



**Minutes of a Meeting
of the Blenheim Residents and Ratepayers Association
held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 6:50pm
in the Dodson Street Function Room**

NO.	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
1	<p>Apologies: Gladys Tillard, Cllr Laressa Shenfield, Cllr Jamie Arbuckle, David Miller, Alistair Allen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">That the apologies be accepted. Moved Deedee Bancroft, seconded Sue Curtis <u>CARRIED</u></p>	
2	<p>Present:</p> <p>Sallie Bancroft, Corey Hebbard, Deedee Bancroft, Sue Curtis, Jack Curtis, Tush Curtis, Andy Clackson, Jessica Bagge, Jean Chilcott, Bruce Chilcott, Neville Miller, Dave Oliver, Alan McCutcheon, Linda MacDonald, Tony Girling, Allan Coburn, Helen Hamilton, Ross Hamilton, Jo Kerry, Colin King</p>	
3	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2016 were circulated and taken as read.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved Corey Hebbard, seconded Sue Curtis <u>CARRIED</u></p>	
4	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MDC's Annual Plan has now been approved and is available for viewing on Council's website. A link will also be placed on BRRA's website. An average 2.46% rates increase was included in the Annual Plan. 	
General Business		
5	<p>Inwards Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An invitation was received by XX for BRRA to be a member of XX. It was agreed that David Miller continue in this role, as he currently represents BRRA. 	
	<p>Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's Report <p>Treasurer Sallie Bancroft reported that work was progressing to establish BRRA's banking with KiwiBank. Funds were currently being held as cash. Income was membership fees. A notice/reminder for people to pay membership fees would be placed on the BRRA website and email.</p>	

	<p>Item 1: Local Government Candidate Meetings</p> <p>Corey Hebberd advised all in attendance that there was some uncertainty still if The Marlborough Express would facilitate and hold the candidate debates held in previous years for local government candidates, and cited this as a good opportunity for BRRRA to raise its profile in Blenheim, by hosting a meeting in the similar format.</p> <p>The group agreed in principle to convene the meetings, with logistics/timing to be discussed at a later date.</p>	
	<p>Item 2: ASB Theatre Petition</p> <p>Sue Curtis raised that the ASB Theatre Petition was not mandated by a meeting (despite being mandated by the Chairperson). Despite this, the petition received around 250 signatures and had significant media exposure for BRRRA. Most in attendance supported the petition, with some suggestions that offline petitioning could have gained extra signatures.</p>	
	<p>Item 3: Senior Net</p> <p>Sue Curtis advised that SeniorNet were holding an open day on 28 July from 10am – 3pm, with morning tea being provided. The open day would be held at SeniorNet’s 14 Alana Place building.</p>	
	<p>Item 4: Marlborough Environment Plan</p> <p>Jo Kerry presented a document about the Marlborough Environment Plan, which proposes disallowing old fireplaces for Blenheim. She particularly cited it would cost ~\$5k to replace existing fireplaces, and increase equity loss and health risks.</p>	
	<p>Item 5: Grove Road Plantings</p> <p>The Marlborough Landscape Group have completed beautification plantings on Grove Road near Placemakers. Discussion arose regarding the ongoing cost of these plantings and who pays for that.</p>	
	<p>Item 6: Marlborough Economy</p> <p>It was noted that Council’s Regional Planning Committee had cancelled 50% of their meetings in the last year due to lack of agenda items.</p>	
	<p>Agenda Plan for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracy Johnson from Destination Marlborough or Nicola Coburn from The Marlborough Express (TBC) 	
<p>Meeting Closed: Meeting closed at 8:10pm. Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 August 2016, 7:00pm</p>		