

Devonport Heritage Inc

Minutes of AGM 26 November 2008, 7.35pm

Held in Devonport Library Meeting Room

Trish Deans, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

Present:

Aranne Donald, John Lethaby, Graham Nixey, Trish Deans, Ann Allen, Claudia Page, Andrew Joughuin, Trish Joughin, Mark Joughin, Sylvia Emm, Peter Goldsbury, Raewyn Peters, Maggie Sotheran , Scott Barnett (late M Cohen)

Apologies:

John Duder, Dianne Hale, Barb Cuthbert, Chris Darby, June Weston, Anne Gibson, Dave Pearson, Margot McRae, Sue Yoffe

Minutes:

The **minutes of last years AGM** were tabled.

Moved that they be accepted: Sylvia Emm, seconder, Ann Allen.

Chairman's and Secretary's reports:

Trish table her report (see attached) and also a report from Margot, who was unable to be at the meeting.

Tresurer's report:

- Sylvie Emm produced the **Treasurers report** and audited accounts.
- We had no income for the year, and recorded a loss of \$252.34. Balance in the bank is \$1179.00. These accounts were for the financial year which ended 30 September 2008.
- We note our thanks to the honorary auditor Martin Bailey of McGregor Bailey , Chartered Accountants.

Election of officers and committee

We can have 10 voting members on the committee and an unlimited number of others on the committee who would have no voting rights. In the unlikely event that a vote would be needed for anything, it will be restricted to ten of the following, including the office holders:.

Nominations for office holders were received and accepted from:

Chair- Margot MacRae

Vice- chair - Trish Deans

Secretary – Susan Yoffe

Treasurer – Sylvia Emm

Publicity co-ordinator – Ann Allen

Membership co-ordinator – Claudia Page

Committee- Trish and or Mark Joughin,
Richard Joughin
Maggie Sotheran
Scott Barnett
Judy Cook
John Lethaby
Graham Nixey

All members are welcome at any meeting of Devonport Heritage.

The meeting closed at 7.55.

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After the AGM closed we re-convened for our normal **November Committee meeting**:

Trish began by asking **Aranne Donald** , who was present for an update from her perspective as a member of the Heritage Dept of NSCC:

Aranne was asked her opinion of what challenges face heritage over the next year, and responded:

- She thinks we are in a good position re plan changes, she has been pleased with submissions and responses to these. She comments we are in a much better position than Ak city at this time.
- A few issues coming up – the Masonic- she feels this could go all the way to the environment court, due to the lack of protection afforded in the District Plan.
- 89 Vauxhall Rd, - not involved with this, so unable to comment.
- Marine Square – we should keep a look out for this, she had been giving input but we will need to keep vigilant for any heritage aspects.
- She advised we should get involved at the District plan review and change stages (we do already) especially involving height limits in places like Victoria Rd , where there could be potential for people to add stories to existing buildings.
- The next review of the District Plan has to be advertised by 2012. Work is going on at council top look at adding or reviewing existing buildings in the schedule. Some may have been altered and may even lose their status, others could be considered for higher protection. This is due to lack of resources when the first plan was done in 1992.
- Plan Change 21 - now means that demolition is contextually based. This has been beefed up to prevent the previous demolition by stealth. Alterations are always more expensive than building new. PC 2q is subject to 2 appeals, but she is optimistic these can be dealt with some very small changes to the text.
- A further Plan Change for business spot zones where they occur in Res. 3 is to be released in a consultation form soon, for DH and other interested groups to comment on. This was to have been released last week, but due to resource issues in the Dept is further delayed.
- Council is looking at how to budget for the new heritage strategy that they have been developing. This will be included in surveys around the Annual plan. It is possible that small areas like Res 3 zones will be outweighed by areas of greater population – Bays, Albany, Takapuna.
- She says it will be difficult to find qualified staff to implement any policies , no matter how much money is in the budget

Agenda items:

1. **Masonic Hearings** are set for Mid January. Margot will be away, but Sue Yoffe and Trish will present our evidence, James Lunday has agreed to act as expert witness on the urban design aspects, on a pro-bono basis, which is excellent news. Jermemy Salmond and Dave Pearson are involved in other capacities. There is a meeting tomorrow night hosted by Masonic Friendly Society, to which we are invited.
2. **89 Vauxhall Road-** Trish e-mailed the Mayor with a request for a meeting with use, as he is an urban design expert. We have had no response to this, and if none is received shortly we will ask the Flagstaff to publish the request letter. Mike Cohen may be able to mediate a meeting between a small group and the owners to try and talk about the kind of outcomes we would like to see. If this approach is not successful there could be further public protests. It is noted that the developer lives and works locally. A question was raised as to why we have not named the owner. The reply to this was that we could let ourselves in for libel or slander proceeding, and in any case, it is the property we are attacking, not the owner. We will continue to keep pressure on this issue. It was reminded that the only official spokespeople for DH are Margot, Trish Deans and Sue Yoffe.
3. Margot noted that Trevor Mackie intends adding to the heritage list and we have suggested the beachfront property in Matai Rd and the slate roofed house (in decay) in Kerr St.
4. **Post Arawa Ave issues-** the working party has had a number of meetings, and there is now a stepped flow chart adopted for council use, plus extra training planned for building inspectors, compliance officers etc.
5. **Archives and files**
 - a. The issue of our archives and files being spread amongst a number of the committee was raised. We would like to get a secure publicly accessible storage place for these, so that they are better looked after for the future. Possible solutions: scan to the Devonport Museum database; room at the old council chambers; Devonport Public library local history section; DOC for use of a room at Tamaki, archiving in the library Local History Index.
6. **Torpedo Bay Navy Museum**
 - There is a meeting next Tuesday, Trish took names to RSVP to the Navy. Meet at Torpedo Bay
 - You can sign up to an e-mail newsletter from the Navy too.
7. **The Constitution:** Sylvia brought up the need to stick to our constitution and aims/ rules as required by the Incorporated Societies Act. Claudia will follow up on what this means with regard to our member database. Do people who have not formally resigned remain 'members' in perpetuity etc. There are people on committee and officers who might not have actually formally joined. This goes back about 10 years possibly.

- 8. Membership Fee/Donation:** The fee or membership donation was raised. We don't want people to feel obligated, but this is an easy way to re-coup some of our costs – webhosting , domain name etc . We will not be chasing people for \$10, but will suggest it as an annual donation from our “supporters”.
- 9. New members welcomed:** A number of new comers were welcomed to the meeting. We recognise the need or ongoing revitalization and strength to our membership and support.
- 10.** Peter Goldsbury spoke about Transition Towns, which we may be interested in www.transitiontowns.org.nz.
- 11. E-Newsletter:** Ann will put together our first e-newsletter, with contributions from others on the committee, and handed out a proposal for us to feed back on regarding website content.
- 12. Website:** A subcommittee will look at the website too- please contact Ann if you would like to join this working group.

Meeting closed at 9.30 .m.

