th tenders close to be awarded 21t Dec2017

**2) Jubilee Park** (Neville) The Planting Scheme is being co-ordinated by AC.

Discussions are being held with the Pony Club/ MCG for future uses. Possible sharing of site but since there's no money available at present for any development there's no hurry to make any final decisions.

Richard Didsbury is in discussion around potential new footpath options to link present paths (e.g. Laly Haddon) with Jubilee park.

**3)Wharf Plantings** in conjunction with AC. Could make a start now as Phase1 to remove unwanted exotic species as part of 5 year Plan to rehabilitate area.

Thank you to Angelica and her Woofers, and Greg Courtney for mulching and looking after the new tree plantings fom last year. They are looking much happier!

**4)School Carpark** Development of site is currently underway with the drainage and metalling for new carpark. Thank you to Fletchers and to Rob Gibson of Wharahines for their work and contributions to keep this within the budget of the available MCG funds.

**5)Matakana Sustainability Plan** (Paul Roberts *in absentia)* Will be completed by Mid to late February.

**6) Matakana Valley Road Upgrade** (Beth) Healthy Waters and AT have completed a study on the drainage and footpaths on Matakana Valley Road for the area between (approx) The Markets and JinJins. There is now an integrated plan for drainage and footpath upgrade along this stretch of road.

Stormwater Drains:

They acknowledge that the drainage system in place at present isn't working as well as it should be. The plan includes re-routing storm water to the (West) side of MVR and redirecting water to the stream that runs there .

Footpaths and swales along MVR:

On the West side (left going up MVR) they will build shallow grass swales with timber edging.

On the East side (right going up MVR) The footpath will be widened and will be laid with a cobbled surface that incorporates a shaped, grated drainage channel. This will be suitable for outside seating/eating areas and allow for plantings.

AT has this plan in their budget and are waiting on confirmation from Healthy Waters.

The work could start next year.

(Simon) Is it possible to have an allowance put into this plan for the proposed cycleway to be integrated on the West side of the road for later development? This would ensure cycle access to Jubilee Park.

**7) Membership fees.** One Warkworth have offered to allow the MCG to use their systems to keep track of MCG membership and fees.

There was some discussion around what these fees should be. Maybe $20/family. TBD. But it would be a good idea to generate some petty cash.

**8) Country Park tender** The Country Park is for sale. Tenders closed at 4pm Today (Thursday 7th Dec)

Simon has put in a tender for $6.25 million (as advised) on behalf of the MCG/ Matakana Community. Result on Monday 11th Dec. This was after extensive consultation with a lawyer and drawing up an appropriate contract. The contract gives the community at least a 6months due diligence period which gives it time to look at all options without any immediate commitments.

There are a number of encumbrances/covenants that would require exploration. And the raising of funds.

Proposed: Confirm support for Tender Simon/Chelsea Carried unanimously.

This could be a very exciting opportunity for the community to own the non-commercial site of the Country Park which could be developed as a second hub for activities in Matakana Village. The community would also have control over the potential 10 LOT subdivision and keeping the area as a green space.

**9) Community Garden** A donation of $135.50 was given to Homebuilders from the honesty box contributions to the garden. They were delighted! The money will be used to buy supermarket/petrol vouchers. Thank you to all who supported the garden.

**10) Walkway and Cycleway development.** (Alison Roe)

There are a number of groups working together to form an integrated walking/cycleway network for the district. There has been $800,000 allocated to The Walking Access Group Commission for walking track development between Puhoi and Warkworth.

Rodney Greenways Plan (Eric Pyle) This group are putting together a comprehensive plan for 150km of track. They're mapping the existing trails and tracks to identify the gaps in the trail route that will require access to complete the system. This may include easements over private land or for access ways to be put in place before houses get built in future sub-divisions.

No further business.

Meeting closed.

No meeting in January, Next Quarterly Meeting in the Main Hall February 1st 2018

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR to you all

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