Oratia Residents and Ratepayers Meeting

10 November 2015

7.30pm at the Small hall.

Attending : Robin Kewell, Brian Lythe, Jo Hall, Dave Smith, Jonathan Wood, Ben Chester, Local Board Rep : Greg Presland.

Apologies : Jean van Polanen Petel, Penny Sparks.

1. Minutes from last month’s meeting accepted – Brian Lythe /Robin Kewell
2. APPLE update: Drop box has been set up.

Deadline for copy is Wednesday 25th November. Some discussion as to possible content for the Christmas issue.

1. Hall chairs : We are still on the search for some reasonably priced, yet comfortable and durable chairs for the main hall. Looking at purchasing 50 chairs for approx. $100 each. Robin to acquire a couple of samples and bring to hall this week, for committee members to view, sit and vote on.
2. Local Board Update: Greg Pressland
3. Rural Rates Review: Council has shifted it’s position and now proposes that every urban landowner should contribute. $3 - $6 rate increase per year for smaller blocks. See website Topic : General Rates Consultation.
4. Transport Levy – Uniform general charge. Business rates to go up 1.5% and residential up 4.2% per year. This is proposed to continue each year until 2025. Feedback needed to consultation document. (see Current Consultations document on website).
5. Local Projects: Footpaths. Oratia to Parrs Park. Presently this is at the design stage and signing off of costs by the end of the year.
6. Hall Funding: Greg will report back at next month’s meeting as to the Local Board’s decision to/or not to, increase the funding for the Oratia Halls.
7. South Titirangi Weed funding : Greg to email Penny to continue conversation regarding the breakdown of funding $’s to this group.
8. Auckland Transport Corridor Conversation: Submissions close Tuesday 17th November. Brian Lythe raised the question about the speed limits on our rural roads being too high. NZTA set the speeds on roads via the Draft Speed Management Plan. Consultation of this plan will occur with local community early in 2016 and the plan will come in to force in June 2016.
9. Interior painting of Hall grant application : The Local Board has their meeting on Thursday and will let us know of their decision after this.
10. Financial statement received – Dave Smith / Jonathan Wood.

*Question : Why is the Hall hire income down significantly, based on the monthly average? – Ben Chester.*

1. Hall Update:
2. Main hall has had fire exits brought up to standard… Dave.
3. Picnic table for the Oratia domain priced at $1640 for a solid 3m one. Dave, Jo, Ben and Jonathan all agreed to purchase two of these tables for the domain area. A site visit needed by all committee to discuss positioning of said tables as well as installation options.
4. Thanks to Penny Sparkes and Jane Binsley and young helpers who touched up the paint on the main hall cupboard doors under the stage on Sunday, prior to Rude Sunde’s funeral held there earlier today.

General Business:

‘Welcome to Oratia’ sign ideas – include these in the next APPLE and encourage feedback from community members.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

The next meeting of the ORRA will be held on Tuesday 8th December in the Small hall at 7.30pm.