

Korokoro Environmental Group: Draft Minutes of meeting Sunday 1st July

Present: Julie Haggie (Chair), Olly Betts, Jenny Black, Ruth Mansell, Cllr Michael Lulich, Cllr Tui Lewis, Lynette Clelland, John Ainsworth, Sue White, Daniel Jones, Clive Forster, Paul Thomas

Apologies: Pam Hanna, Pru Lamason

Agenda:

- Report on school garden
- HCC Significant Natural Areas and Korokoro
- HCC Long Term Plan - Report from the consultation process
- P2G update
- Report on Inanga Love Park
- Waste and Recycling in Korokoro
- Treasurer's report
- Website updates
- KK newsletter

Report on School Garden

Daniel explains how Clive, Judy and other volunteers have helped the children to re-start the garden; improved the beds, the compost, building shade house. 50 plants already in.

We will collect some seedlings from Belmont Regional Park (in the process of applying for a licence)

Olly and Jenny also able to supply some seeds from their garden.

Daniel, Clive and others to meet with Marty next week to discuss the school applying to enter the enviro-schools project. Clive indicates that there is new member of staff, Lou Pierce, who is enthusiastic about being involved.

HCC Significant Natural Areas and Korokoro

Ruth discusses the approach of the council, which involved flawed and little consultation with landowners but she has since started a dialogue with the relevant officers. She points out that the Puketiro Partnership (Mansell and Allan families) already have in place many of the protections the SNA policies are intended to achieve

Agreed Action: agreed that KEG would contact other effected landowners with a view to organising a meeting with Andrew Cunningham to discuss the way forward with the Council. Ruth to lead.

John to also raise the issue with Lower Hutt FandB.

HCC Long Term Plan - Report from the consultation process

Julie reports on our submissions which focussed on biodiversity and response by way of letter (Action: to put on website)

It was suggested that the LTP and the Sustainability Strategy were not sufficiently ambitious. Daniel indicated that there was a lack of targets in the Sustainability Strategy.

Tui pointed out that the Council was taking measures to address sustainability. For example, to reduce car use. DP change 43 – no car parking spaces in new apartments

Agreed Action: Daniel to contact Jorn from HCC to obtain information about the review of Sustainability Strategy

P2G update

Michael reads recent correspondence from NZTA (?) indicating that the project is being reviewed by consultants in the light of the Governments national policy on roading.

Report on Inanga Love Park

Daniel explained what has happened to develop the site, future plans and the HCC request that we agree a

Tui suggests that we set up a facebook page to inform potential volunteers.

Agreed Action: Daniel to discuss and agree MOU with Riba from HCC

Waste and Recycling in Korokoro

Various issues with recycling (and problems of wind blowing recycling around) discussed.

Agreed Action: that we would give out the nets to those houses who did not have them. We would also obtain and distribute some information from HCC about what could be recycled. Daniel and Paul to do this. Other volunteers welcome.

GWC Pest Management Consultation

Particular community projects from elsewhere in the region discussed. Julie mentioned the technological support that can now be provided. Agreed that it would be great to undertake a project for pest reduction in Korokoro but that it would require someone to be willing to lead it.

Agreed Action: Julie to respond the consultation on behalf of KEG. We will organise an information session with WCR in the hope that it will encourage volunteers to put themselves forward for Korokoro project.

HCC Consultation on representation

Tui and Michael explain the issues about which the HCC is consulting: 3 options for election of councillors: ward, council wide or mixed. Also, the future of the community boards and panels.

Agreed Action: we would reply to the consultation on behalf of KEG indicating our strong support for Petone Board. Daniel to do.

Future of Korokoro Newsletter

Ruth explains why those who were responsible for doing the newsletter chose not to do it this time, in the hope that someone else would notice and offer to take it up.

Funding is available to assist in production of future newsletters.

Agreed Action: we would speak to Marty to see whether the older children at school might wish to take it on as a project. Also, ask around to see if anyone interested in taking it on.

Treasurer's report

Collection of fees ongoing

Meeting concludes at 4.20

