

# GRAFTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

PRESENT: Ann Everett, Martin Dickson, Bill Farmer,  
Peter Onneweer, Christiane Pracht, Dianne  
Northcott, Libby McLeay, Kathryn Osborne,  
Richard Leckinger, Kay Orr, Adrian  
Stichbury, Gavin Frost, Martin Dunlop,  
Robin Reed, Jacqui Callaghan

APOLOGIES: Bob Lack, Julian Hayes ,Craig Gillett Jacqui  
Callaghan for lateness

DATE: 12 May 2018

START TIME:: 4pm

END TIME: 5:17pm

CHAired BY: Richard Leckinger

MINUTED BY: Libby McLeay, Dianne Northcott

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION	
		INITIALS	DATE
1.0	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS		
	2017 AGM minutes approved. M: Martin Dickson, S: Kay Orr All in favour 2018 March minutes approved. M:Dianne Northcott, S: Gavin Frost All in favour 2018 April minutes approved. M:Dianne Northcott, S: Kay Orr All in favour		
2.0	CHAIR'S REPORT		
	Chair's Report presented, appended to these minutes		
	Chair's report accepted. M: Ann Everett, S: Martin Dunlop All in favour		
3.0	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Martin Dickson presented the annual accounts and his report, appended to these minutes.		
	Treasurer's Reports accepted, and accounts approved. M: Martin Dickson, S: Ann Everett. A discussion was held regarding the status of money earmarked for the Community Garden that has been held over for more than a year. Robyn Reed spoke to this and the earmark is to continue. A discussion was held regarding money earmarked for the Departing Chair's gift, which also has been around more than a year. The full discussion was held over into General Business, but the decision was delegated to the new committee to identify exactly who had donated what and decide how to proceed. Following a committee recommendation, the subs for this year were set for \$15 per household + a suggested \$5 donation. Secretary L McLeay departed replaced by D Northcott		
4.0	ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
	The Chair handed the meeting over to Martin Dickson to run the election as Martin was stepping down from the committee. <b>Chair</b> Richard Leckinger A Everett/K Osborne <b>Secretary</b> Craig Gillett D Northcott/M Dunlop <b>Treasurer</b> Kathryn Osborne D Northcott/R Leckinger <b>Committee Members (3 positions available)</b>		

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	Dianne Northcott K Orr/ M Dunlop Jacqui Callaghan R Leckinger/K Orr Martin Dunlop B Farmer/R Leckinger All 6 positions elected unopposed and unanimously		
	Actions The Committee has the power to co-opt members		
5.0	REMIT ON NEW RULES FOR THE ASSOCIATION		
	<p>The Chair presented and discussed the new Rules that were tabled at the previous meeting in April.</p> <p>The Chair explained</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This rule update is necessary. GRA is in its 56<sup>th</sup> year, the last rule update was last century.</li> <li>2. The new Rules are a comprehensive re-write based on the template for Incorporated Society's provided by the Companies Office on their the website, and that it had been discussed in detail by the committee regarding quorums and other optional settings.</li> <li>3. All the existing purposes of the Association stated in the 1999 Rules are preserved.</li> <li>4. The clause on geographic boundaries is based on the current Census Area Units. This clause extends GRA's 1999 rule on geographical area and determines the maximum extent of GRA. The association is free to set boundaries within that as part of a bylaw as it sees fit.</li> </ol> <p>The Chair sought permission of the meeting to adopt the punctuation 'Grafton Residents Association'. No objections were raised.</p> <p>Kathryn Osborne asked about the investment clauses in Rule 17, 'Additional Powers' of the Rules and why they were not limited to bank investment.</p> <p>The Chair explained Rule 17 was the stock clause recommended by the Companies Office that ties the committee and association to other laws regarding entities investing.</p> <p>The new Rules were adopted. M Dunlop / A Everett unanimous</p>		
	<p>Membership fees to remain</p> <p>"\$15 per household plus \$5 suggested donation"</p> <p>D Northcott/B Farmer</p>		
6.0	GENERAL BUSINESS		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The change of bank signatories and change of address for service at the Companies Office referred to the committee to action.</li> <li>2. Recommendation for how to treat the unexpended \$330 gifted in 2015 for long standing GRA chair, D Haigh's farewell is referred to the committee. B Farmer/ G Frost</li> <li>3. Update on Grafton Vision</li> </ol> <p>The Grafton Vision project was explained in a little more detail and members who had not taken part were invited to do so at the close of the AGM</p> <p>Formal vote of thanks for support given to GRA by the Waitemata Local Board</p>		

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	Liberal Catholic Church Present and past community members R Leckinger/K Orr unanimous		
	The Chair closed the formal AGM at 5:17 pm and members retired for refreshments and to the Grafton Vision.		

