**Minutes MCG meeting 1st June 2017 ,7.30pm**

**Meeting Room , Matakana Village Hall**

**Present: Simon, Liz, Fiona, Richard, Trish, Sally (Mahurangi Matters),Jenni, Bianca(Junction Magazine), Chelsea, Scott, Amanda, Anna, Amy, Barbara, Murray, Carol, Beth(LRB) Greg(AC)**

**Apologies:Alison,Richard,Neville,Robin**

**Minutes from May meeting (Simon/Murray) carried**

**Financial reports For April (Simon/Liz) carried**

**1)Sale of Grey Bridge (Scott)** still not sold but maybe it could be part of another upcoming project.

**2) Tamahunga Walking Bridge (Simon)** Simon has been in contact with Melanie and theproposed start date is now 1st September 17

**3)Jubillee Park (Simon)** The lease is not yet signed as a common seal needs to be used to validate the contract.

David O'Sullivan is keen to become the president of the new Tennis Club. He is prepared to spearhead fundraising events such as a film evening/ a do at The Sawmill Brewery to pay for the Astroturf covering. Other funding options will also be looked into.

The concrete surfacing is almost finished. Murray questioned whether the surface put down by AC is going to be suitable for Astroturfing and he is concerned about the ongoing maintenance . Simon responded that there has been extensive ongoing discussion with AC around the surfacing of the courts and there should be a sufficient paper trail in place to support us if it fails to come up to expectations.

**July 30th Planting Bee**

**Needs Assessment for Jubilee Park (Chelsea)** She has received some feedback from locals about what they would like to see developed on this 6acre site, mostly from the Pony Club, but is seeking/needs more input from any interested parties. The request will be disseminated around the local community again.

**4)School Parking (Scott)** The field is too wet now for work to start. We need to wait until the site has dried out after winter.

**5)IT (Amanda)** The first stage of the website ( the main portal)is now complete. Second stage for links to individual community links is soon to be started.

**6)Swales at Matakana Green Site (Scott/Murray)** These are causing concern for the residents at the new subdivision. These swales are not just drains but are the stormwater retention ponds for the site but are open along the road side. They may be able to be linked with the storm water retention ponds that will need to be in place for the new subdivision over the road which will discharge into the stream. These are a separate concern to the Matakana Valley Road drains but both are the responsibility of AC. Both are very poorly designed and present very real hazards.

Maybe the way forward to get some action on these issues is for residents to lodge complainants with AC remembering to get a reference number/name/time and date.

**7)Mahurangi Waste Busters (Trish)** The request for Expressions of Interest for waste services at the Lawries Road and Rusty Brook Rd transfer stations has come out today. Over the next 6 weeks an EOI will be prepared and sent in (deadline 24th July) under the name Mahurangi Waste Busters. AC will then evaluate and shortlist the EOI s and those Shortlisted will receive a Request for Proposal on 2nd Oct (closing date for RFPs 13th Nov). At the same time a Charitable Trust will be set up. Letters of support to go with the EOI would be much appreciated.

**8)Warf Planting (Simon)** Neville has met with AC. The area is in urgent need of an upgrade. It is unstable, requires weed control and new plantings.

**9)Cycle way Matakana to Warkworth and extensions from Puhoi to Pakiri (Chelsea/Scott/Beth)** This could be a very exciting initiative to link the Matakana cycleway to Warkworth AandP Showgrounds. The route has a number of sections already in place but the whole overland route still needs to be linked with co-operation of landowners along the route. Mark MacKay of Baileys Real Estate is helping in the design of the route with his local knowledge of landownership and boundaries.

Beth reported that there is also a Greenways initiative to link Puhoi to Pakiri with a cycle route and this has been a yearlong project so far. $250,000 has been allocated for the design and engineering of the route which will be carried out over the next year. Then funding for the construction of the physical route will need to be found later.

**10)Maintenance of present cycleway (Scott)** The sealing of the upper part on the Matakana side between the board walk and Takatu Road is about to be carried out. The pine trees on the other side of the road have been felled and this part of the track is to be realigned.

**11)Green Collective (Amanda)** July is to be a Plastic Bag Free Month and Damion at The Four Square Dairy is going to trial being plastic bag free. There is going to be an initiative for shoppers to use Boomerang Bags to facilitate this. Paper bags might also be used as an alternative but this will require some kind of sponsorship.

**12)Update from Greg Sayers the Rodney representative on AC.** Greg came to the MCG meeting to update us on his role in AC. He talked about establishing a working relationship between AC, LRB and Mark Mitchell (MP) and is aiming to establish more transparency in the financial day-to-day spending of AC and their decision making. He is pushing for the use of local contractors for projects where possible and establishing a whistle blowing number so the public can alert the AC auditor of areas in which AC appears to be spending rate payers money unnecessarily.

**13)Shape Auckland (Beth)** The Draft of the Strategic Plans for Local Boards is now available for consultation. There has been a move to re-consider the possibility for targeted rates to help fund local projects such as road sealing, building a swimming pool or other specific projects in the community. These would be in addition to the AC rates.

Simon suggested a targeted audit of specific departments to avoid crossover spending where more than one agency is involved.

**14)School Crossing (Anna)** The issue of the school crossing is still not resolved even though the present situation is patently unsafe. There was discussion around alternative crossing options.

**Meeting Closed 9pm**