

Blenheim Residents and Ratepayers Association Minutes for Meeting 14th October 2015 7pm.

Attending: Deedee Bancroft, Gladys Tillard, Jessica Bagge, Neville Miller, Binti Gurung, Sid Doecke, Joan Adams, Mike Van Loon, John Thompson, Linda MacDonald

Apologies: Jack and Sue; Jamie Arbuckle; Laressa Shenfield; Virginia King; Rosie Darling; Moved: Mike
Seconded: Neville Passed

Matters Arising from the last Minutes: Thank you to Virginia King for doing the last minutes. Bert suggested MDC Discussions be carried over and invite Wheeler to talk before or after he takes over office. Afternoon Meetings no good.

General Business:

1. Linda: We need to clean up Blenheim better than it is. I have found dumped delivery pamphlets in the river. The rubbish around the Railway Station, I-Site area and along the tracks between Kinross Street and Stuart Street, needs to be picked up more often than it is. Horton Park bins need to be emptied more often than they are. Invite Alec to talk. Hebs Construction looks after the bins and Nel/Mac looks after the shrubs. Linda was asked by Deedee to draft an email to her to action this request on behalf of BRRA. Suggestion to report to the Midweek paper and/or the Sun paper.
2. Solar Power Lighting in CBD – to be discussed with CEO when he comes to a meeting.
3. Jessica: Signage into town from every main thoroughfare – MC have already got the drafts for these, they just need to make up their minds on what should go where.
4. Deedee: Park Equipment for older IHC children – a basket swing was set up in Tremorne Ave, other equipment probably not going to happen. Sid suggested that BRRA approach the Blenheim Trust to get a grant to help with the costs.
5. Deedee: Other objectives for the BRRA group to look at – Everybody to put their thinking caps on and come back to meetings with their suggestions.
6. Gladys: Development of the George Street and Vevian Place Area: The Council have developed a corner section in Vevian Place for the older tenants of these flats to use as a Walk-In Park. They have allowed the tenants to have a Community Garden at one end and are looking at putting in some tables and seats around the rest of the site. The tenants thank the Council and Maataawaka very much for this. This garden is fully planted and we are eating its produce. The people are appreciating the fresh free vegetables, the exercise and the social aspect of the whole thing. It has got people interacting better with their neighbours, a BIG plus for the neighbourhood. The PHO are suggesting Community Gardens for other parts of Blenheim for the people to get involved in for health and nutritional benefits.
7. Sid: Funding and a Committee needed for BRRA – suggested that a members fee of \$10 be a good start and build from there with grants and donations. Deedee asked to keep in touch with the Flaxbourne reports and their progress also, the Shand report.
8. What's in the air of Blenheim – The pollens that are in the air at the moment are effecting a great deal of the residents of Blenheim health-wise. The N/MDHB are very aware of this and working on the problem. – Jess to look into.

Next Meeting Christmas Final meeting until February 2016 - Agenda depending on attendance:

1. Alec speaker for Cleaner Greener Blenheim
2. Mark Wheeler position on Council
3. Solar Lighting in CBD
4. Fund Officially – no liabilities
5. Plan for 2016

Meeting ended at 8.20 pm. Next Meeting: 11th November 2015 at 7 pm.