**Oratia Ratepayers and Residents**

**Date:** 11/7/17

**Present:** Dave Smith, Jean van Polanen Petel, , Lorna Painter, Greg Presland (WRLB)

**Apologies:** Robin Kewell Ben Chester, Penny Sparks Jonathan Wood

**Location: Oratia Small Hall 7:30 - 9**

**Community Open Forum:** None present

**Board Update:**

1: Greg was briefed on the Council lease meeting last month.

**Action**: Greg to follow up on progress with the following Information requested at the meeting :

*(Extract of June minutes) Jonathan : Requested the legal opinion from Joanne Chilvers. And a copy from Donna Cooper of the Historical File for 567 West Coast Road dating back to 1987.*

*Donna is going on leave and returns 4 september. Yusuf will be our contact while she is away. Will send a template deed and maintenance schedule for council owned buildings*.

2: Use of excessively coarse chip on West Coast Road raised – Local Board guidelines appear to endorse the use of this instead of smooth seal. Greg advised that is not the intention of the guidelines – they are intended to direct the retention of coarse chip where it is currently used not the replacement of smooth surfaced roads with coarse chip.

**Action**: Greg to raise with AT and report back.

3: Areas of overgrowth into the roadway is of concern on areas of roads in the Waitakere area.

**Action:** Dave to document / photograph areas of concern and forward to Greg.

**Inward Correspondence:**

Oratia Pest and Weed control Project Update – Project Team Meeting is Monday 17th July at 7:30 at the Bowling Club. An ORRA representative will try to be there to keep across developments (Lorna?)

[Participatory-budgeting.](https://our.actionstation.org.nz/petitions/participatory-budgeting.) – link tabled for member review. An approach that may engage more in local political decisions.

Kauri Rescue – Newsletter tabled (emailed out) – Upcoming Hui in August.

**Accounts received:** No Accounts were presented at the meeting

**Communications:**  Apple Newsletter: Robin wasn’t present so no update.

**Halls:**

Dave to check with Robin about the Smoke Alarms. (not sure if done yet)

Minor purchases to be made of smokers (sand) bucket / Recycling bins for event use and bottle openers.

Booking issue on Saturday 8th where 2 hirers were unable access the halls or contact anyone. Situation discussed and the following agreed:

* We need an escalation point (or points) should Audrey be unreachable. These will (at a minimum) be posted in the Hall Exterior notice board.
* Quite why the keys were missing from the normal pickup point is still unknown. (They were all present before and after the weekend). Is it possible that a Sunday hire collected all the keys on the Saturday? There may be labelling improvements possible to help prevent this in future.

Lights and Crucible are now installed in the front garden.

Small hall exterior light still needs repair.

**Funding opportunities:**

None discussed

**Oratia Heritage Thanksgiving Event**: Tabled the proposal to fund the purchase of meat for the event consensus of those present was that $600 would be okay as our contribution to this free community event. – *Motion Carried*

**AGM: August 8th.**AGM. Local Board has been invited. . Ben price for Janice Parkin Catering**.** (aprox 35?) Robin buy beverages. Gillian has provided the accounts.

Closed 9pm