



**Minutes of a Meeting  
of the Blenheim Residents and Ratepayers Association  
held on Wednesday 12 October at 6:50pm  
in the Dodson Street Function Room**

NO.	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP
1	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Deedee Bancroft, Gladys Tillard, Sallie Bancroft, Peter Chapman, Laressa Shenfield, Tony Girling, Maggie Girling</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>That the apologies be accepted.</b> Moved Dave Oliver, seconded Sue Curtis <b><u>CARRIED</u></b></p>	
2	<p><b>Present:</b> Corey Hebberd (Acting Chairperson), Allan Coburn, Graham Hill, Linda MacDonald, Jamie Arbuckle, Dave Oliver, Sue Curtis, Jack Curtis, Neville Miller</p>	
3	<p><b>Confirmation of previous minutes:</b>  The minutes of the meeting of 10 August 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 Corey Hebberd, 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>• 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 <a href="http://woodburnersunite.weebly.com/">http://woodburnersunite.weebly.com/</a> for information about the woodburner changes.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>General Business</b>	
	<p><b>Inwards Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was no inwards correspondence for noting</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer's Report</b> In the absence of the Treasurer, the Acting Chairperson presented a verbal Treasurer's Report, and also sought approval for the reimbursement of Deedee Bancroft's expenses relating to the printing of fliers. The total cost was \$55 and the</li> </ul>	

	<p>printing work was completed by local company Custom Copy Ltd who were owned by a charitable trust.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>That the Treasurer's Report be received and the payment to reimburse Deedee Bancroft be approved.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moved Sue Curtis, seconded Neville Miller</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><u>CARRIED</u></b></p>	
	<p><b>Item 1: 2016 Election Results</b></p> <p>The Acting Chairperson tabled the 2016 Local Body Election results. The following were noted as elected:</p> <p><b>Mayoralty</b> LEGGETT John</p> <p><b>Marlborough Sounds Ward (3 vacancies)</b> TAYLOR Nadine ODDIE David HOOK Trevor</p> <p><b>Wairau-Awatere Ward (3 vacancies)</b> BROOKS Cynthia EVANS Geoff HOPE Gerald</p> <p><b>Blenheim Ward (7 vacancies)</b> ARBUCKLE Jamie ANDREWS Jenny DAWSON Brian PETERS Mark SLOAN Terry SHENFIELD Laressa FITZPATRICK Michael</p> <p>It was agreed that the new Blenheim Ward Councillors should be contacted about BRRA.</p>	
	<p><b>Item 2: Review of Grey Power/BRRA Joint Election Meeting</b></p> <p>The group discussed the recently held Grey Power/BRRA Joint Election Meeting with Blenheim Ward candidates. There was a general consensus that this meeting was well advertised, well attended and of benefit for those who attended.</p> <p>Congratulations were expressed at the work done by Dean Heiford and Ross Banbury, as well as Barbara Hutchinson of Grey Power for the work organising the event.</p>	
	<p><b>Item 3: Speakers for Upcoming Meetings</b></p> <p>Ideas for speakers for upcoming BRRA meetings in 2017 included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor John Leggett</li> <li>• Tracy Johnston of Destination Marlborough</li> <li>• Blenheim Ward Councillors "Meet the Councillors Evening"</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Item 4: Grape Marc</b></p> <p>Concern was expressed that Council Chief Executive Mark Wheeler had recently indicated funding may be provided from Council to assist with the management of grape marc waste.</p>	

	<p>It was generally understood that Council had a role to play in regulatory functions around the disposal, but not in terms of actual disposal and management of the disposal.</p> <p>The question was raised as to whether the Chief Executive of Council had authority to decide on what activity (such as grape marc disposal) was funded by Council.</p>	
	<p><b>Item 5: Building/Resource Consent Issues</b></p> <p>Dave Oliver noted that new building/resource consent rules limited the number of people permitted to live in homes who were paying to stay. MDC were understood to be checking accommodation and enforcing the number of people permitted to pay to stay in the home with the owner.</p> <p>It was suggested more information be sought from Bill East/Craig Blaam regarding the situation.</p>	
	<p><b>Agenda Plan for next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final meeting of the year – looking ahead to 2017</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> Meeting closed at 7:30pm.  <b>Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 9 November 2016</p>		