**ORATIA RATEPAYERS MINUTES - NOVEMBER**

When: 12/11/14, Tuesday 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Where: Oratia Small Hall

From: , Jean van Polanen Petel, Penny Sparks,

Gary Henderson, Dave Smith, Jo Hall , Greg Presland (Local Board Member)

Apologies: Robin Kewell Jane Binsley

**Minutes, Correspondence, (Finance Chair 2nd Dave)**

**Local Board Update:**

* Rates have gone up 3.5%. (original proposal was to hold increase to 2.5%) Business Rates will be Frozen (won’t go down as promised). But it will be better than expected for residential rates. House and property revaluations had an Average City Wide 30% increase. Oratia increase 16%.
* So there will be more budget for the local board than expected. Repercussions for individual local projects still to be determined but some projects may come back online.
* Transport not in most recent online agenda. But 6 big projects ( 2 Glen Eden cycleways will likely be deferred because of size, but the 4 oratia transport projects likely to go ahead.) So approx. million is still up for grabs and has not been decided on..
  + **The committee suggested the following additional transport projects:**
    - **A small foot bridge on Parrs Cross Road to Artisan (wooden?)**
    - **Safe crossing to be investigated at Project Twin Streams / Artisan crossing Parrs Cross Road**
    - **Kerb Build outs for West Coast Road as per masterplan.**
* Greg has not answered concerns raised in email yet re differences in project twin streams costs, and will bring full projects list and revised list for final budget..
* - Rodney Rural Halls – could we please get an update on what is being offered to Rodney halls, in terms of maintenance and ownership agreements in the current review.
  + Issue – Small Hall exterior paint is risk lead and flaking and we need some maintenance on the hall. Health and Safety issue. Penny to write to Gary Henderson and cc. Local Board. (Motion Dave Smith / Jo Hall)

Confirmation Minutes: Amend: Jo was at the meeting ! ( true and correct with amendment - Gary/Dave)

Matters Arising

* + Thank you for the Donation from Val Lyons in appreciation of the team who put together the Apple Newspaper
  + Oratia Settlers Museum requires a volunteer for 2 hours on Sunday**.** Keep on the Agenda.
  + Gary attended Unitary Plan Hearing – they are in the city and numerous and it is unlikely that the Ratepayers group (nor private individuals) will be able to attend the significant number of meetings in the city required to put forward an opinion.

**Correspondence:** (received )

* + Sandra Coney has someone working on a response to the questions sent regarding how the $500kest of Foothills money given to Community Waitakere is used.
  + Theme for Utility Box –
    - Telecom Cabinet (Carter and West Coast) Orchard Scene. - Can we chose the Artist?
    - Brief. Post office box was on that corner. Orcharding history. Heritage of the area. Or what happens here now.
    - Penny to respond.

**Financial Report: No**

**Apple – Robyn -** Nearly Ready.

**Halls**

Cleaning Audit. Dave To do.

Awaiting news re-funding for painting interior small hall from Heritage Fund. - Penny to check.

Jo - Griselia Tree in front garden. Might be actioned – spoke to gardeners

Roach Bomb – Settlers Hall. Dave to do.

Lights left on in Kitchen. Audrey to discuss with hirers. (Audrey).

**Transport:** Oratia/Waitarua bus service being cut. Make submissions on Webiste if this is a concern for you. No one on the committee uses the bus service.

**New Years Day Picnic is on this Year at Harre’s. Gary to send out list.**

**2014 :Christmas Committee Party: Jeans 5th December. Bring a plate. 6:30 BYO booze.**

**MAINTENANCE LIST**

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| **Settlers Hall** | Tradesperson |  | Status |
| **Cleaning Audit** |  | . 11/11/14 | Dave to Do |
| **Toilet Sliding door guide replace** | Handyman | Yes - Audrey |  |
| **Bottom Window Middle Ranch Slider** | Glazier | Yes - Audrey |  |
| **Lightfitting on LHS needs Replacing has melted away** |  | Robyn |  |
| **Steriliser (dishwasher) needs servicing** |  | Do - Audrey |  |
| **Stage Doors Magnets** | Scouts | Scouts, Audrey and Dave |  |
| **Backstage Cupboard** |  |  |  |
| **Male Toilet – tighten to ground** |  | Yes - Audrey |  |
| **Investigate timer option for Hot water tanks** |  | Do Audrey |  |
| **Locks on Windows** |  | Do - Audrey |  |
| **Take off old blow heaters and their switches** | Electrician | Do – add to Electricians job list |  |
| **Mould on Ceiling & Paint** |  | Penny following through on funding |  |
| **Oven Door** |  | Do – Audrey |  |
| **Electric LED lights in Settlers Kitchen as per motion** |  | In progress. Monitoring. Dave. |  |
| **Secure Coinbox in Small Hall** |  |  | Done |

Meeting Closed 10:10pm