**Minutes of the MCG Meeting April 5th 2018 in the small meeting room 7.30pm**

**Present** Neville (acting Chair), Liz (secretary), Fiona (treasurer), Barabara Souter, Alison Roe, Janis, Ivan, Alison and David Grant, Sally (Mahurangi Matters), Murray Chapman, Scott, Trish.

**Apologies** Gay, Jenni, Simon, Robin, Kirsty Mckay, Bubbles, Rod Severn, Dara Walsh, Beth Houlbrooke

**Minutes** from last meeting , circulated, no matters arising. Carried

**Financial Reports** , February and March 2018, circulated. Carried

**1) Historical Plaques** (David and Alison Grant)

David is the author of "We Gathered Here" a history of Matakana.

David and Phil Morris are initiating this venture of placing information plaques at significant sites around Matakana.

10 to 12 plaques are proposed to be placed around Matakana as a walking route to celebrate the Village's historical sites.

David has written a text for each one which may need to be edited depending on the nature of the displays.

There may still be funds available from the MCG from the walkway signage but they hope to get sponsorship from village busineses. Most of the plaques are on private land, which is good as this will avoid having to get permissions etc from AC or AT on public land.

Phil has applied to AC for a Heritage Grant.

Action: David to send Liz the plaque script.

Need to find an editor

**2)Traffic Forum** (Liz/Murray)

a)In addition to the information in the One Ww Traffic Forum, Murray talked around the rehabilitation work being done on Neville Street. This is now going to be done in sections at night to avoid total road closure and disruption for busineses.

b)Cameras are going to be placed up Matakana Road and Sandspit Road to monitor traffic levels (queues) so that the traffic light phasing can be changed at Hill Street to aid the flow of traffic onto SH1 and avoid the massive build up of cars that has been occuring at the weekends.

c)There was a lack of communication by AT with the local community around the road closure on Matakana Road last week for the resufacing the stretch of Matakana Road towards the Warkworth end of the road. Schools and business were not informed of the closures or times.

Action:The full minutes of the Forum will be circulated with the minutes

**3) Facebook Page and Website** (Janis/Liz)

Janis has updated the MCG Facebook page to encourage more members and involvement with the MCG.

Liz has redone the website which will replace the old platform in the near future. The MCG will have a new domain name . The holder of the present domain name appears to be Callam Wooler who needs be contacted to find out more about payments for the domain name and hosting contract.

Alison Roe has agreed to add a walkways information/ development /strategy etc page to the new site. Thank you Alison.

**4) Country Park** (Neville /Alison)

2 Titles have sold

The Church plot has sold

The necessary work on the remaining titles etc is almost ready for marketing.

Alison and Neville have been talking to John Baker about forming an easement around the property for walking/cycleways, as a future planning strategy for the Country Park as a walkers/ cyclists hub.There are already some easements in place with both AC and the Walking Access Commission (WAC) . The possibility to swap some of the WAC easements for AC easements, are being looked into, which could make development easier in the future.

**5) Greenways Plan** (Alison)

AC has endorsed the Puhoi to Pakiri trail.

The next step is to get access across private land for the trail path. Someone is to be employed to talk to the landowners involved.

**6) Tamahunga walking/Cycle Bridge**

The bridge building appears to be going well and is on target.

**7) Jubilee Park Future Needs Assessment**

The future needs of Jubilee Park are to be canvassed by AC around sites in the Village. This will start next Monday outside the school and other places around Matakana to start the consultation process. This is being co-ordinated by Nick Harris of AC.

**8) Carpark** (Neville)

The 2 new fences have been built. One along the road side and the other at the back to allow safe passage of the children from the carpark to the school grounds.

The MCG is paying for the construction of this fence and the MCG is still to be invoiced for this but all the materials have been very kindly donated by ITM.

A plaque thanking the companies who contributed to the making of the carpark will be erected on site.

Logan Cambell has given permission for Cherry trees to be planted along the perimeter of the fence. The school is fundraising for this.

**9) MVRd Update.**

Nothing further to report right now.

**10) Toilets** (Neville)

The AC Public toilets appear to be closed. The doors are locked and the handles removed. The community wasn't informed about this with the result that some emergency Portaloos had to be installed by the toilets to cater for visitors' needs over the Easter W/E. This was not an adequate solution as they quickly became over used.

AC is meant to maintain and clean these toilets to a good standard and this has not been happening.

Alison will investigate what is happening, why the toilets have been closed and what repairs etc are being done, if any . Also to reinforce that communication with the community is essential to avoid this happening again.

**11) ANZAC service** (Neville)

Dolly Millar is organizing the ANZAC service on 25th April at the Matakana War Memorial. This year the focus will be on the Women's Service.

**12) Community Garden** (Trish)

a) The Garden is going well.

b)The Community Garden has been able to give some financial assistance to some local schools who are setting up gardens for education.

c)There will be a Post Harvest Prunning workshop Saturday 14th April at Totara Hill School

2-4pm.

**13) Festival of Lights** (Murray/Barbara)

Murray is organizing a laser light show up Baxter Street and trying to persuade the commercial area to participate by lighting up their premises.

Leigh and Snells Beach are on board. Omaha is still to come on board.

Barbara has got a group of organizers together. They have a budget of $12,000 to develop a virtual reality MC for the evening with Darkroom. The Opera Studio is providing a tenor and soprano for part of the evening's entertainment as well as a pianist and Choir.

The Matakana will provide the alcohol but they are still looking for a caterer.

Premium real estate is sponsoring the event.

**14) Any Other Business**

**a)** Jenni Francis received a letter proposing a sign is erected to prevent persons trying to walk from the wharf to the village via the river side after someone tried to negotiate the route and had a nasty fall. Ownership of the land needs to be established first before anything can be done.

b) Ivan suggests there needs to be more road markings on Tamahunga Drive to keep cars to their side of the road.

**Meeting Closed 9.15pm**

**Next Meeting will be the May Quarterly Meeting, 3rd May in the Main Hall at 7.30pm**