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**Mt. Pleasant Memorical Community Centre and Residents’ Association Inc**

**67th Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 13 July 2020**

**Present:** Kate Rawlings, Jocelyn Papprill, Derek McCullough, Rebekah McCullough, Joy Butel, Lynne Ritchie, Daniel O’Carroll, Tom Rose, Gary Cross, Cr Sara Templeton, Mike & Frances Singleton, Caroline Sydall, Jan Stanley-Boden, Gayel Marquet, Ruth Brown, Suzanne Sullivan, Scott Dickson, Moyra Caird, Barbara Crooks, Beverly Rayna, Claire Cox, Allan Williams, Barbara Thomson, Susan Milligan, Barb Hampton, Euan Heffer, Alexis Kidd Campbell, Russell Grieve, Cr Yani Johansson, Glen Metcalf, Jackie Ward, Dick Edmunson (Principal Linwood College), Tracey McLellan, Vivien Pybus, Hon. Ruth Dyson MP

**Welcome**

Kate Rawlings, MPCCRA President welcomed all, acknowledged our Patron, Glen Metcalf and welcomed our guest speakers, Dick Edmondson, Principal of Linwood College and the Hon Ruth Dyson.

**Apologies:** Ann Harliwich, Kathy Bartlett, Cathering & John Peet, Jenni Sydall, Alex & Tim Davis, Tim Lindley, Findlay Laird

**Confirmation of Minutes of the 66th AGM held on 20 March 2019.**

Moved by Alan Williams/ Second Jocelyn Papprill

Passed unanimously.

**Matters Arising from Minutes**

No matters arising.

**President’s Report**

Kate presented a slide show to highlight some of our activites over the past year and aims for the coming year.

A key focus has been **keeping our community connected** which is an on-going process that includes (but not limited to):

50 Farmers Markets

50 + Classes

Est Fest

Venue Hire for weddings etc

Front Room Cafe and community hub

Community Gardens

Members BBQ

Welcome Packs re-introduced

Strategic Planning Workshop

Funding for Community Activator Role

Te Reo Class

Matariki

We have a number of partners with whom we collaborate including:

Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust

Predator Free Port Hills

McCormacks Bay Restoration

Hohepa Canterbury

Eastern Hub/Sumner Bays

Christchurch Coastal Pathway

Drayton Reserve Volunteers

Local schools: Mt. Pleasant, Redcliffs, Heathcote Valley & Linwood College

Kate shared the ways we keep our community informed via our fortnightly e-newsletter (and 35+ delivered hard copies), the Pleasant News (3 x per year), Members Updates and revamped website and FaceBook.

During the past year we have negotiated a settlement with our Architect, renegotiated our insurance, employed new cleaners (locals), had a number of working bees to maintain the building and site and worked to support our community through the Covid-19 lockdown. We were closed for 8 weeks during the lockdown but maintained communication and support via newsletters, Zoom/Skype support, shopping and errands for those who needed this support. On the first day of re-opening the Farmers Market we were still doing contract tracing and we signed in just over 500 people! A testimony to our determined and thriving community.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Daniel O’Carroll, Treasurer.

Key points included:

* Delay in audit of the 2019 Performance Report due to Covid-19
* No CCC load repayments in 2019, resume in some form in 2020
* CCC advised of the need to remove the Blue Room – 2019 asset write down
* Increase in revenues from $195,228 to $275,247 (pg7,11)
* CCC Community Resilience Partnership Fund Grant, $48,800 per year for two years
* End of year cash balance increased from $25,228 to $149,469 (pg9)
* Settlement of acoustics claim with architect

Daniel thanked the staff for their efforts and extra work.

**Appointment of Auditor**

**Motion that Bevan Smith Chartered Accountant be appointed as our Auditor.**

**Moved by Joy Butel /seconded by Gary Cross**

**Passed - Unanimous**

***Action: The unaudited financial report will be emailed to all members with these minutes.***

**Squash Report (prepared by Ann Harliwich)**

* Membership maintained at a similar level to previous years. Numbers are still low and we are getting more interest from people wanting to pay a monthly fee rather than an annual subscription.
* Paul Coll has given Squash a higher profile with his International success so hopefully this will encourage people to give squash a go.
* Junior coaching program is run on Sunday mornings.
* Interclub teams that play on Monday nights.
* The biggest group of members today are casual players that don’t get involved in the day to day running of the club.
* Light fittings in the foyer area & hallway behind the courts were replaced during the year after they failed.
* The building is in good condition and remains an asset to the community.

