

Oratia Ratepayers and Residents Minutes

April 4, 2014, 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 – 9:00 at Oratia Small Hall

Attending: Jean van Polanen Petel (left 9:05), Jane Binsley, Penny Sparks, Dave Smith, , Local Board Representative Greg Presland, Sue Dell Oratia Local re Community Partol

Apologies Robin Kewell, Gary Henderson

Open Forum

Sue Dell: Community Patrol currently have 20 volunteers from Waitarua Henderson valley and Oratia. Crime prevention, There is a marked vehicles which the volunteers use to patrol the local roads particularly during the day (highest crime time in our area.) Reporting any suspicious behaviour to police or rubbish dumping. And talking to community. Patrol during the day and early evening 7 days. They need more volunteers. And would like to run more patrols. They are also available for traffic management at local events.

Council report - with Greg Presland

- There is \$330,000 dollars available previously marked for Oratia land purchase that we can possibly reuse for Masterplan. He is awaiting details from Richard Manna and Claire Liousse this week on Oratia Master plan Project Costs.
- 1.5 million local board transport budget is named unallocated in last council budget. We request some of this funding for the Streetscaping portion of Oratia Masterplan (Penny)
- Rates relief - Rates relief for SEA's is being advocated for within council and discussed. SEA's should be rated differently advocated.
- Transport levy for Oratia - no transport if we don't have buses - reduced rates
- Funding allocation for the local boards being reviewed - could be budget cut of 40 percent for Waitakere if the allocation is population based. They are advocating to council for a fair deal.

(Thank Greg for his input and leaves meeting.)

Minutes accepted as true and correct:

Correspondence: received (Dave, Jo)

Finance report: . Cashflow report received Dave Jo

Penny will follow up with Audrey to confirm incomes. Cleaning query prices.

Dave tabled preliminary draft for hall hire fees. He will do some further work to confirm an Annual proposed income/budget if these were the new fees.

Halls : Tables to be resurfaced. Jean

Floor Vinyl for small hall bathroom penny,

Septic pump light is flashing and someone is coming to look at the pump.

Heritage Funding: After some investigation, we were not able to apply for the Heritage Fund despite having received it previously. The reason given is we are a council owned hall so council should look after the buildings. In the process of this investigation Heritage architect , Stephen James from Council, came to view the Settlers Hall. The Settlers Hall is no longer strictly heritage with the new additions so wouldn't be within his scope. But he suggested that the frontage of the building could be updated to tie in with the Timber siding better. He said the side entrance was previously the most popular option to stay out of the weather but now thinking was that an inviting entrance was more important. He suggested one possibility of

removing the bricks and recladding with timber, and moving the entrance to the front as per the original building. He suggested Jones Architects <http://www.jonesarchitects.co.nz/> who specialise in Villas in Auckland. Pursuing this as a project could be a possibility with Trust funding depending what parts of the Masterplan will be covered by council.

Upcoming AGM May 27

- Need to advertise on the Website and next Apple, (Penny, Jane)
- Sign. (Robyn)
- Jo's not refreshments.
- Possibility of an exhibition at AGM (Penny to research).'
- Audited accounts (Gillian,)
- Treasurer needed.
- Printed out minutes needed. (Penny)
- Dave m.c. Read presidents report. (Dave)
- Re - elect President, Gary Henderson is offering to stand again.
- Talks on Web statistics. Apple.

9.30 pm