

**Minutes of the meeting of the Newtown Residents' Association held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm Newtown Hall, Daniell St.**

**Present:** Cr Paul Eagle (part), Peter Frater, Bernie Harris, Tom Law, Peter Cooke, Carol Comber, Laura Newcombe, Peter Kennedy, Martin Hanley, Kate Zwartz, Sandra Crews, Stuart Bullen, Finbarr Clabby, Don Mackay, Merio Masters, Steve Dunn

**Apologies:** Cr Ian McKinnon, Cr Bryan Pepperell, Kevin Lethbridge, Don McDonald, Neville Carson James Coyle, Anna Kemble Welch, David Smyth, Cheryl Robilliard, Linda Hobman, Don McDonald

**Minutes:** Minutes of Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

**Newtown Central Parking** – Stuart Bullen (WCC Safer Roads) outlined a proposal to have P30 changed to P60 parking on the west side of Riddiford Street and the P30 to remain on the east side. This is in response to requests from retailers. Sandra Crews has surveyed retailers and left flyers on windscreens of cars parked in the area. New parking signs will include times and days of operation so that parking operating times are clear. Side street parking times are not changed. There was a suggestion that P45 over the whole area might be more manageable and less confusing. Submissions can sent through website at [Wellington.govt.nz](http://Wellington.govt.nz) and go to the 'Have your say' section and then 'Public input'.

To find out more about the proposal contact Stuart Bullen by email at [saferroads@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:saferroads@wcc.govt.nz) or phone 803 8242.

Programme – receive feedback by 1<sup>st</sup> May, refer findings to the NRA and working group, prepare resolution for WCC committee either in September or December.

**NRA subscriptions** – Gold coin now due - check with Kevin Lethbridge to check membership status or how to make payment [lethbridge@paradise.net.nz](mailto:lethbridge@paradise.net.nz) or tel 027 6628 428.

**Finances** – the financial record for last year is with the auditor, Noel Sulzberger.

### **General Business**

**Events Policy** – As part of a periodic review, the WCC Events Policy document is out for submissions (closes in 6 weeks). The strategy is to have an overview of events in the city at community, city, regional and commercial levels. Council is offering help with event management skills but would expect a governance overview would be set up and regular reporting back to Council. Policy is open for submissions that close in 6 weeks.

NRA has one more of a 3 year funding package. We need to reactivate and expand the group that has an overview of NRA (primarily the Festival) activities and finances. There was concern that funding could be subjected to political changes.

Don, Kate and Peter to prepare a draft to submit through the Governing Committee (Peter /Steve).

**Better Local Government** announced by Nick Smith. Paul Eagle will report to the next meeting.

**Long Term Plan** – WCC have put out a draft for consultation that closes consultation for the LTP closes at 5pm on Friday 18 May.

Post meeting note: Paul Eagle is arranging public meetings (possibly 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May?) NRA could draft a submission at one of the meetings.

The [draft Long-Term Plan](#), a [summary document](#) and submission forms are available at [Wellington.govt.nz](http://Wellington.govt.nz), from Council libraries, the City Service Centre and on request by phoning 499 4444. Submissions can also be made online or emailed to [longtermplan@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:longtermplan@wcc.govt.nz).

**Newtown bar event** – Finbarr Clabby (Zoo Bar manager) sought ideas for a midwinter event that involves featuring events at local public bars. Theme nights and live music are options. Finbarr to contact Martin who has many entertainment contacts that could be featured. Tuatara beer a possible sponsor. Progress to be reported at next meeting.

**Preparedness Day** – Mt Cook Mobilised are holding a Preparedness Day at Mt Cook School on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May between 10am – 3pm.

**Midwinter Ball** – Don Mackay would like to have a midwinter ball in Newtown. Contact [donm.mackay@gmail.com](mailto:donm.mackay@gmail.com) if keen to assist.

**Rintoul Luxford Street corner** – Merio Masters represented Berhampore residents in asking Stuart Bullen to make further improvements to the Rintoul Luxford Streets intersection where in her view cars travel too fast and pedestrians risk being run over. Stuart outlined the rationale to improvements made earlier but there are limited resources to do further work. He will look at the situation again.

Merio could contact Paul Eagle for support.

NRA could include a request to implement Stage 2 of the Safer Roads Programme as part of the Long Term Plan submission

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Recorded Steve Dunn

**Meeting calendar:** Third Monday of each month @ 7.30pm @ Newtown Hall, Daniell Street.

19<sup>th</sup> March \_ Steve Spence and Stephen Harte (WCC traffic engineers)

16<sup>th</sup> April–Stuart Bullen, Sandra Crews (WCC Safer Roads)

**21<sup>st</sup> May – Better Local Government review**

18<sup>th</sup> June –

16<sup>th</sup> July –

20<sup>th</sup> August –

17<sup>th</sup> September – Annual General Meeting

15<sup>th</sup> October –

19<sup>th</sup> November –

Date tbc December – Xmas get together