**Election of Officers**

The number of nominations for the Committee did not require a vote so all were accepted.

They are:

President - Rebekah McCullough

Secretary – Kate Rawlings

Treasurer – Daniel O’Carroll

Committee - Derek McCullough

Lynne Ritchie

Joy Butel

Tom Rose

Gary Cross

Squash Rep Ann Harliwich

**Motion:**

**The president moved that these nominees be accepted by meeting.**

**Passed - unanimous**

**Congratulations to all!**

**General Business**

There was no general business to discuss.

The second part of the Kate’s presentation was entitled **What’s Coming Up**:

* **Resource Consent Amendment** – spoken to by Derek McCullough

This involves a comprehensive update of amendments to our current consent to include activities such as music at the markets, increase in number of allowable monthly events, Farmers Market, container for storage on site and our community café.

An Open Evening will be held on 22 July to go through the resource consent application in detail.

* **Observation and Education Centre** – spoken to by Derek McCullough

A draft architectural drawing was shown of the covering of the deck of the Front Room to enable a year round, weatherproof viewing deck.

* **Removal of Blue Room** – Kate explained that the Council has now directed us to remove the building. It is noted that Linda Rutland asked for further discussion with the membership regarding this issue.
* **Events:** Matariki 24 July

Showcase 14 August

Pink Ribbon Breakfast 13 October

Ukulele Fundraising Concert 20 November

**Thank You**

Kate thanked **Jocelyn Papprill** for all of her good work. She is leaving after 10 years on the committee but we appreciate that she will still be involved with our community gardens and much more. Thanks for all you have done, Jocelyn!

Kate thanked our staff, the committee, and our volunteers of whom give us more than 200 hours each month to support our community.

Our funders, including CCC, Rata and Lotteries Grants Board were thanked.

There being no further business the AGM finished at 8:15pm.

**Presentations**

**Life Membership Award – Linda Rutland**

Kate spoke about Linda’s many achievements and roles in our community over the past 25 years. These have included a range of roles and responsibilities that always maintained a focus on community well-being. Linda has joined the ranks of the Life Members. Congratulations Linda!

Linda responded that she was honoured to receive this award and thanked the committee and excellent staff.

**Dick Edmundson – Principal Linwood College**

Dick updated us about the changes in Linwood College from its start as Linwood High School in 1954 through to the re-building of the new school which will be called Te Aratai College when they move back on campus in 2021. Dick shared information about the foundation principles, the process of consultation from 1300 respondents, as well as the meaning behind the name change for the new school. Dick’s passion and commitment to education and to this community was acknowledged and appreciated by all.

**Hon Ruth Dyson MP**

Ruth began by acknowledging the out-going and in-going committee, the passion and commitment of Principal Dick Edmondson and the on-going commitment and support of Cr Sara Templeton and Cr Yani Johannsson.

Ruth has been in Parliament since 1993 and shared some of the highlights of her remarkable career in politics. She was the 37th woman to ever be elected to Parliament and gave her maiden speech in March 1994. Key changes that she has led included:

* Re-introduction of NZ history in our schools
* Being the first ever Minister for Disability Issues in 1999
* Getting NZ Sign Language recognised as an official language
* Being instrumental in NZ winning the F D Roosevelt Award in 2008 regarding disability rights
* “Working for Families” campaign
* “It’s not Okay” campaign against violence
* ACC legislation changes to treatment
* Introducing paid parental leave for self-employed people
* Reduction of waiting list for Adult Cochlear Ear Implants to zero
* Chaired Select Committees regarding the Marriage Equality bill and the Abortion Law Reform bill
* Changed the model of home care for older to people to a Quality of Life model
* AND was sent to the Privileges Committee for calling David Carter ‘biased’!

She said that LISTENING to people in the community was the most important thing for her. She stated, that in Christchurch, we have been through a lot with the earthquake, mosque shootings and now Covid-19, but reflected that humour, generosity and kindness continued to get us through these things and make our communities stronger.

Ruth concluded her talk by stating that on Sunday 20th September, she might sleep in!

Jocelyn led the singing of Te Aroha.

Kate thanked Ruth and all who had come to our AGM.

The evening closed with refreshments and socialising.