

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** 23rd March 2011, started, 7-40am

**Place:** Presbyterian Church Hall, MacMillan Ave

**Minute Recorder:** Linda Watts

**Welcome: Terry Bellis**

Chair of CRA, Terry Young welcomed all those present and in light of our recent experience of 'earthquake' spoke of the exit strategy should another quake be experienced

**Apologies:** Bob Anderson; Tim Symes, Penny O'Connell

(David Costner moved that these should be accepted which was seconded by Noeline Blackburn)

**Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of the last meeting were initially agreed to by everyone present, proposed and seconded again by David and Noeline. At the end of the meeting Joan asked that she be acknowledged as co-chair in the AGM 2009 minutes.

**Matters Arising:**

The roundabout at the bottom of Dyers Pass Rd was mentioned but Terry shared that any further work was likely to be put on hold in the meantime.

**Chair's Report:**

Terry explained that 2010 had been a very 'quiet' year and assessed that this was probably a result of the earthquakes and aftershocks that were continuing to be experienced. The Spring meeting was not well attended despite a very interesting talk about Cashmere Primary School winning the Enviro Schools project, by principal, Jacqui Duncan. Terry gave an extensive outline of intentions for the development of the CRA website. Due to a lack of interest in CRA committee representation, there had been only one newsletter in 2010.

Noeline Blackburn suggested that some CRA members would be happy to help with newsletter distribution, even if they chose not to be committee members. Linda Watts suggested that newsletters be printed and available at the Beckenham Service Centre. The committee members for 2010, were confirmed as Geoff, Dean, Peter, Neil and Glenys. Terry introduced new treasurer, Hilary Marks and new website communications operator, Ric. Tindall.

**Financial Report:**

Hilary read, Peter McKearneys's report, which mentioned that membership was down on the previous year; as a result, there were fewer finances available. It was acknowledged that the financial report be audited.

**General Business:**

Earthquake

It was reiterated that lower attendance at community meetings was a likely result of continuous after shocks. Community Board representative, Phil Clearwater, acknowledged the fact that Christchurch residents were very keen to share their stories of 'earthquake'. It was recorded that there had been some wonderful stories about neighbourhood help and support – particularly in Sherwood Lane. The requirement/desire for a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator was discussed; it was acknowledged that church members were prepared for helping others in crisis but there was a question about how far this preparedness extended into the wider Cashmere community. It was agreed that most people were not prepared for the Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> earthquake and it was highlighted that neighbours of older people realize their vulnerability at this time. Older people were identified as being vulnerable to illness,, more sensitised to the shock of earthquakes, and more frequently living alone. Noeline proposed that a notice on this matter be highlighted in an

email to CRA members, which was seconded by Phil Clearwater. A number of concerns over issues of recovery and rebuilding were also voiced.

### Communication

Volunteers for the delivery of newsletters were called for and there were several offers of help. Noeline and Alison Young indicated their willingness in this area. Approximately 1300 newsletters are needed for delivery in streets running off the Cashmere boundaries of Hackthorne and Dyers Pass roads. Ric suggested that we have a regular volunteer service. The fact that emails may not be the favoured form of communication was raised with a proposal that we start a Canterbury Public Issues Forum or more specifically, a Cashmere Residents Forum - which was not likely to overload the computer system. It was also identified that many older members do not have access to emails. Noeline moved that a letter be sent out at the time of the next proposed email, which was seconded by Alison. Hilary suggested that we have a board placed for CRA information; David offered a place on the Church noticeboard but explained that notices can only be advertised for up to two weeks.

Joan indicated her desire to continue to be part of the Vision and Values Group, even though she no longer wanted to be a member of the committee. She suggested that a number of smaller groups, with differing priorities could branch from the main committee.

There was further discussion about the website and its potential to act as a hub. Phil asked how the CRA wanted to be represented at a community board level and a discussion about what the areas of CRA focus should be for the next 6 months followed. These were seen as:

Vision and Values

How do we get back to some sense of normality?

Is the city to be reconstructed as CRA members would like?

Are road repairs of less significance in the interim?

What sort of city do we want?

What infrastructure is needed for transportation?

Bus service increased?

More cycleways

More frequent public transport

Smaller buses?...possibly electric

What will Make Cashmere Residents re-engage with community?

Where are all the walks

What community connection will we have?

Neighbourliness

### Suggestions for Community Connection Information:

Recreation

Neighbourhood Support Info

Who is prepared to be a 'street link'

Police Neighbourhood Support Info

Civil Defence Info

Community and Individual Resilience

The following questions were considered to be of Importance: the burning issue considered to be the Alpine Fault. It was suggested that the CRA committee operate as an emergency support.

#Future of the city and the Cashmere Community

#How will the city be economically viable in the future?

#What is Cashmere's uniqueness?

Meeting closed at 9-30pm with the opportunity to stay for more conversation.