

**Inner City Association
Annual General Meeting
6-7.30pm Thursday 26 April 2017
CQ Hotel, 213-223 Cuba Street, Wellington**

Present: Geraldine Murphy; Wendy Armitage; Stella Bridge; Chris Butler; Richard and Nicky Darlow; Councillors Brian Dawson, Iona Pannett and Nicola Young; Grant Firth; John Harris; Chrissy Hill; Marion and Roger Kiddle; Clive Moon; Geraldine Murphy; Esme Ridgeway; Ian Stantiall; David Watt; Sarah and David Webb; Andre de Groot; Angela Rothwell(Mt Vic Residents Assn); Vivien Rickard; Anna Locker-Lampson.

Apologies: John and Robyn Albertson; Yon Yi Son; Anne Heynes; David and Bronwyn Wallis; Grant Robertson.

Previous AGM 2016 Minutes: Accepted.

Moved: David Webb.

Seconded: Wendy Armitage.

Chair's Report: Geraldine presented her report that was accepted.

Moved: Clive Moon

Seconded: Grant Firth

Chris Butler asked why it was that the subscriptions had declined. Geraldine said the topic had been discussed at previous AGMs and was partly due to differing views on role of organisation, subscriptions, charging for meetings, value for financial/non-financial members, and this would be discussed under the item on subscriptions.

Treasurer's Report: Grant Firth presented his treasurer's report that was accepted.

Moved: Richard Darlow.

Seconded: Wendy Armitage

Election of Officers:

Geraldine is stepping down as Chair and advised that John Albertson had agreed to take over provided no other people were nominated at the meeting. Geraldine has agreed to stay on as Deputy Chair. Grant Firth will remain as Treasurer. The Association would like someone to take on the role of Secretary. Jean Phipps has stood down. A new committee member, Yon Yi Sohn joins the committee and David Webb, Sarah Webb, Anna Locker-Lampson, Chrissy Hill, Clive Moon and Wendy Armitage will remain on the committee.

Geraldine advised that if people did not want to commit to being on the committee the Association would like to see people taking on individual tasks – either ones on

the list under the three priority portfolios or ones that they see as essential to enhancing the city.

The meeting supported the nominations for the Election of Officers.

Moved: Nicky Darlow

Seconded: Stella Bridge.

Iona Pannett asked for it to be recorded her thanks to Geraldine for everything she has done for the Association. She praised her commitment and dedication and the sacrifice she has made in getting the Association where it is today.

Association's Name Change

Although the Association is still legally incorporated as Wellington Inner City Residents and Business Association we propose to formally change the name to Inner City Wellington. The name will be formally changed when the updated constitution is submitted. The committee is waiting for the new Incorporated Societies Act to be passed, expected later this year, to ensure the draft constitution aligns with any requirements in the amended Act.

Moved: Geraldine Murphy

Seconded: Marion Kiddle.

Strategic Plan:

Clive Moon presented the Strategic Plan with the three main objectives being Sustainable Development, Local Democracy and Building Capacity (of Inner City Wellington). He also circulated a draft of the Inner City Wellington Brochure for use in promoting the organisation. Once it is printed it will be distributed through Phantom Billboards. Chrissy Hill suggested a map of the Wellington City and Te Aro area be included on the website and Clive agreed to look into the possibility of including one. The meeting accepted the three year Strategic Plan.

Moved: Wendy Armitage

Seconded: Chris Butler.

Subscriptions:

The motion is to introduce a 2 tier membership of \$26 per annum (50c per week) for residents, residential property owners and non-profit organizations, and a

\$52 per annum (\$1 per week) for body corporates, commercial property owners, public/private organizations

The Chair outlined that the organisation relied on the WCC grant for costs such as SurveyMonkey fees, website costs and the upgrade, meeting costs. Our ability to host meetings was dependent on getting the venue free of charge due to the commitment of CQ Hotel to support volunteer organisations. Costs such as sound equipment for meetings we held were substantial (approx \$500 – 600 if multiple microphones were required). The costs of the seismic strengthening seminars were all paid by WCC, and as ICA obtained the CQ venue at no cost, this enabled the 6

seminars to be provided with low costs overall. ICA cannot rely on having free venues and there may be a point when some costs are incurred. ICA was constrained in the development of marketing materials (eg, brochure, pullup banner, fridge magnets) as the budget did not stretch to that level. Marketing materials were important to build awareness of the organisation and attract more members.

Proposed: Geraldine Murphy.

Seconded: Marion Kiddle.

Carried by majority.

There was some discussion that financial members should receive a benefit from paying their subscription over what non-financial members received. An example of how this could work was discussed, but it was noted that it was best to enable flexibility to accommodate future functionality that could arise from the new website. The value of the work undertaken by the Committee on advocacy, lobbying and coordinating meetings and the benefits of this to the wider inner city community needs to be communicated to all members and the public generally. One member mentioned that the seismic seminars were worth the value of the subscription alone.

It was proposed the committee should decide on what benefits financial members get over non-financial members and for this to be reviewed as required.

Moved: Clive Moon

Seconded: Ian Stantiall

The proposal was accepted by a majority vote.

David Webb proposed that elected committee members be exempt from paying a subscription due to the time they give to the Association.

Moved: David Webb.

Seconded: Roger Kiddle.

The proposal was carried by the majority.

Esme Ridgeway offered to co-ordinate the subscriptions and the Chair accepted this offer.

Chrissy Hill suggested we should set a goal of getting a certain number of members then we could more easily budget for activities.

Chris Butler suggested we consider including resilience building in the city as an initiative, and we would need funding to promote it.

Constitution:

A revised constitution has been drafted based on the rules contained in the Bill for the amended Incorporated Societies Act. When the amended Act comes into force, the draft constitution will be checked to ensure it aligns and then submitted to the Incorporated Societies Registrar, along with formally changing our name to Inner City Wellington.

General Business:

Website

The new website, coordinated by Sarah and David Webb, with input from Wendy Armitage, is now up and running and Sarah and David received fulsome praise for producing such a useful, easy to use and attractive site. David ran through the website and the mobile friendly version. He also said that since it has been up and running they have had two approaches from the media. It was suggested we should send out a press release re the name change and the website.

Enable members' involvement and areas of priority requiring a lead

Geraldine outlined the structure proposed to encourage members to be involved in projects of interest to them, without needing to be on the Committee. Community resilience in the CBD is a key focus for WCC for the next year and a lead is required for this to ensure ICA and our membership are represented in the discussion.

Operational changes

Geraldine outlined that through the strategic planning process the following regular meetings will be held:

- Monthly Committee meetings, 2nd Tuesday of every month, 6-7pm. These will be listed on the website and members can attend if they wish to raise a topic.
- Bi-monthly meetings with WCC Lambton Ward Councillors; updates from the discussion will be put on the website.
- Alternate bi-monthly meetings with the Police Community Liaison Officer.
- ICA is also represented at the Mayoral Business Forums by Sarah Webb.

Other

A debate about why there are so many condemned buildings that were considered safe prior to the Kaikoura earthquake. Roger Kiddle suggested attention should be turned to the transportation of concrete that weakens its strengthening properties. Would like the question put to the WCC.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm