**Minutes MCG Feb 4th 2017**

Held in Matakana Village Hall. 7.30pm

**Present** Simon Barclay (chair), Liz Sharek (secretary), Fiona Longuet-Higgins (treasurer), Ruth Bookman, Christian and Monique Thomas, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB),Angelica Garcia Peterson, Richard Wintle, Scott McCallum, Mike Petre, Gay Smith, Robin Barclay, Maria Steele, Fiona Sowten, Neville Johnson, Jenny Kerry, Vern Tyerman, Paul Roberts, Murray Wallace, Bubbles Bourke, Anna Didsbury, Barbara Souter, Jenni Francis, Trish Allen, Virginia Leonard, Birgit Emminghaus, Helen Wintle, Rod Cheeseman (Mahurangi Matters), Amanda and Geoff Stewart, Bianca Harlett (Junction Magazine), Carol Christy, John Turney , Janis Grummitt, June Colin Jarvis, Alison Roe

**Apologies** Rob Anderson, Chelsea, Clyde and Ferida, Victoria Murray,

**Minutes** of the last meeting read and correct.

Moved Simon. Seconded Neville.

**Financials** (Fiona Longuet-Higgins) (see attached)

**Christmas in the Village and Bridge Opening** Huge thanks to Kirsty and Norm for a great Christmas party in the Village and to Neville for organizing the Tongan Musicians for entertainment at the Bridge opening.

**Update on Matakana Projects**

a) (Simon Barclay and Murray Wallace) Many of the current projects require a number of agencies to be part of the planning and implementation: notably AC, AT and Watercare. At the moment they're all acting separately which is very inefficient. This needs streamlining.

b) Murray and Simon will make a presentation to the RLB to try and streamline future projects with a one point contact for all agencies.

There needs to be a better fit with finances when proposing projects otherwise they are difficult for the various agencies to move forward with them.

If there is any dissent in the community around a project, please air your views to the MCG so that your concerns may be addressed and the MCG can present a unified voice to Council.

**c) Jubilee Park** (Mike Petre and Simon)

The macrocarpas have now been completely removed and the old tennis courts ripped up, the fence removed and the new tennis courts should be finished and ready for their all weather covering to be applied in 6 weeks. (Tiger Turf have quoted $52,000 for this, to be funded by the community.)

The plantings to be done in the Autumn

There will be 3 courts. 2 with fixed nets and one with a moveable net for other sports There will be a basket ball/netball hoop at one end. The community will do the lines painting.

At present there is no funding for seating or shelter. Maybe in the future.

There are **further plans being developed for Jubilee Park**. Chelsea has plans that include a skate/ cycle way in the Northern end.

Also a cycle way at the Southern end that joins in with the proposed village cycle loop.

These need to be presented to AC.

**Motion** that these plans be presented to AC by Simon and Murray. Proposed Simon. Seconded Trish

There has been some concerns around the nature of the upgrade and spend on these courts. The original estimate was $150,000 and the actual spend has been estimated at $420,000. Rather than just a refurbishment , the courts have been ripped up and the fence removed. Murray suggested that the difference in expectations is because for AC this is a capital expenditure project and not just maintenance. Beth Houlbrooke (RLB) expressed some concerns about this apparent budget blowout.

Alison Roe said Auckland Tennis are interested in helping communities upgrade courts to revitalize the sport and set up regional tennis clubs.

d) There has been further work on the berm at Wharahines. Thank you to all those who are contributing to this.

e) **School Car Park.** (Simon**)** The lease agreement has not yet been finalized. The landowner doesn't want the area sealed. It will be a 13year lease possibly between the School and the land owner.

The entry and exit accesses don't appear to be problematic for AT.

AC are fine with a metal only surface to be put in place at first. (budget around $40,000 to $50,000) Simon is talking to Wharahines to provide the metal for the entrance/exit areas and a track around the perimeter. The car parking area does get wet in winter so will require some drainage to be done when the whole area gets metalled.

It was suggested that funds could be raised by having a user charge for those using the carpark , however it was felt that the landowner would not necessarily agree to this.

**Motion:** That the car park project gets underway with the entrance/exit areas metalled and a track around the perimeter. Proposed Simon, seconded Neville

**Metal Haulage Truck Movements** . it is proposed that there will be 200/day extra truck movements from the quarry at Omaha Valley Road down Matakana Road which affects the safety of the school drop off and pick up, so getting the car park up and running is a priority. Neville questioned the compliance of the trucking companies with the present levels of daily movements. Metal trucks from the Whangaripo Quarry requested to use the Waybe route not Matakana Valley Road.

f) **Matakana Valley Road Upgrade through Village**. (Murray )

In conjunction with Hutchinson Engineers, Murray has drawn up plans to address the works to be done up Matakana Valley Road (the first 100metre stretch from the Village Centre) AT owns the roadway to the property boundaries on both sides.

