**Minutes MCG Meeting July 6th 2017**

**Small Meeting Room 7.30pm**

**Present:** Simon, Liz, Robin, Barbara, Neville, Scott, Stephen Farrell, Jeanette (Mahurangi Matters), Cate

**Apologies:** Fiona, Trish, Greg Sayers, Clyde, Bubbles, Jenni, Chelsea, Beth, Richard

**1) Minutes of June meeting** Simon/Robin carried

**2)Financial reports May 2017** Simon/Robin carried

**3) Grey Bridge** (Neville/ Scott) There may be an interested party through Trade me . Scott is going to contact them.

Or maybe the bridge could be offered (given) to Shelley Trotter for her to use on the walkway she's developing. The landowner, where it's presently stored, would like it removed. It may have to be cut up for scrap.

**4) Tamahunga Bridge** (Simon) Simon has been in contact with Melanie (AC) . There is a now project manager allocated for this project and the funding from AC is in place. There don't appear to be any delays so hopefully the build will go ahead soon as planned.

**5) Jubilee Park** (Simon) The surface for the tennis courts is still being finished. An Opening/ Open day/ Fundraiser is being organized. Simon is negotiating with AC for some funding for the Astroturf surface.

**Planting day 30th July** with lunch time BBQ .

Will get a flyer out for the school to get help with the planting and ask Mike Petre for his input. (He did the original planting plan)

**Needs Assessment** Chelsea and Simon met with the needs assessor at AC.

Maybe try to get Jubilee Park back under community ownership again. Need to find/look at original Deed of Gift to the council.

**6) School Parking** Waiting for weather to improve before work commences.

**7) IT** Update next meeting

**8) MVR** (Simon) Simon has written to Melanie (AC) so that the road improvements and the sidewalk improvements can be co-ordinated as a single project. At present there is only a road only budget (from the maintenance budget) but this needs to be done with upgrading of the sides of MVR (from the capital improvements budget)

**9) Mahurangi Waste Busters Update** (Trish in absentia) Trish is putting together the Expression of Interest for AC. She is also developing a Trust Deed for Mahurangi waste Busters which will be checked by a lawyer next week and then registered.

WMIF funding (Waste Minimisation Innovation Fund) has been received for $3,600 to run 3 zero waste events and a study tour of community recycling centres. The first event is **A Repair Cafe this will be held on Saturday 16th September 2-5pm Matakana Hall** for the community to bring along items to be repaired. This will include small electrical repair jobs such as toasters and hot water jugs, small wooden furniture repairs, darning, clothing repair, toy repair, bicycle repairs, knife and tools sharpening etc. Volunteers are needed with the appropriate skills to help out. Also needed are qualified/certified electrical test/tag people for electrical goods to ensure their safety. And , ofcourse supporters to run the cafe end of things and provide home baking.

**10) Planting** (Stephen) Richard Didsbury has chopped down the willow and bamboo on the river bank opposite the Market and Stephen is now tidying up the riparian strip on his land. Water channelling is now a problem with the banks potentially being undermined and washed away. Stephen would like to use boulders to stabilize the bank on his side. **Simon to ask AC to contact Stephen.**

There appears to have been some cleaning up of the river upstream by AC. Further work needs to be done to address the problems along the river banks opposite the Gull Station which was historically used as a tip. Could have some asbestos in the dump.

**11) AC Maintenance Contracts** (Simon) Present contracts expire on 30th June. A new system is to be put in place divided up by area. Each contractor will be responsible for all the services i.e. parks/ mowing/sports fields/building maintenance/ toilets/ rubbish removal/ gardens.

**12) Cycleway** (Scott) There are plans afoot to extend the cycleway network around the area. There are already tracks in place but it is still necessary to establish some links between these paths.

The cycle way will be reinstated through the area that has been logged on the Jones Road side of Takatu Road.

**13) Community Garden** (Robin) There are to be:

 **2 Pruning Workshops** **22nd July and 5th August from 2-5pm in The Matakana Hall**

**A grafting Workshop TBC**

**Mushroom Growing Workshop 20th August (Full)**

**14) Greg Sayers** is going to hold a **Monthly Public Clinic in the Warkworth Council Service Centre Friday 14th July/Friday 11th August/ Friday 8th September.** A time can be booked to talk to Greg by ringing him on his mobile 0212859900.

or visit his website http://gregsayers.co.nz/opportunites-to-meet-Greg/

**15) What Do We Want 4 Warkworth?** (Simon) Simon has received an email concerning the Warkworth Spatial Planning Group who are very concerned about the direction development is going in Warkworth. " ...part of a extremely worthy initiative concerned at the development pressure we are under in Warkworth and its surrounding environs and lack of urgency by Council  to  instigate an adequate planning framework for the future development to progress. These are important issues that affect all of us living in the region so if you could please take a moment to read the document, forward to your respective networks and send your feedback to wwspatial@gmail.com or c/o P.O. Box 591, Warkworth **by Sunday, 6 August 2017,** that would be greatly appreciated."

**Please see attachment for full details.**

**16) Congratulations to Trish Allen for her Community Volunteer Award** that she received from the RLB for her services to the Matakana Community

**17) New Community Centre ?** (Neville) As part of the Country Park subdivision it has been mooted that AC be approached with the offer to buy The Woolshed as a new community facility/park for the area.

Meeting ended 20.28

Next Quarterly Meeting to b held in The Matakana Hall on 3rd August 2017.