



MINUTES
12 August 2015
Meeting opened:
7:00 pm

NO:	Item Discussed	Outcome/Info to follow up	Follow Up By
1.	Apologies: Laressa Shenfield, Peter Chapman, Sid Doecke, Amiria Thompsett		
2.	Present: Deedee Bancroft, Jamie Arbuckle, Dave Oliver, David Miller (Secretary), Neville Miller, Mike Van Loon, Suzie Harris, Jack & Sue Curtis, Ali Allan, Paige Arbuckle, Jessica Bagge Tim Thomas (speaker)		
3.	Confirmation of previous minutes Confirmation of Previous Minutes	Moved: Mike Van Loon Confirmed: Neville Miller	
4.	Matters arising from previous minutes: Regarding the footpath on Taylor river going towards Duncannon stops at the bridge by Raupo. BRRA would like to see it go all the way to Duncannon. Clr Arbuckle said the plans are for the footpath to go up towards Burleigh bridge, not the other direction. Suggest we submit to Asset & Services meeting or talk with Robin Dunne to include in Bike/Walk Marlborough. Dave to attend if possible.		DO
5.	Inwards Correspondence		
AGENDA			
6.	Item 1. Tim Thomas – Smart & Connected CBD Tim explained how the group was formed, the business owners of the CBD wanted more to happen as 30% of foot traffic had decreased over the last 20 years. Prior groups had tried but lacked governance. Smart and connected Colin Bass has helped them get sorted, establish a steering group funded by a separate CBD rate. This group works by business owners paying a small fee to help pay for everything so it doesn't come out of Rate Payer funds. Council supports and a decision/vote as whether to proceed or not will be determined by a vote of interested parties. The want to see revitalization work carried out.		

	<p>Internet shopping has a large impact on viability of business alternatives. E.g. Free Parking like Nelson for 60mins then pay for anytime thereafter. Overseas have seen a huge increase of foot traffic with the introduction of free parking. Malls are a good example...people go there because it has free parking and everything is all there.</p> <p>Important areas they are looking at is Bythell Place, Market square (the Forum) and other areas to make the CBD more vibrant. Using the ideas of Kobus Menz and adding some artwork around town would be great as there is nothing showing what we have around our region when we go in to town at the moment.</p> <p>They support the Entranceway enhancement. They have looked at the roads and being difficult to navigate through.</p> <p>They would like to set up Riverside park. An opportunity to socialise and enjoy the day and have lunch somewhere green.</p> <p>They have been looking at options for the Christmas tree similar to our submission. One at the forum or utilise one in Seymour square, somewhere safe for the children and well lit. There will be an opportunity to submit in September.</p> <p>Big thanks to Tim for coming to talk to us, we look forward to hearing more about the CBD plans and how we can help.</p>	
	<p>Item 2. Discussion on where to from here</p> <p>Discussion when Tim left regarding if we would like to see if we would like to be Smart & Connected and have Colin Bass attend. We were invited to attend the Havelock meeting last month but no one was available to attend.</p> <p>Seems the council may have more of a say in what we can submit against as a public forum. They seem to choose the projects and may have more control over the group so if we were to look at Smart & Connected it would be council lead with them heading specific projects and residents doing the work voluntarily.</p> <p>Suggestion that we approach other groups like youth groups, Grey Power, Rotary etc so that we can get our name out there more. Dee to approach Grey Power initially as they had Gladys attending meetings until she got sick.</p> <p>Send flyers to more groups to publish in their newsletters, Riverdale House, This & That and also Lyne Reeves to send to other community groups.</p> <p>Comment from Mrs Curtis to do more intensive promotion and do a flyer drop with a good heading to invite the community to our meetings. Also</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DB</p> <p>DB</p>

	<p>target social media. Deedee has started a Facebook Group which we need to get more traction on though we are getting at least 3 per week joining.</p> <p>Deedee to ask Michael Rea if he would print some flyers, Neville to ask Custom Copy and Mike V to ask Warehouse Stationery. Target Springlands first with some pamphlets being dropped off by volunteers from the BRARA group.</p> <p>Any other ideas please bring to the next meeting.</p>	DB MV NM
	GENERAL BUSINESS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzie addressed a concern about council that was on an email from Chamber of Commerce reporting that Council debt level is to increase/double. Opinions were given but we would see what the councils' response would be. • Next meeting to be Wednesday 9th September • Agenda for next meeting Membership drive – ideas to attract Park equipment for disabled 	
	There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 2045hrs	