
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE QUEEN MARY BOTANIC GARDENS
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2019**

PRESENT:

Dorothy Baldwin (CWA)
Rosalind Small (Friends of QMG)
Lynne Box (Friends Of QMG)
Jason Abbott (Parks & Gardens)(Secretary)
Margaret Mc Cahon (CWA)
Joanne Hamilton (Chairperson)(Friends of QMG)
Dorothy Patton (Community)
Cr Tony Driscoll

1. **OPEN MEETING:** The Chair declared the meeting open.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Ella Ebery,lindee Parry,Flora Mc Rae
3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST & DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Nil

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:**

'That the minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th September as circulated be adopted.'

Moved: J Abbott

Seconded: D Patton

Carried

- 5.0 **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- 5.1 Shane Birthisel has contracted to repair fountain lights.
- 5.2 The committee has to acknowledged and tabled the petition received from Maurie and Pat Wood. Jo has responded by letter and Jason,Jo and Ros have met with them personally in regards to the petition.
- 5.3 Funding has been allocated to the Eastern corner which will be acquitted by September. Friends maybe able to help financially to ensure completion of the project.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Nil

7. **REPORTS:** Nil

8. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

8.1 Jason, Jo and Ros met with Maurie and Pat Wood in the gardens to address their correspondence and petition about the planting of hedges in the gardens. All points of view were put forward by both parties as to the pros and cons of the hedge. This was relayed to the committee who have decided to stay with their original decision as voted for in general business at the September meeting 2018. GB item 8.3 The committee voted to reduce the height of the hedge along Mc Mahon and Millet street to 1.2 meters (four feet). GB item 8.4 The committee also decided to proceed with the hedge along the eastern corner and Inkerman street which is also to be maintained at 1.2 meters.

8.2 Flora Mc Rae has resigned from the committee due to ill health. The committee will send a card thanking her for her years of service.

8.3 Two new members needed to replace Eric Walker and Flora Mc rae.

8.4 Wind farm grant of \$3050 dollars for trees on eastern corner.

8.5 No gala day this year, Steps at rear of Mechanics hall have been installed. Unable to contact mechanics president re: steps.

8.6 Young farmers asked if the info board in the QMG was being moved. It is staying for the foreseeable future may be moved if a better site can be found.

8.7 Info board at pioneer park needs maintenance on lettering.

9. **NEXT MEETING: 15-2019 St Arnaud Town Hall**

10. **CLOSE:**

The Meeting closed at 6.40PM

Confirmed