

Onslow Residents Community Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 April 2021

at 7.30 pm in Khandallah Town Hall



1. **Attendance:** 33
2. **Welcome:** Lawrence Collingbourne, President, welcomed attendees including Member of Parliament, Greg O'Connor (Ohariu) Wellington City Councillors, Diane Calvert and Simon Woolf, and Wellington City Council's CEO, Barbara McKerrow and Chief Planning Officer, Liam Hodgetts
3. **Acknowledgement:** Lawrence recognised the hard work of current committee members including those who had stepped down from their positions of responsibility. These were: Ray Chung (Vice President), Lance Pratley (Secretary), Lachman Prasad (Treasurer) and committee members, Martin Jenkins, Shirley Morrison, Annie Van Herck, Barbara McKenzie and Ross Murdoch
4. **Apologies:** Received from the Mayor, Andy Foster, Councillor, Rebecca Matthews, and members, Bernadette Chambers, Carol Stigley, Kelvin Cooper, Jillian Carpenter, Jenny Leith and Alastair Hutchins
5. **Guest Speaker:** Barbara McKerrow provided a brief synopsis of her career path, including her previous role as CEO of the Taranaki City Council. Her vision for her present role was to ensure the capital city was 'fit for the future'. She reiterated that while Wellington survived well during the global pandemic, the effect on costs and revenue was large. Rates were kept low during 2020 due to financial effects of the Covid-19 lockdown on families. However in 2021 there would need to be a 20% increase if Government programmes such as The Three Waters Reform were to be achieved. Local Government is facing urgent challenges in the provision of drinking water, wastewater and storm water services including funding infrastructure deficits, complying with safety standards and environmental expectations, building resilience to natural hazards and climate change and supporting growth. The CEO said a dedicated climate change response team had been appointed to help with the city's adaptation to changes and the speed of progress would depend on the financial year. 2.7 billion dollars would be borrowed over the next 10 years.

Liam Hodgetts provided details on the progress of the Spatial Plan. 3,000 public submissions had been received, necessitating three months for analysis. He expected the plan would be presented to Council in July. The revised District Plan in draft form would be available in December and the public would be given 4 months to submit their views on it.

Liam and Barbara answered questions from the floor after which Lawrence thanked them both for making themselves available to keep residents informed. An opportunity was provided for attendees to interact over a cup of tea.

6 Minutes of the AGM of 30 June 2020 were presented by secretary, Lance Pratley, and these were confirmed as a correct record. (Ross Murdoch, Sue Carty)

7 President's Annual Report: Lawrence expressed his thanks to the ORCA committee for the energy, diligence, knowledge and skills they had provided during the year. He also thanked the organisations who had generously sponsored ORCA and its events in the last year through grants, donations and free products or discounted services.

He spoke about the impact of the global pandemic and the need for community resilience. ORCA were able to assist by providing templates to encourage members to contact and support neighbours. He highlighted an upcoming event involving the community emergency hub and its use in future emergencies.

Lawrence listed events ORCA had been involved in during 2020:

- a. A Looking After our Waterways event that involved speakers from the Regional Council, DOC and residents providing both a social and biological history of Tyers Stream and setting out how to protect our waterways from pollution.
- b. Two public meetings were held in September to discuss Wellington City Council's Spatial Plan, one organised by resident, Jo Stevens. 186 people attended a meeting at Cashmere Avenue School hall to learn more about the implications of the Plan and how they could respond. ORCA made submissions based on feedback from the public meetings.
- c. Presence at the Khandallah Village Fair where new members were signed up.
- d. Celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas Party
- e. Organised and ran the Khandallah Park Picnic with a Dragon theme to coincide with the Khandallah Arts presentation of The Reluctant Dragon
- f. Held a public meeting to discuss the Regional Public Transport Plan on 16 March. Speakers included Daran Ponter, GWRC, Councillor

Roger Blakeley and Bill Guest of Karori Residents' Association. ORCA prepared a written submission and will give an oral one.

8 Treasurer's Presentation of 2020 Financial Statements

Lachman Prasad presented the financial statements and these were accepted.
(Barbara McKenzie/Ray Chung)

9 Appointment of an Auditor

It was agreed that it was not necessary to have an auditor (Kirsty Meadows/Sam Summers)

10 Nomination of Officers and Committee

The secretary read out the following nominations for the 2020 Executive and Committee:

President:	Lawrence Collingbourne	(Martin Jenkins/ Barbara McKenzie)
Vice President	Martin Jenkins	(Lance Pratley/Barbara McKenzie)
Secretary	Shirley Morrison	(Barbara McKenzie/Martin Jenkins)
Treasurer	Lance Pratley	(L Collingbourne/Martin Jenkins)
Committee	Lachman Prasad	(Ray Chung/L Collingbourne)
	Ray Chung	(Lance Pratley/L Collingbourne)
	Barbara McKenzie	(Lance Pratley/Martin Jenkins)
	Ross Murdoch	(Barbara McKenzie/Shirley Morrison)

The Membership voted all nominations on by acclamation.

11 General Business

Sue Carty and other members present expressed their sincere thanks to Lawrence for his efforts in connecting the community with officials in a public forum in order to help them understand the Spatial Plan and its implications for them.

In answer to a question from the floor relating to whether Councillors readily make themselves available for questioning, Lawrence indicated that Diane Calvert was very forthcoming and approachable.

Lynn Cadenhead reminded those present not to be afraid of putting their wishes to Council even if these weren't included in documents already in the public arena.

Lawrence thanked everyone for attending. The meeting came to an end at 9.00 pm.