

Minutes : Energise Otaki Annual General Meeting, Thursday 30 August 2018 in the Supper Room



Present:

Leigh Ramsey (Chair), Hanna Wagner-Nicholls (Treasurer), Lloyd Chapman (secretary), Gael Ferguson, David Rumsey, Stuart Pritchard, Iain Jerrett, Jim Honeywell, Paul Arnold, Shelley Warwick, Vanessa Crowe, Phil Malpas, Len Nicholls, Sara Velasquez

Apologies:

Chris Papps, Jake Roos, Ash Perfect, Jamie Bull, Andy Fraser, Dawn Hirschberg

Welcome: the chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated. No comments were received.
Approved: Hanna / Iain

Annual Report

Chairman Leigh Ramsey presented his Annual Report for the year 2017/18. It had been a busy year : our second year since Energise Otaki became an Incorporated Society.

Key activities:

- Curtain Bank - In association with the Wellington Sustainability Trust & Otaki CAB we installed 140 recycled curtains in 40 Otaki properties.
- Curious Minds - the MBIE-funded project at Otaki College to help improve understanding of STEM subjects has been a success
- Evolocity the electric bike project at Otaki College was a great success. They gave a stellar performance at the national champs in Christchurch. As a result one graduating college student has now found employment in a related field
- Green Bike project. Continues. Container installed at St Peter Chanel school, project moving forward with the recruitment of a bike enthusiast
- Otaki College Horticultural Block is going well with coordination from EO volunteers. It's hard work! Recent garden party had 50 community visitors
- Otaki College coppicing woodlot has been thinned, and unsatisfactory willows removed.
- Otaki College pool. Recycled Solar panels implemented to heat the pool, which has extended its use by two months.
- Solar Farm - finally, the project is close to signature with Kapiti Coast District Council, after a year's negotiation. It will be our major project in the coming year.
- Website & Facebook undergoing a revamp
- We applied for and received a grant of \$134k, over three years from KCDC's Community Grants, which will allow us to employ a part-time coordinator, in anticipation of expansion of our activities in the future.
- We are a small but strong incorporated society, and have achieved a lot this past year. Special thanks to Stu (Curtain bank), Hanna (trees, community garden and treasurer), Lloyd (secretary), Gael (strategy) and Iain (tech input)

Moved Stuart, seconded Gael that this report be adopted. Passed

Treasurer's Report

Hanna reported that income last year was less than the previous year, and operating expenses were higher. We still have \$32 k in the bank.

The \$10 membership fee no longer applies.

Moved Gael, seconded Lloyd that the Treasurer's report should be adopted. Passed.

At this point Leigh Ramsey relinquished the chair.

Iain Jerrett took the chair. Moved Gael/Lloyd, seconded Leigh Hanna.

Iain called for nominations for Chair.

Leigh Ramsey Proposed as Chair Hanna, seconded Lloyd.

Lloyd Chapman proposed as Secretary Proposed Leigh, seconded Hanna

Hanna Wagner-Nicholls proposed as Treasurer Leigh/Lloyd

There being no further nominations from the floor, no votes were required, and Leigh, Lloyd & Hanna were duly elected unanimously.

Calls for nominations for members of the Committee: The following nominations were received:

Andy Fraser Hanna / Lloyd

Stuart Pritchard Lloyd / Hanna

Jake Roos Hanna / Lloyd

David Rumsey Lloyd / Hanna

Gael Fergusson Shelley / Lloyd

The above were duly elected unanimously, with acclamation

Chairman Leigh thanked everyone for their contribution

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm