



**Minutes of a Meeting  
of the Blenheim Residents and Ratepayers Association  
held on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 7:00pm  
in the Dodson Street Function Room**

NO.	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
1	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Dave Olliver, Mike Van Loon, Sallie Bancroft, Deedee Bancroft, Clr Jessica Bagge, Clr Laressa Shenfield</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>That the apologies be accepted.</b> Moved Gladys Tillard, seconded Sue Curtis <b><u>CARRIED</u></b></p> <p><i>With the Chairperson Deedee Bancroft absent, Vice Chairperson Gladys Tillard chaired the meeting.</i></p>	
2	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Gladys Tillard (Vice Chairperson), Corey Hebberd (Secretary), Sue Curtis (Committee), Jack Curtis, Peter Chapman, Neville Miller, Tony Girling, David Miller, Linda MacDonald, John Whetren, Catherine Guard, Clr Jamie Arbuckle, John Thompson</p>	
3	<p><b>Confirmation of previous minutes:</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2016 were circulated and taken as read.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.</b> Moved Peter Chapman, seconded Linda MacDonald <b><u>CARRIED</u></b></p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>	
5	<b>General Business</b>	
	<p><b>Inwards Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Item 1: Annual Plan Submission Update</b></p> <p>Clr Jamie Arbuckle updated the meeting on the results of MDC's recently conducted Annual Plan process. Salient points included:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A forecast rates increase of 2.2%, compared to the LTP forecast of 2.46%</li> <li>• A number of projects have received funding from reserves</li> <li>• A number of matters raised have been referred to Council committees for consideration and progression</li> <li>• Option 3 was the preferred and adopted water affordability process</li> </ul> <p>Specifically, in relation to the BRRA's submission, Clr Arbuckle advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dog park for Blenheim was being investigated, with Renwick's dog park opening within 3-6 months</li> <li>• Wither Hills proposal was passed to a committee for consideration</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossing proposal was passed to a committee for consideration</li> <li>• Skatepark plans would be progressed in coming months</li> </ul> <p>Attendees raised concerns, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council reserves are increasingly depleted, with subdivision proceeds and forestry income projected to fall sharply in the later years of the LTP period</li> <li>• That projects were taking too long to come to fruition, e.g. toilets for cruise ship visitors</li> <li>• That rates were increasing for a population where many had fixed and low incomes</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Item 2: Blenheim Bypass</b></p> <p>Corey Hebbard advised all in attendance that local MP Stuart Smith was seeking feedback on the proposed Blenheim Bypass project, and such feedback could be given via Mr Smith's website, <a href="http://www.stuartsmith.co.nz">www.stuartsmith.co.nz</a>.</p>	
	<p><b>Agenda Plan for next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was suggested that a representative from Destination Marlborough (potentially the General Manager Tracy Johnson) be invited to present to the BRRA on Destination Marlborough's activities.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> Meeting closed at 8:35pm.  <b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 13 July 2016, 7:00pm</p>		