



**Minutes of the Thorndon Residents' Association
Annual General Meeting
Held on Thursday 9 May 2019
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	Trevor Glogau, Lance Gunderson, Koenraad Kuiper, Brian Ludlow, David Middleton
Guests	Wellington City Councillors Iona Pannett, Nicola Young List MP Nicola Willis Anna Hartley, Council Planning Officer Steven Peters, Senior Park Ranger WCC Peter Steele, Friends of Queen's Park
Thorndon Residents	Twenty-nine residents
Apologies	Councillor Brian Dawson, TRA Committee Member Reade Thompson-Trott

Item	Minute
1	The Chair opened the meeting at 7 pm and welcomed everyone to the TRA AGM. She acknowledged the representatives from the Wellington City Council and Central Government.
2	<p>2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2018 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>A TRA resident who attended the AGM meeting 2018 asked for some changes to be made to the minutes. The Chair requested she liaise with the Secretary regarding the changes.</p> <p>Subject to these amendments being made the minutes were confirmed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved Marion Cowden, Seconded Brian Ludlow</p>

	<p>2.2 Matters Arising</p> <p>The Chair advised that key matters arising were covered in the reports later in the agenda.</p>
3	<p>3.1 Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair's Report had been circulated along with the Performance Report and papers for this meeting. The Chair spoke to key points of the report which were:</p> <p>1. <u>Financials</u></p> <p>The financial statement in the form as approved for small charities has been completed and is on the TRA website.</p> <p>The financial position is comfortable with a bank balance at year-end of \$914.</p> <p>A grant application is with the Wellington City Council.</p> <p>Subscription revenue was down compared to the previous year.</p> <p>2. <u>Community Hub</u></p> <p>TRA's previous concerns about the Community Hub regarding its location and accessibility have been allayed following completion of construction work at Thorndon School and an informative open evening hosted by the School and WREMO.</p> <p>3. <u>Hobson Crescent and Turnbull Street Access</u></p> <p>The TRA Committee lodged an objection to the proposed land swap between Thorndon School and Wellington City Council on the basis that the land swap should be taken as an opportunity to secure legal standing for the current grace and favour access between Hobson Crescent and Turnbull Street.</p> <p>TRA sought an easement on the property to secure this access which currently exists only through the goodwill of the School trustees. Negotiations are proceeding and have involved compromises on both sides.</p> <p>After this point in the report lengthy discussion between the attending residents and the TRA Committee was held. The concerns of the residents especially regarding the safety of the school children were noted. It was suggested that the residents take their concerns to the School Board of Trustees as this was the governing body the TRA were having discussions with.</p> <p>4. <u>Queen's Park</u></p> <p>Restoration of Queen's Park is extremely slow. A submission has been made to the WCC in its annual plan.</p> <p>4. <u>Parking</u></p> <p>Parking remains an unresolved issue.</p> <p>The Chair moved that the Chair's Report along with the Performance Report be accepted. Seconded Lance Gunderson. Carried.</p>
4	<p>4.1 Election of Officers and Committee</p> <p>During the year Reade Thompson-Trott was co-opted on to the TRA Committee.</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>Sarah Edmonson and Laureen Jones volunteered for the Committee. They were accepted on to the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair then introduced the Committee Members who were present and declared the current members duly elected. The members are:</p> <p>Chair: Marion Cowden Deputy Chair: Richard Murcott Secretary: Sadie Laurenson Treasurer: Melissa Ludlow</p> <p>Committee members: Lance Gunderson Trevor Glogau Koenraad Kuiper Brian Ludlow David Middleton Reade Thompson-Trott Sarah Edmonson Laureen Jones</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 and support of the ward councillors. Special thanks were extended to Cr Nicola Young for her continued support and work on behalf of the TRA. The Management of the Thorndon Hotel for providing the meeting room. Anita Henderson of i4Design for website support. The TRA newsletter sponsor Tommy's Real Estate. The Chair also expressed thanks to all the financial members for their continuing support.
6	<p>Guest Speakers</p> <p>Four speakers presented to the AGM.</p> <p>1. Ward Councillor Nicola Young Cr Young provided an update on the outstanding issues being currently worked on. The parking matter does not appear to be being actioned with any kind of urgency but she is continuing to work on a resolution with WCC officers.</p> <p>2. Anna Hartley – Wellington City Council's Planning for Growth Proposal. The proposal is out for consultation and submissions close on 17 May. There are four scenarios being worked on. They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inner City Focus Suburban Centre Focus

	<p>3. New Greenfield suburb in Oharia Valley</p> <p>4. Greenfield extension.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the concerns in Thorndon. The WCC will look at soil classification and natural hazards space.</p> <p>3. Nicola Willis, National List MP Nicola advised she is a new National Party List MP and has an office in Thorndon. She is an advocate for Wellington for example she is particularly interested in the improvement of the bus services.</p> <p>4. Steven Peters and Peter Steele – Queen’s Park A detailed report was provided to the AGM on the actions that are currently underway to improve and maintain Queen’s Park. A landscape architect is being engaged and a draft scope will be provided to the TRA by the end of the month.</p> <p>The challenge following that will be to obtain funds for the work. WCC has some funding in its BAU account. A working group will be set up and a working bee will be held on Saturday 25 May. This will be shared on the website.</p>
7	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Elections It was noted that Local Elections will be held this year. Getting to know your neighbour Cr Young advised that she will be sending through the link to an app ‘Connecting City Communities’ – for people in apartments to get to know each other.
	<p>The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>