



Newtown Residents' Association

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Newtown Residents' Association Meeting 15th February 2016

Present: Rhona Carson, Daniela Biaggio, Jane Patterson, Jeanie McCafferty, Evelyn Hopkins, Stephen Pritchard, Cheryl Robilliard, Steve Dunn, Shirin Zonoobi, Tom Law, Ryan Kerr, Effie Rankin, Cr David Lee, Steve Cosgrove (minute writer).

Apologies - Carol Comber, Kevin Lethbridge, Anna Kemble Welch, Martin Hanley, Peter Frater.

Subscription Rates

- Comes into force in July
- Been a 'Gold Coin' for a while now
- That the rate remain a Gold Coin. Steve/Tom
- No further discussion - carried unanimously

Expenses

- about \$9000 in reserves
- get \$1500 from Council
- now responsible for Keep Newtown Clean - made over \$100 from the barbecue in December
- Not too many costs
- Rhona suggested we buy a teardrop flag to use outside meetings, and at events etc
- Move "To spend up to \$500 towards design of a banner, with a proposal to come to the next meeting with a final cost." Ryan/Tom
- Rhona and Jane will present some 2016 budget ideas to the next meeting.

Newtown Festival / Celebrate Newtown

- Treasure Hunt organised by Newtown Community Centre and Timebank went well last weekend
- Smaller number of events this year
- Any events that are happening could be publicised by being affiliated to the festival
- Interactive fairday programme - available from festival site on phones. Searchable by stage, time, name.
- Filipino Catholic Community "Filipino Village" at St Annes Hall on Fairday this year - not run by Festival but supported by it.
- We are confident the Residents' Association is going to be acknowledged this year.

- Living Wage Stage - Being funded by Artists for a Living Wage. Excellent programme including Orchestra of the Spheres. (Top of Constable Street)
- Existing sponsors are returning, some new ones have joined.
- Volunteers are welcome to help on the day.

Keep Newtown Clean - 21 February

- Carol and Cheryl did an information table last time.
- Rhona is running this. It is final one set up last year. Rhona suggests we review options for future events. She will make enquiries as to what Council staff and contractors are planning.
- There was general discussion regarding street maintenance etc. Continuing concerns about cleanliness, particular concerns about weeds growing in gutters and footpaths. Many "Fix it" reports do not result in action - although some do. It seems broken things are fixed when reported but ongoing maintenance not attended to.
- Jeanie is keen to write a draft of a document documenting these issues. The rough draft will be available at the next meeting.

Neighbours' Day afternoon tea 19th March

- St Thomas's Courtyard project - we have \$400 grant for Neighbours' Day to establish the garden and put on an afternoon tea on 19th March.
- A St Thomas's group will host the tea, with help from our Association.
- Support welcome

Environment Scan

- Plan change 79 - re 42a Riddiford Street. Recommended that the change proceed with some protection of the residential areas. Any plan for the area will need consent.
- Salvation Army. Has consent, but our inquiries have not got the final plans. Rhona tried writing to the Salvation Army last year. Never heard back. Effie reported the Church buildings will be open on Fairday. The plans are on display there. The Community Centre is approaching the Council to purchase the Army's Rintoul Street building for a community office space.
- St James Church has been restored, and made into five apartments. They are then going to build apartments behind it, down to the Cancer Society.
- Something is happening on Gordon Street - perhaps replacing burned out house.

Meeting finished 8:55

Next meeting Monday 21st March, 7.30pm/