

**Minutes of the Manakau Districts Community Association Incorporated**

**Annual General Meeting held at the Manakau hall**

**Wednesday 2nd May 2012 at 7 00 pm**

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Chris Dungan welcomed the 26 attendees with a special welcome to the guest speaker Dr Steven Findlay Manager Centre of excellence Cleantech Grow Wellington.

Apologies were received from Hon Nathan Guy, Rachelle Calkoen, Peter Holst, Graham Halstead, Wayne Bishop, Joan and Win Bishop, Rosalie Blake, Graeme Keall and Sheree Bishop

*Paddy Sannazzaro / Bronwyn Dungan*

The meeting received an email from Councillor Wayne Bishop with his apology which was read out by the Chris Dungan.

The minutes of the AGM held Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were presented and following two minor corrections were adopted.

*Judy Keall/Warren Corkin*

Matters arising from these minutes included an update on the up grade of the Notice Board outside the store. It was suggested that as the Medieval Market provided the original board we could apply for a grant in the next round.

The finance report was presented by the treasurer John Hailwood who told the meeting of the significant support we have received from the HDC over the past year which has enabled the committee to replace the water pump and kitchen water heater. The meeting asked if the assets was correct as showing the land value to be \$1100.00 the new committee will look into how this figure is reported in future years.

*John Hailwood/Kimbal McHugo*

Chris Dungan presented his Chairpersons report for 2011, a copy of which can be found at the end of these minutes. On behalf of the community Judy Keall thanked Chris for all his work and guidance over many years.

*Chris Dungan/Molly Gibson*

Kimbal McHugo spoke to the meeting regarding representation on the MDCA and his wish to see the committee made up of representatives from all organisations in the district which would result in MDCA having one voice thus improving the ability to lobby to benefit the community. Judy Webby and Pam Edwards said that they both believed that members of the community should be on the MDCA because they want to be and are willing to put the time into the committee. The committee meetings are open so anyone who wishes too, may attend. Judy Keall suggested that there could be meetings planned during the year, inviting representatives from all organisations in the district. Richard Orzecki told the meeting that working together will benefit the whole community. As an example, he said that one only had to look at the attendance at the recent Anzac parade.

**Election of Chairperson**

Wayne Grattan                      *Kimbal McHugo/Ben McHugo*  
Jim Edwards                        *John Hailwood/Marcus Gibson*

Wayne Grattan declined nomination due to busy year ahead resulting in him being out of town and unavailable to attend meetings.

**Election of Deputy Chairperson**

Wayne Grattan                      *Judy Keall/Kimbal McHugo*

**Secretary and Treasurer** are to be elected at the first committee meeting.

**Election of Committee**

Pam Edwards	<i>Molly Gibson/Marcus Gibson</i>
Pauline Masters	<i>Paddy Sannazzaro/Ben McHugo</i>
Greg Gilpin	<i>Pauline Masters/Warren Corkin</i>
Sam Jennings	<i>Kimbal McHugo/Warren Corkin</i>
John Hailwood	<i>Judy Keall/Marcus Gibson</i>
Warren Corkin	<i>John Hailwood/Greg Gilpin</i>
Kimbal McHugo	<i>John Hailwood/Judy Keall</i>
Molly Gibson	<i>John Hailwood/Ben McHugo</i>

The Subscription for the 2012/13 financial Year was discussed and all present agreed that it remain at \$15 per household.

*John hailwood/Ben McHugo*

**General Business**

Paddy Sannazzaro thanked the MDCA for their support which helped in Manakau School Recapitiation being approved. Paddy said that there has been renewed interest in parents sending their children to Manakau which will result in a growth in the school role.

A Wild in Manakau food and music event was proposed for March 2012. The MDCA supported this by setting up a sub committee so that the event could happen using an existing organisation. Grant funding of \$10 000 was obtained from the HDC but the committee was unable to obtain the necessary additional sponsorship to make it a properly viable event and it was cancelled. The idea still has a lot of local support and would be worth reconsidering when the local economy picks up.

MDCA Committee is still keeping a watching brief on SH 1 and the Sth Manakau Road intersection turning lanes. The compulsory land acquisition process is being followed that will hopefully enable NZTA to proceed with construction. It is extremely unlikely any work will be done until next summer.

Richard Orzecki has been working with the HDC to attempt to secure more off road parking so those attending a funeral at the Manakau cemetery do not have to park on state highway 1. This makes it impossible for traffic turning into South Manakau road to pull to the side of the road until clear to turn, and makes it very dangerous.

There have been meetings between the MDCA and HDC to attempt to get the speed limit reduced on Waikawa Beach Road, but to date have been unsuccessful.

The meeting was given an update on the railway land that runs between the railway line and Honi Taipua Street. Ravensdown are removing their shed and the committee have been working closely with HDC to try to secure the lease of the land from the railways. The land would then join Driscoll Park and could be a district asset and a place for not only locals, but also travellers to enjoy. The MDCA committee envisage the area to look more like the comparable area in Shannon, where travellers could stop for a picnic lunch and the locals can utilise rather than the possibility of an eyesore e.g. becoming a dumping ground for railway or end up being used as a used cars sale yard.

Judy Keall advised the meeting that Kiwi Rail is intending to extend the double track passing loop up to North Manakau Rd. and asked the new committee to get assurance from Kiwi Rail that trains would not block the main village railway crossing; and their intentions about the possible closure of the subway at the south of the village.

The meeting concluded with supper at 9pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....