

Energise Ōtaki Minutes: Thursday, 29 October 2018

15:09pm – 16:35



End of Year drinks and nibbles 16:35 – 18:00

Dr Gertrude Atmore Supper Room, Memorial Hall corner Main and Aotaki Streets, Ōtaki

1. Attendance:

Lloyd Chapman (Chair), Hannelore Wagner-Nicholls, David Rumsey, Jake Roos, Phil Malpas, Paul Arnold, Stuart Pritchard, Sara Velasquez, Leigh Ramsey (late), Merle Metekingi (late), Shelly Warwick (late)

2. Apologies:

Gael Ferguson (in Australia for the next months but still involved), Dawn Hirshberg, Andy Fraser, Paul Frater

3. Ratify Minutes:

Moved by Stuart, Seconded by David, All in favour, Chair accepted.

4. Projects Overview

- 4.1. **Solar Energy Project:** Agreement of land lease with Council in place. Leigh / Gael currently working with funders. Discussions are ongoing.
- 4.2. **Bike Library:** First “workshop” occurred last Friday 24th November, 2018. Dismantled 6 children’s bikes for parts. Still need to look through the 20+ adult bikes for what can be saved for parts and what can be refurbished. Still might give bikes away at Christmas for St Peter Chanel students (waiting to hear from school). Dave Rumsey will talk to the Lions Club and Hanna is writing an application of how the Lions Organisation can help with the refurbishment of the container January/Feb is the planned launch but we need to do more pre-organisation (dismantling, fit out, tools purchase etc) . St Peter Chanel still interested in painting the container.
- 4.3. **Provincial Growth Fund (PGF):** There is an opportunity to apply for this funding. Stuart and Phil attended a workshop held by KCDC on 26th Nov (about 60 attendees of the Kāpiti Coast). Would be worth getting a working group together – who wants to be involved. PGF is looking for bigger projects on the Kāpiti Coast with a strong interest of investing in Ōtaki. Phil / Coastal Energy is keen. Stuart is also keen and sees an opportunity for EO to apply. Maybe Iain to establish an EV training centre at the Clean Tech space could be an opportunity. Job creation is an important point in the PGF. Maybe could include Foxton pyrolysis plant? Lots of ideas. Proposals need to be made around April. KCDC is also trying to apply as council for the regional development.
- 4.4. **Refrigeration / Cold Storage:** David Rumsey, Stuart Pritchard, and Sara Velasquez are having a preliminary discussion on opportunities on Monday 3 December.
- 4.5. **Other projects:** Sara mentioned James Cootes’ Facebook post about KCDC opportunity/consideration of investing \$10 million in a managed fund – and would it be worth providing a paper about solar as an asset in Kāpiti or fleshing out a proposal. Decided not at the moment but James Cootes is aware of Energise Ōtaki.
- 4.6. **Possible new projects:** See 4.3 and 4.4

5. Administration

5.1. Website and communication

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Miriam has updated. Need to check with Gael to get approval. Then need to promote website and email account. Link the Info @-email to gmail account which mainly used for administration purposes and communication.. Paul Arnold to assist with configuring and forwarding info@energiseotaki.nz to energiseotaki@gmail.com .

5.1.2. Charitable status update

Received! Hooray! Hanna is working on the Tier 4 report for 2018, which is due by the end of Dec. –The Charities Commission has extensive reporting requirements which need to be adhered to.

5.2. Liability Insurance

Energise Ōtaki is in the process to purchase public liability insurance (\$ 1m +) to be covered for possible claims. This is also a pre-requisite for KCDC Social Change Project Funding. Hanna and Lloyd are talking to an insurance broker.

5.3. Financial Report

- Opening Balance: \$33,187.18
- Deposit: \$40,000 KCDC Social Investment Instalment 2018
- Spent \$3,048 since last meeting (transaction fees, BFSNZ 6 months rental space, MenzShed Membership 2019, EVelocity Year 2-Project, Reimbursement for community garden project).
- Closing Balance: \$70,139.18
- Hanna will look into a term deposit (maybe \$20k) for some of the funds to increase available funds to use for administration costs.
- Overall the accounts are healthy.

6. Other Business

Changing times for Monthly Business Meetings – suggested changing them from 3pm – 5pm on the last Thursday of the month, to 6pm – 8pm on the last Wednesday of the Month. Vote here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiG0n-wFEax7K9o9Jgy4W_pU8nJ0J6PgwwQS3cRQLig2uosQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

7. Presentation and Discussion

Jake Roos is an Energy Consultant and a foundation member of Energise Ōtaki. His presentation “Climate Change and What We Can Do About It” shared some frightening facts about climate change (see some highlighted slides attached).

To answer the “What We Can Do About It”, Jake has created a local organisation called Low Carbon Kāpiti, <http://lowcarbonkapiti.org.nz/>, which empowers people and lobbies Government and the local council.

Low Carbon Kāpiti currently has started a petition :

- KCDC go carbon neutral by 2025 - <http://lowcarbonkapiti.org.nz/kcdc-go-carbon-neutral-by-2025/>

Change Is achievable! It is all about determination!

Next Meeting: Please respond to our survey about what time you would like us to hold our 2019 Meetings so that you can easily attend.. We plan to start the 2019 meetings in January 2019!

<https://goo.gl/forms/Ey4eYM0EZDkyl7pG2>

Thanks for a great 2018!