



**Minutes of a Meeting
of the Blenheim Residents and Ratepayers Association
held on Wednesday 10 August at 6:50pm
in the Dodson Street Function Room**

NO.	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
1	<p>Apologies: Peter Chapman, Sue Curtis, Jack Curtis, Sallie Bancroft, Dave Olliver, Jamie Arbuckle (for lateness)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">That the apologies be accepted. Moved Deedee Bancroft, seconded Dave Miller <u>CARRIED</u></p>	
2	<p>Present: Gladys Tillard, Deedee Bancroft, John Whetren, Corey Hebbard, Bruce Chilcott, Jean Chilcott, Jessica Bagge, Linda MacDonald, Allan Coburn, David Miller, Mike Van Loon, Stella Wadsworth, Tony Girling, Ross Hamilton, Helen Hamilton, Colin King, Laressa Shenfield, Neville Miller, Graham Hill, Liz Davidson, Jo Kerry</p>	
3	<p>Confirmation of previous minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2016 were circulated and taken as read. The Secretary proposed one amendment, that "XX" in Section 5 of Inwards Correspondence be amended to read "the Marlborough Marine Futures Stakeholder Working Group".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, subject to the amendment being made. Moved Deedee Bancroft, seconded Corey Hebbard <u>CARRIED</u></p>	
4	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Jessica Bagge spoke to the Marlborough Environment Plan, particularly around its relevance to the industrial sector, education and the requirements of cell phone towers. The Chairperson invited those in attendance to visit http://woodburnersunite.weebly.com/ for information about the woodburner changes. • Gladys Tillard was tasked with investigating a joint candidates meeting with Greypower that was in the evening, allowing people to attend outside of normal working hours. 	
5	General Business	
	<p>Inwards Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email from Nicola Chavaul of the Marlborough District Council had been received advising the BRRA on the outcome of Council's Annual Plan process. 	

	<p>That the correspondence be received and noted. Moved Deedee Bancroft, seconded Gladys Tillard <u>CARRIED</u></p>	
	<p>Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer's Report The Chairperson tabled the Treasurer's report in her absence. BRRA's banking was now established with KiwiBank. The report noted who the signatories of the account were, and noted that for the interests of the Society, that Deedee Bancroft and Sally Bancroft could not sign together. <p>That the Treasurer's Report be received. Moved Deedee Bancroft, seconded Ross Hamilton <u>CARRIED</u></p>	
	<p>Item 1: Bonfires and Burning</p> <p>Issues around burning fires on the outskirts of Blenheim were raised, in particular where smoke was seen drifting over and through Blenheim and other urban suburbs. It was indicated that it is unreasonable to expect the banning of woodburners when there is limited restrictions on burning near urban areas.</p> <p>It was noted that submissions for the Marlborough Environment Plan closed on 1 September 2016.</p> <p>It was agreed that BRRA make a submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stating an interest in the Plan Encouraging Council to increase education on environmentally sound burning practices and greenwaste disposal Asking Council to consider the impact of industry in relation to air pollution <p>Clr Shenfield and Arbuckle declared an interest as members of the Plan's Decision Making Panel.</p>	
	<p>Item 2: Wine Research Funding</p> <p>Issues around the fairness of rates being allocated to the Wine Research Centre were discussed. Those in attendance were advised that much of the funding is funded from Wairau Awatere rates – a portion of which is funded by viticulture businesses and vineyard operators/owners.</p> <p>A recent summit was held with the wine industry and Council CEO Mark Wheeler explained Council's role as one of facilitation: ensuring that adequate zoning and infrastructure was in place and that costs were fairly allocated.</p>	
	<p>Item 3: Fluoride</p> <p>A brief discussion was held on water fluoridation with mixed views. The Chairperson encouraged people to research extensively both sides of the argument. It was noted that BRRA has no official position on water fluoridation.</p>	

	Agenda Plan for next meeting:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Election/Candidate Forum: any questions/topics can be emailed to blenheimrra@gmail.com.	
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