



**Minutes of the Thorndon Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting
Held on Thursday 10 May 2018
At the Thorndon Hotel
Commencing 7.00 p.m.**

Present:	Marion Cowden (Chair), Richard Murcott (Deputy Chair),
TRA Committee	Melissa Ludlow (Treasurer), Sadie Laurenson (Secretary)
Members	Lance Gunderson, Koenraad Kuiper, Brian Ludlow, David Middleton
Wellington City Councillors	Iona Pannett, Nicola Young, Brian Dawson
Wellington Regional Council	Ian McKinnon, Councillor
Guest Speaker	Hon Grant Robertson. Minister of Finance, Minister of Sports and Recreation, MP for Wellington Central
Thorndon Residents	Eighteen residents
Apologies:	Mayor Justin Lester, Trevor Glogau and Gabe Hikaka

Item	Minute
1	<p>His Worship the Mayor attended the meeting for a short time prior to its commencement as he was unable to stay for the meeting due to another commitment.</p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting at 7 pm and thanked the Mayor for making the time to attend and talk to residents. He left at this time. The Chair then welcomed everyone and acknowledged the representatives from the Wellington City Council and from the Wellington Regional Council.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mayor Justin Lester, Trevor Glogau and Gabe Hikaka.</p>
2	<p>2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2017 had been circulated to members and were taken as read.</p>

	<p>The meeting noted that the minutes were reviewed by the Committee following last year's meeting and the Committee agreed that they are an accurate reflection of proceedings.</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as a correct record. Moved Marion Cowden, Seconded Melissa Ludlow</p> <p>2.2 Matters Arising The Chair advised that key matters arising were covered in the reports later in the agenda.</p>
3	<p>3.1 Chair's Report The Chair's Report had been circulated along with the Treasurer's Report and papers for this meeting. Key points of the report were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial position is comfortable with a bank balance at year end of \$2172. • There are ongoing concerns about the Community Hub – its location and accessibility and the changes in approach from WREMO. • The restoration of Queen's Park is proceeding and the TRA continues to work with the WCC on this issue. • Parking remains an unresolved issue. • The proposed cycleway along Thorndon Quay is being monitored. • A submission will be prepared on WCC's long-term plan. <p>The Chair moved that the Chair's Report along with the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded Brian Ludlow. Carried.</p>
4	<p>4.1 Election of Officers and Committee During the year Koenraad Kuiper was co-opted on to the Committee and Melissa Ludlow agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.</p> <p>The current Committee Members agreed to be available for re-election.</p> <p>The Chair advised that the Rules provide for a committee of between six and 20 members so asked for nominations from the floor.</p> <p>Reade Thompson-Trott volunteered for the Committee. This was accepted.</p> <p>The Chair then introduced the Committee Members who were present and declared the current members duly elected. The members are: Chair: Marion Cowden Deputy Chair: Richard Murcott Secretary: Sadie Laurenson Treasurer: Melissa Ludlow Committee: Lance Gunderson Trevor Glogau (absent) Koenraad Kuiper Brian Ludlow David Middleton Reade Thompson-Trott</p>

5	<p>5.1 Vote of Thanks to Supporters</p> <p>A vote of thanks was expressed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington City Council for financial support and the interest of the councillors. • The Management of the Thorndon Hotel for providing the meeting room and technology. • Anita Henderson of i4Design for website support. • The TRA newsletter sponsor Tommy’s Real Estate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair also expressed thanks to all the financial members for their continuing support.
6	<p>Guest Speaker – Hon Grant Robertson MP for Wellington Central</p> <p>Before Councillor Ian McKinnon introduced the Hon Grant Robertson to the meeting, he provided background on the development of the TRA. He acknowledged the work that Melissa Ludlow, Lance Gunderson and Richard Murcott had put into the initial stages of the TRA.</p> <p>He welcomed the Minister both as a Minister and as the MP for Wellington Central.</p> <p>The points the Minister covered in his presentation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping the heritage and character of Thorndon. • The need to look at what the impact will be on Thorndon of people moving into and closer to the central city. <p>When describing Wellington he uses the ‘c’ description.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital • Compact • Character • Connected • Challenged (to grow) <p>He spoke about the changes that will occur when the May 2019 budget is presented. Work is being done to change it to a ‘Wellbeing Budget’ which will be focussed on economy, environment and people.</p> <p>He would like Wellington to develop a functioning transport plan for the future. This would bring Wellington in line with other modern world cities.</p> <p>The Minister answered questions from the audience and thanked the Chair for being invited to speak to the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Ian McKinnon formally thanked the Minister for his presentation.</p> <p>He then left the meeting.</p>
7	<p>General Business</p> <p>David Middleton provided update reports on the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Resilience Since the review of the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management the WREMO has changed its approach to the way communities are involved in community resilience and some of TRA's work has to be reprocessed. TRA is liaising with WREMO to understand the requirements for the new work. It is concerning that the Emergency Hub is kept at Thorndon School which at the moment is a building site. The TRA continues to request information from WREMO on the exact location of the Emergency Hub box and who has access to it. These two issues will be included on the submission on the WCC's long term plan. A resident spoke to the AGM about the holding of the hub at the Thorndon School. She has children at the school and is aware of the issues. She advised that she would liaise with the Principal regarding this issue and report back to the TRA. • Queen's Park The TRA continues to meet with WCC representatives regarding the future upkeep of the park. It has been suggested the focus should be on making the park more accessible as a recreational area. The area around the waterfall and the stream could be undertaken as a community project. This will be included in the submission on the WCC's long term plan also. Councillor Iona Pannett advised the meeting the WCC has a Built Heritage Fund and suggested a request for funding be made for the upgrading of the park. • Thorndon Cycleway In response to a resident's comment made regarding the cycleway along Thorndon Quay, Councillor Young advised that Council stopped the cycleway activity because Council had not voted to approve a cycleway. This is an ongoing issue and she will keep the TRA informed.
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.</p>