

Enterprising Taumarunui Incorporated

Minutes of meeting held 15th March in room 1 at REAP offices, 5.30pm

Present: Barack Al-Tuhafi, Karen Ngati, Kay Kidd, Aroha Rudkin

Apologies: Peggy Veen, June Nevin, Dianne Bunn

Guests Present: Terri Smyth, Nicholas (Nick) Leveillee, Chrystal ?

It was agreed, to have the guest's presentations first:

Nick and Terri: Gave a graph showing the surge of interest on line for the last 90 days. An increasing amount of enquiries are being sought from a mobile device. On one day, 28th November, the site had 828 hits, 400 directly to the home page actively seeking information about Taumarunui. Karen sought permission to share this with councillors. Approved.

Recommended that this be a good news story in the Taumarunui Bulletin. **Barack and Nick to approach Mark for an editorial and link it to our website.**

We need to revamp the Heritage page. **Karen to forward information to Nick for the website on the Heritage Boards, Ron Cookes series of local books, info about the Dog space at Cherry Grove etc.**

Karen to follow up how to put information onto Wikipedia

Chrystal: Proposed an event on Waitangi Day. This has been discussed with a select group of friends with no clear plans at this stage. Suggested they come back when they have a plan and how they see Enterprising Taumarunui being involved.

Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 16th November 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Kay/Aroha

Matters Arising from those minutes: addressed in General Business and Reports.

Karen: Revitalisation Project update.

Karen spoke with NZTA who manage the flyover. He has approved funding to replace the 16 panels on the side of the bridge flyover. Downers will remove them, Menz Shed will prepare them for painting. The High School Art students are submitting art work. Karen has stipulated, there will be no graffiti or tagging style art and that she wants it to flow towards Mr Gs river scene. **Karen will approve the art and updates will be posted on our facebook page and sent to our website.** Karen requested approval to invoice NZTA for panels on the flyover and a second account of \$2k. unanimous approval

She has funds for the 4th Heritage Board that is being progressed now

Colour Tree Project for the main street. Karen needs funding for a further 3 trees at a cost of \$300 that can be shared between 3 businesses. **Barack to go with Karen to visit 4 Square re funding a tree.**

Walkways: This project has been well supported with volunteers, exceeding Karens expectations.

1. Manunui School, will take over the old sawmillers walk at the camp ground.
2. Taumarunui High School, will take on Te Peka Reserve walk and Rangiroa walk
3. The new Lions Club, will take on Sunshine walk

Kay concerned at tutsan that is appearing on the tracks. There is a weed spraying programme. She will follow up.

Christmas Parade: Everything went well. Needs some tweeking for next year. Will prepare a report for next months meeting.

Site and Safety Plan: This was a task Aroha was to do, but has not had time to do. **Kay has agreed to take this on.**

Newsletter: This has been a task that Aroha has done, but does not have time at present. Committee felt that this was something June would do well. **Refer to June**

Business After 5: General feeling is that we need to reduce the number and organise for the next one. This has been a task for Peggy and Tharean. **Please advise when the next one will be.**

Sarah Gibbs: Aroha emailed Sarah to cancel her visit for this month. Sarah has some personal issues at present and it was suggested we invite her to our May meeting, **suggest this move to June.** **Aroha has asked that at the May meeting we discuss the future of ETI and what is the direction for ETI, what do we want to achieve and how are we going to do that?**

Business Awards: Karen would like to see this go ahead. **Needs to be discussed further.**

Financial Report: The financial report prepared by Dianne was approved by Karen and passed with no discussion.

AGM: The next AGM is due in April. Aroha to organise for the 19th April

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45pm