

Devonport Heritage Incorporated

Minutes of Meeting held in Library Meeting Room 29.04.09

Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Present:

Margot McRae, Trish Deans, Sylvia Emm, Claudia Page, Trish Joughin, Mark Joughin, Richard Joughin, Scott Barnett, Graham Nixey, Mark Sigglekow, Ces Wheeler

Apologies:

Ann Allen, Diane Hale

Minutes:

Minutes from last meeting accepted by Margot, and seconded by Claudia.

Correspondence In:

1. Letter from the Environment Court stating that the Holloway appeal for 32 Mays and 13A Kerr Street has been withdrawn
2. Letter from NSCC dated 24.04.09 regarding resource consent for Fort Takapuna Walkway, 142 Vauxhall Road. Consent has been granted.
3. Letter from Andrew Williams regarding a requested appointment to discuss legal access, urban planning issues etc. with 89 Vauxhall Road. He did not want to meet with us, and thought he had covered all points in his previous letter. There is nothing further we can do.

Correspondence Out:

1. Letter to Stephen Priestly of Francis de Sales Church Parish regarding protection of St. Leo's School Hall.
2. Email to Rodney Hide regarding our views on Auckland governance.

General Business:

Victoria Wharf

In an attempt to get further publicity the Herald has been contacted to do a story but it hasn't appeared. Margot to will contact Rod Drent, and the Herald asking them to do an article on our intention to get the wharf listed as a heritage site with the ARC.

Margot told us that the Hauraki Maritime Park Act now protects buildings of national significance round foreshores, which may include Victoria Wharf.

Mark questioned the Council's report saying that the wharf is unsafe as he believes it is safe.

Sue mentioned that there was an article in the North Shore Times 21.04.09 stating 'plans wanted for wharf make-over', where the Council were looking for ideas. Also, a letter from Dr. Cam Calder was printed 17.04.09 calling for submissions to the proposed Annual Plan.

Sub-committee will meet during the next month to pursue this.

Marine Square

Sue mentioned that there was an article in the North Shore Times 16.04.09 stating that the Marine Square make-over had been given the green light.

24 Victoria Road

Consent has been granted for demolition (report in newsletter).

Fort Takapuna Walkway

Commissioners have indicated approval, consent has been granted.

Charity Registration

Sylvia contacted Bill Rayner who advised that we should register as a charity, particularly if we were to apply for funding, as there would have a better chance if listed on the Charities Register. It was agreed that DH would do this after our Aims and Objectives have been up-dated.

Sylvia will complete application form.

Aims and Objectives

A meeting has been arranged with Pip Gay to discuss up-dating our Rules.

Trish D and Sylvia will attend.

Fundraising

At present we have sufficient funds for our day-to-day operation, especially as we are now receiving subscriptions. Special funding is noted under the Masonic Appeal.

Auckland Governance

Margot reported on Community Board meeting the previous night: The legislative process is being dealt with in three stages.

In early May legislation will go through under urgency to set up a Transition Board and Agency which will disestablish current boards and get things moving.

A second Bill in July will deal with the means of electing boards, Maori representation and functions of Boards.

In October the third bill is to tidy up the process.

Mike Cohen is making an attempt to sort out what powers community boards should have. Margot is attending the working party to keep 'hammering' our key concerns. These are that the community boards have planning powers and deal with resource consents. There is a need to have 30 community boards to properly cover areas of community interest.

Annual Plan Submission

Margot has completed a submission asking for more funds to up-grade Victoria Wharf and on the Draft Heritage Strategy.

Newsletter/Website

Thanks to Ann Allen for the excellent newsletter and up-dating our website, which has been well received, and a source of further donations. Our bank account details have been added to enable funds to be paid direct to the account.

Archiving

There is a need to consolidate our archives, and to find storage. Claudia spoke about an idea she has to amalgamate several similar organisations with the intent to share premises, resources and administration services, as part of the Heritage Strategy. Her suggestion is the one of the council owned buildings in Devonport be put to use. This was well received but in the meantime we need to sort our documents. To be discussed further.

Masonic Redevelopment

Consent has been granted with one small condition. A discussion was held, and agreement reached that the Masonic Hotel was worth fighting for and that we should appeal. DH will make a separate appeal but join with Masonic Friendly Society in sharing costs and resources. It was acknowledged we have similar aims and should work together. This will enable us to share the costs of employing professional people to give us the necessary advice required to lodge this appeal. Should the stage be reached where evidence is being prepared, costs will start be incurred, and fund raising will be necessary, for which we will also work jointly with the Masonic Friendly Society. It may be possible to apply to for up to \$30,000 funding from the Ministry of Environment.

Brian Putt, planner for the Masonic Friendly Society, is currently working on the appeal notice which we could use as our template. We believe we have sound grounds for an appeal. It should cost \$55 if we get it in by May 7th.

Margot will follow up and lodge appeal.

It was resolved that Devonport Heritage Inc should appeal the decision by the North Shore City commissioners on 9th April 2009, to the Environment Court.

Moved Trish Deans, seconded by Scott Barnett. Passed unanimously.

Margot and Sylvia will attend meetings of Masonic Friendly Society to discuss further collaboration.

Finances:

Sylvia will submit a Third Party Authority form to the ANZ Bank to allow her to view the bank statement on-line. This is required to monitor the subscriptions that are being paid direct to the account. Statements on the current account are only issued quarterly.

In

Membership Subscriptions	20.00
Interest Earned	1.34
Total in	11.34

Out

Ann Allen – newsletter	47.90
Withholding	.50
Total Out	2.48

Funds Held

Current Account	386.19
Deposit Account	1,029.38
Petty Cash	7.20
Total	1,422.77

The next meeting will be held on the 27th May.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm.