

12th Annual General Minutes 2019 - 2020

Monday 29th June, 6 -7.30pm

St Peters Church, Willis Street, Wellington

1. Karakia: Stephen King

2. Welcome: Stephen King welcomed everyone at the meeting and those on zoom and explained that due to Covid-19 this was a truncated event.

3. Present

Stephen King, Wendy Armitage, Shona Butterfield,, Clive Moon, Grant Firth, John Albertson, Neil Pryor, Geraldine Murphy, Iona Pannett, Bronwen Lloyd Davies, Una Smith, Jill Watson, Lindsay Shelton, Marion Kiddle, Mike Thompson, Chrissy Hill, Mark Noyles, John Harris, Sarah Webb, David Webb, Kevin Malbray, Carol Comber, Angela Rothwell, John Goddard, Carol Brown.

4. Apologies

Nicola Young, Clare Hutchins, Jessica Ducey, Grant Robertson, Roger Blakely.

5. Confirmation the 11th AGM held May 1, 2019 be a true and correct record.

Moved: Stephen King

Seconded: Geraldine Murphy

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

7. Annual report (2019-2020)

Before discussing the Annual Report, Stephen King thanked Clive Moon for his years of service as ICW Chair. Clive is stepping down from the committee but agreed to stay on as a Special Advisor to the committee. Clive has worked tirelessly for ICW and his vision has left ICW with a wonderful legacy for the future.

Stephen also thanked David Wood who is stepping down from the committee and has been involved with ICW for many years.

The meeting showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

Stephen advised that the Annual Report gave a good overview of what ICW has done during the year and advised the following updates would address our plans for the future.

Sustainable Development

Geraldine Murphy gave an update on the submission to a Select Committee on Seismic Strengthening of earthquake buildings. Geraldine advised that Grant Robertson presented the submission to parliament last September but due to delays the oral submission was not presented until Wednesday 24th June 2020. There were two petitions the first was for comprehensive support for residential owners in earthquake-prone buildings, and the second was to review the Building Act. Geraldine felt that they were given a fair hearing and called on the Select Committee members to use their power to call on the government to make a strong recommendation to implement the actions called for. (* more details can be found on ICW website)

Democratic Resilience

Stephen King advised that ICW has been very active this year and collaboration with Flagstaff Hill Residents Association and VUWSU helps ensure we represent a broader voice.

Stephen also acknowledge the support ICW receives from the Lambton Ward Councillors who also attend our meetings.

Stephen also thanked Lindsay Shelton from SCOOP Wellington for his continuing support.

- **Constituents**

Shona Butterfield advised that ICW is embarking on a plan to get a better idea of who our constituents are and, as part of this work, John Albertson had produced a report from the census. Further information from various WCC reports will be added now to provide a sound base for outreach, forming partnerships, informing our submissions etc.

- **Library**

Shona Butterfield noted that on July 21 councillors will consider a council staff Statement of Proposal as part of the Special Consultation procedure. But, given the conflicting and numerous recommendations from a previous council meeting, ICW is concerned whether councillors have given staff a clear brief to ensure they will be able to accept the proposal put forward.

ICW concern also centres around public consultation and when this should occur in the process. In far too many cases, the public are only consulted at the end of a council driven process, which then becomes a tick box exercise.

- **Case Study**

Shona Butterfield advised that ICW has developed a case study which highlights a number of process failures which we believe occur in many consultation procedures. ICW is now working towards running seminars and other work to try and get processes changed to ensure the public can feel they are properly consulted, that they have appropriate information, and that the council are not constantly in conflict with the public.

Financial Report

Grant Firth addressed the Financial Report. It was agreed no increase in subscriptions. Grant advised that subscriptions would now be sent out.

*Moved the Financial Statements contained in the Annual Report be accepted: Stephen King
Seconded: John Albertson.*

8. Resolution – Narrowing of ICW Constituency

Clive Moon spoke to a resolution, circulated prior to the meeting, to narrow the focus of ICW to the residential community.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ICW's mission now becomes:

In the interests of sustainable development and local democracy, Inner-City Wellington seeks to serve as a progressive and influential voice of and for the residential community in the suburbs of Te Aro and Wellington Central.

If does so through engagement with the appropriate public authorities for the purpose of enhancing the wellbeing of the residential community in the inner-city.

Residential Community is defined as "residential individuals, body corporates and property owners"

9. Election of Officers

The following members were elected to the committee:

- CHAIR – Stephen King
Moved: Wendy Armitage
Seconded: Geraldine Murphy
- SECRETARY – Wendy Armitage
- TREASURER - Grant Firth
- COMMITTEE – *Existing members*
Shona Butterfield
John Albertson
Jessica Ducey
Andre De Groot
Moved: Stephen King
Seconded: Marion Kiddle
- COMMITTEE – *New Members*
Richard Norman
Moved: Stephen King
Seconded: Marion Kiddle
Michael Thompson
Moved: Clive Moon
Seconded: Wendy Armitage

Stephen thanked the following for their involvement and support on the committee.

- CO-OPERATION PARTNERS
Neil Pryor – Flagstaff Hill Residents Association
Clare Hutchins – Flagstaff Hill Residents Association
VUWSA
- ADMINISTRATION
Stephen King welcomed Trish Given from the Mt Vic Hub who now provides administrative support to the committee. He thanked her for the work she has done to date, and thanked WCC for providing extra funding for Trish to support ICW, which will make a huge difference to our operation.

10. General Business

Prior to covid-19 lockdown, ICW had agreed to hold a public forum on the Spatial Plan. Councillor Iona Pannett asked if this could be organised July/August. To be planned at the next committee meeting.

11. Question Time

Councillor Iona Pannett asked the meeting what they thought about the library and advised she would like to hold some public meetings in this regard.

The meeting advised the following:

- the options offered were not clear cut and the council appeared to be pushing an agenda that was not what people had been told, and this seemed disingenuous.

- comparisons with Christchurch library, which was funded by insurance not ratepayers, was misleading and should only have been used as a comparison for design not affordability.
- this kind of decision is major, and the manner of presenting needs to be much more transparent.
- extras, such as Capital E, should be costed separately
- a question was raised about the option to strengthen to 40% New Building Standard (NBS) when Council's policy is to strengthen to above 67% NBS. Is this a viable option? If it is, why were other buildings strengthened to a higher %NBS?
Councillor Pannett responded that there was not a formal policy to strengthen to above 67% NBS, however noted that it did raise questions given Council's practice.

12. Date of next meeting: May 4th, 2020

13. Karakia: Stephen King

14. Meeting closed 6.52