These include provision for parking, footpaths, cycle ways, drainage, curbing and channelling and plantings. The proposal includes a 1.5 metre footpath and cycle way on both sides of the road. The cycle way on the East side to link into a proposed Matakana cycle loop. The current open drains in front of the new developments to be covered over with provision for angle parking and plantings. This all needs to be done to a high standard so that it doesn't need to be redone in the future.

Richard Wintle suggests undergrounding the power lines at the same time.

John Turney suggested carrying out the project in stages and addressing the most pressing safety issues first. i.e. covering over the drains.

The plan by Hutchinson Engineers is all ready for submission.

**Motion:** That the community accept the proposal and that it gets submitted to AT. Proposed Simon. Seconded Scott

g-1) **Tamahunga Bridge**.(Simon) There has been good interaction with AT. The plans have been reviewed by the necessary parties (Iwi, earthmoving specialists, arborist) and it might be in place by June.

Mason's tender was $240,000 of which the MCG are liable for 1/3 : $80,000

There is now a shortfall in the MCG contribution of $4,000 taking into account the $3,500 raised by Premium Real Estate's film night and the generous contribution of $2,500 by Richard Didsbury. The MCG will be looking for local donations to cover the short fall especially from those living in Tamahunga Drive and Laly Haddon Place as they will be getting the most direct benefit from this bridge.

**Motion** To authorize the signing of the contract binding the MCG to their $80,000 for the bridge. Proposed Simon. Seconded Scott

There has been some interest in the idea of having memorial plaques made to go on the bridge. To be discussed.

**School Crossing** The Police will only sanction proper traffic lights for the School crossing. These cost $195,000 a pair so this might be a project for the future.

h) **Zero Waste for Matakana** (Anna Didsbury)

There is an initiative to create zero waste systems for Matakana.

It is being rolled out in stages.

1) Farmers market. This has been implemented and has been very successful.

2)To make the whole village complex zero waste , starting with the village tenants.

3)To include the wider community in the initiative.

The infrastructure is being put in place in the form of bins for specific rubbish types and packaging needs to be standardized to avoid confusion. This initiative has received a grant of $1,500 from The Waste Minimalization Fund. Compost has already been produce from waste products.

i) **Freedom Camper** Pilot for Matakana Warf.

A trial will be put in place from 7th February with MCG permission.

Liaison person is Daniel Powells. In association with Camper Mate app.

Self contained units only and 2 night max /month with a maximum number of units /night.

Beth pointed out that freedom camping is already legal in the Warf area.

Simon to liaise with Daniel Powells.

j)**IT** (Amanda Stewart) Working on a common portal with other community groups in Pt Wells/ Omaha etc.

k)**Community Garden** (Trish and Robin)The garden has received a generous donation of $6,000 for the garden and education. The tank water situation is being closely monitored with the likely-hood of having to order a tanker of water in the future to be paid for by the Community Garden funds.

l)**MataCARnival** (Barbara Souter)

Everything is coming together for a great MataCARnival weekend.

Posters are now printed and ready for distribution around the community.

The website and Facebook pages are up and running.

There have been a number of very generous supporters for this project.

$10,000 Plume

$2,000 Grant from Rodney Local Board

$5,000 Gull Petrol

$2,000 Sotheby's Matakana

$2,000 Sotherby's Head Office

$4,000 Country Park John Baker

$1,000 Eddie Zhang

**Friday Night**

**Gala Night @ Plume Restaurant**

200 tickets @ $110 each to include a 3 course meal and a glass of Joy bubbles

Entertainment on arrival by The Brazilian Divas

Bayleys live auction (all action items worth over $1000)

On line silent auction

**Saturday**

**MataCARnival Market day**

**Sunday**

**MataCARnival @ The Country Park**

$5 dollar entrance and $50 VIP tickets

Procession, entertainment with a Caribbean Band and lots more!

**Needed**

Volunteers for Sunday

Auction items for Silent Auction on Sunday

Thank you to Barbara from the MCG for putting in the huge amount of work required for this project

m) **Concreting** of the steep areas on the Matakana/Omaha cycle way. (Scott)

A grant of $8,750 has been given by AC for the concreting of the cycle way. Scott will organize this.

**Motion** Scott to implement. Proposed Simon. Seconded Robin

**Other Issues**

**Google Maps**

It has been noted that the whole Matakana is now designated as Laly Haddon Place! Jenni Francis has notified Google Maps of this error.

**Beth Houlbrooke**

Project priorities.

Beth notes that in the 2014 Local Board Plan Matakana does not get much mention.

The next issue is in 2018 and it is very important for us to make submissions for the next issue as individuals or as groups. All kinds of projects can be proposed; short term or aspirational.

The possibility of Matakana becoming a BIDs (Business Improvement District ) was discussed but thought to be impractical in this context.

**Meeting Closed 9.10pm**

**Next Meeting March 2nd in the small meeting Hall behind Matakana Village Hall**