



Futuna Residents Association Inc

Annual General Meeting of the Futuna Residents Association Inc Sunday 22 May 2011

Meeting opened at 3pm

Present:

Joy Asher (2)
Sue Lockhart (3)
Susan Wong (6)
Dawn Hudson (9)
Dinnie Hall (11)
L Redhill (14)
Pam Davis (20)
Lesley Mcrae (24)
Carol Palmer (25)
Don and Shelia Langridge (27)
Penny Dravitzki (34)
Robin Knight (37)
Anne McIntyre (38)

Liz Ritchie (42)
Catherine Myers (43)
Richard and Sally Mann (45)
Kelly Burn (46)
Steve and Sylvia Spence (48)
Vincent and Lorna Boland (50)
Christine Kleingeld (51)
Ana James (53)
Tim Ritchie (55)
Brenda Williams (58)
Peter Cavanaugh (59)
Keith Curry (61)
Helena Brow (62)
Don Matson (64)

Apologies:

Bruce Asher (2)
Julie Barron (29)
Don and Margery Silver (4)
Patricia Sturrock (5)
Bernadine Pool (7)
Anita and Eric Rae (12)

Jenny and John Hall (13)
Joy Gray (23)
Nicola Drayton-Giesti (41)
Simon and Lisa Hoskin (44)
Denise Cavanagh (59)

Welcome

Tim Ritchie welcomed everyone to the AGM. Special guests Lianne Cox and Graeme Rule from the Friends of Futuna Charitable Trust were welcomed. It was noted that Nick Bevin, Chair of the Futuna Charitable Trust was unable to attend the AGM.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 May 2010 have been circulated and posted to the website. These were confirmed.

Moved: Dinnie Hall
Seconded: Penny Dravitzki

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report – Tim Ritchie

Tim introduced the Committee members.

Carol Palmer – Secretary and acting Treasurer



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Richard Mann – Building Control Committee

Sally Mann – gardening

Bernie Pool – responsibility for the rubbish collection, social matters and the Friends of Futuna Charitable Trust

Penny Dravitski – communications

Margery Silver – social matters.

Tim thanked all members of the Committee for the time they have given freely over the year. The Committee met on 5 occasions since the last AGM, with email and phone deliberations in between times.

During the year resignations were received from Ron Kleingeld and Keith Curry. Both were very active on Association affairs and Tim wished to place on record thanks to them for their contributions. Also Margery Silver had advised that she will not be standing for the Committee again and Tim thanked her for her contribution.

It was also appropriate to acknowledge and place on record the contribution from the late Bernard Russell to the work of the Building Control Committee – he had also been a Trustee of the FOF Charitable Trust.

Committee work included:

Parking

There had continued to be an issue with parking within the complex over the past year – generally residents and visitors blocking access to people's homes, parking over the yellow lines and generally inconveniencing residents. Tim encouraged the community to be considerate of other residents and to not allow this matter to become a source of discontent and tension between residents. Tim reminded the residents that unfortunately none of us were involved in the planning of the complex and we all know that parking is severely underdone, meaning that we all need to compromise. Tim reminded everyone of the Lot 100 parking restriction.

Speeding

The speed of vehicles in the complex continued to be an issue. Despite the 20km speed limit signs they are often ignored by both residents and visitors. Given the paramount importance of safety the Committee approved the installation of speed bumps.

Christmas Carols in the Chapel

The Carols were presented by the combined choirs of St Mary's and St Teresa's in December. This event was a great success and this will be an activity that the incoming Committee will be planning to repeat this coming Christmas.

Building Control Committee

Tim noted that over 85% of the properties have been re-stained. It is expected that the balance will be completed in the not too distant future. The Building Control Committee will follow up.

Tim reminded the residents that a Building Control Committee is in place and that their approval is required before any significant works are undertaken to ensure we maintain the integrity of the complex. The website holds some of the information needed on R&M.



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Security

Security is something we all need to be aware of. The Chapel have faced several thefts of a plaque at the Chapel entrance – we all need to be vigilant and Tim asked the residents to call the police should they see suspicious behaviour.

Finances

We have had another satisfactory year. Tim noted the levy we pay includes the weekly rubbish collection and is pretty good value, especially compared with other residential complexes in Wellington.

For the 2011/12 financial year, the Committee considers it prudent to lift the per unit levy from \$450 to \$500. This is considered necessary to keep on top of the gardening and tree issues on the common Lot 100 ground, including the reserve area on the hill. The proposed \$500 per unit would be rebate-able to \$450 per unit if paid on time. The proposed budget was presented to the AGM.

Tim recorded that it has become customary for the Association to not charge the Chapel a levy. This is in lieu of residents and the Association paying for the use of the Chapel – like today or at the Christmas Carols. Rebating the levy for the Chapel provides the Trust some small assistance to their restoration project. Tim proposed that we continue with this approach – all agreed.

Recent Publicity

Tim noted the unfortunate and offensive article in the Dominion Post magazine just prior to the Chapel's 50th Anniversary Celebrations – and the reference to "red necks". It is important that we understand and recognise that the Trust had nothing to do with those offensive remarks. They were the unfortunate comments from an individual and whom we understand has advised he regretted making them and has accordingly apologised.

Nick Bevin, the Trust Chairman had written to the Association supporting this and we are hopeful the matter is now behind us and as Nick Bevin had said, we have a good relationship between the trust and the residents and we need to keep it that way.

General Business

The question was raised regarding the signage near number 51 pointing the wrong way.

It was noted there is no exit sign for 51 to 59.

It was noted that the sign on the lamp post at the front of the complex was missing.

These matters will be addressed by the Building Control Committee.

Appointment of the Committee for 2011/12

Tim spoke about the importance of residents coming forward to serve on the Committee. In the absence of sufficient interest, "farming-out" tasks to a property management company might become necessary and there would be a cost to the Association associated with same. Currently, particular skill needs were accounting/treasury and legal.



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Steve Spence volunteered to join the Committee.

All current Committee members (except Margery Silver) had indicated they would stand again and with the addition of Steve Spence, were confirmed elected.

Christine Kleingeld will ask Ron if he will consider maintaining the website.

Meeting closed at 3:50pm