



**MINUTES**  
**09 September 2015**  
**Meeting opened:**  
**7:00 pm**

NO:	Item Discussed	Outcome/Info to follow up	Follow Up By
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Jamie Arbuckle, Jessica Bagge, Laressa Shenfield,		
2.	<b>Present:</b> Deedee Bancroft, Neville Miller, Mike Van Loon, Jack & Sue Curtis, Ali Allan, Rosie Darling, Virginia King, Linda MacDonald, Binti Gurung, Bruce Chilcott, John Thompson, Bert Hendrickx, G & D Grundt  The Chairperson, on behalf of the BRRA thanked Dietmar Schnarre for donating a voucher to the Association and for the FOC venue for the meetings.		
3.	<b>Confirmation of previous minutes</b>  Confirmation of Previous Minutes <div>Moved: Mike Van Loon Confirmed: Neville Miller</div>		
4.	<b>Matters arising from previous minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A call to repeat submissions presented by BRRA i.e. Bike Marlborough on building new bike trails. Meet with Robin Dunne to discuss further.</li></ul>		DB
5.	<b>Inwards Correspondence</b> Received from David Miller of Marlborough Sounds Futures Forum advising BRRA of an upcoming meeting to be held on 27 September. Further details to be advised.		DB
	AGENDA		
6.	<b>Item 1. Building relationships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Chairperson, Deedee Bancroft, reiterated the BRRA was keen on building strong relationships with the MDC and other organisations such as Smart &amp; Connected, Grey Power in making Blenheim a better place for everyone.</li></ul>		
	<b>Item 2. Discussion on where to from here</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Our main push is to encourage as many people to attend the Blenheim Residents &amp; Ratepayers Assn monthly meetings. Currently about 4-8</li></ul>		DB

	<p>people attend meetings (differing each meeting) though our online group is growing in numbers about 2-3 per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 9,000 super annuitants in Blenheim and it's important that this group has a voice on issues of concern. A suggestion that we have afternoon meetings instead of evening meetings.</li> <li>• BRRA is featured on the MDC website and the Marlborough Express listed the upcoming meeting hence some newcomers came to the meeting keen to hear what issues were being discussed. A flyer was also sent out courtesy of Michael Rea, First National Real Estate. Thank you to Michael for printing the flyers FOC for us. This are all the ways how the newcomers found out about the meeting tonight.</li> <li>• Grey Power President, Brian McNamara is looking in to providing a replacement for Gladys to come along to BRRA to report back on any related issues of interest.</li> <li>• MDC are proposing to replace the recycling bins we currently have with Wheelie Bins at \$127 per household, an additional charge on top of Rates</li> <li>• Earthcare has also offered a package deal for 3 different sized Wheelie bins at \$2, \$4 &amp; \$8 on a per weekly/monthly basis independently of MDC. For further discussion.</li> <li>• The new ASB Theatre was discussed. Positive &amp; negative comments were made by some attendees. It was explained by a new Theatre volunteer that the addition to the complex (including the conference venue &amp; Clubs) was intended to be the "Town Hall" of Blenheim and something to be proud of. Smart &amp; Connected group are overseeing new signage to be strategically placed at the entrance of town which would direct visitors/traffic to Alfred Street and the CBD.</li> <li>• Membership drive – Deedee asked for more ideas of how we can grow the membership. Some suggestions were – through website notices, social media, flyers and the Soap Box at the Artisan Market on Saturday mornings. She would welcome any further ideas.</li> <li>• Special needs – Deedee met with Jenny Andrews, Councillor in July and was advised there is no funding for special needs play equipment in this years budget. Deedee told Jenny and associates that we would do fundraising for equipment if need be in which Jenny said she would come along and help.</li> </ul> <p>Deedee researched the merry go round idea BRRA had submitted on the year before as well as the liberty swing and was informed a closed in basket swing would be a better option as the first two incur a lot of extra costs to communities once installed. Deedee advised council of this information and saw this week that a basket swing has been installed in Camborne Green. Unsure if we should still look at fundraising so will see what Council plans are for the future.</p>	
	<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Next meeting to be on <u>Wednesday 14 October 2015</u></i></b></li> <li>• <b>Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates</li> <li>• Better fiscal management /responsibility of Ratepayers funds by the MD Council</li> <li>• Cleaner Greener Blenheim</li> <li>• Solar power lighting for the town</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better signage into town from SH 1 and other significant roads</li> <li>• Park equipment update</li> <li>• What are the objectives of the BRRA and what would members like to have covered at meetings.</li> <li>• A list to be drawn up of items to be discussed/actioned.</li> </ul>	
	There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 8.40pm	