**Next Meeting -           Monday June 11 at 7pm**  
**Community Hall of the**  
**Liberal Catholic Church**  
**27 Carlton Gore Road**

# GRAfton Residents Association

[grafton.org.nz](http://grafton.org.nz)

## **Chair's report to the members of the Grafton Residents Association for the year ended March 2018.**

The new committee started its year with the question posed at last year's AGM – what exactly is GRA for, and can it continue in its advocacy for Grafton? While the jury is still out on the first part of the question, I can say for certain that GRA has indeed continued as an active advocate for Grafton.

### **Grafton Vision**

We received a \$10K grant from the Waitemata Local Board to undertake a community consultation project to better identify our stakeholders and to provide council with guidelines of the community's aspirations and concerns. Kudos to Libby McLeay and Martin Dickson for getting the project up and running, and for the tireless work of Dianne Northcott and Jacqui Callaghan consulting with people across Grafton. The committee has employed Joanna Boileau to help with the consultation, which continues. If you haven't had your say, get in touch we'd love to hear your views.

### **Parking Consultation**

The Council consultation that will have the biggest direct impact on Grafton was for parking. We baffled AT with our request for significantly higher parking charges for the suburb, and they did meet us half way. Parking for residents continues to be a serious problem at all hours of the day and days of the week. AT have promised that they will review the turnover targets that they have set, and adjust the scheme as needed to ensure that there are parking spaces available in our suburb. The installation of the scheme is set to begin at any time, and residents will be notified in advance to apply for the resident's exemption to the parking charges.

### **Other Submissions**

In addition to the parking consult, GRA also submitted on the Auckland Plan, the 10 year budget, the regional pest plan and the waste management and minimisation Plan. (WMMP) We also were heard at several of the Domain Committee meetings at council, and have met regularly with ATEED (Lantern and other festivals) as well as meeting with our Local Board members both formally and informally.

### **Finances**

We have a backlog of annual reports due with the companies office, and our recent rule changes and proposed new rules (at this AGM) are intended to put

these to bed and clarify things going forward. GRA has refunded a \$480 grant that the incoming committee was unaware of and that we did not end up spending on the intended purpose – printed newsletters. Martin Dickson has done a great job in getting the books back into shape. Our financial position may look particularly good at the moment but the funds are allocated to the Grafton Vision project. We need to look at a more sustainable financial plan going forward.

## **Rules**

I promised a full update of the association's Rules at last year's AGM, and they are here at this AGM for your approval. This sounds grander than it is. The Incorporated Society's website has wonderful sample documents that are up to date even with proposed changes to the legislation. With these proposed Rules changes we should be good for another 20 years. It was a delight reading the original 1962 Rules. My how things (and language) have changed! GRA is 56 years old this year.

## **General**

Your committee has been meeting and working faithfully all year, and for that I am truly grateful. Behind the scenes Anne Mouat has kept the web and facebook pages ticking over and members old and new have been coming out of the woodwork to talk about what Grafton means to them.

If the Grafton Vision work is teaching me anything, it is that there is a deep vein of appreciation for the heritage values of Grafton and a desire to protect them. If it is my privilege to remain on the committee, I am looking forward to initiating some work in the heritage space. There certainly seems to be an appetite for it.

The community is changing a great deal. We've lost a few classic buildings this year and we're gaining some significant university buildings as well. Both will change the character of the community.

I want to thank the Waitemata Local Board for their contributions to GRA and the Liberal Catholic Church for making their rooms available to GRA for our meetings. I want to thank Dianne Northcott for feeding and hosting every committee meeting we've held this year!

Richard Leckinger  
Chair  
May 2018

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**FINANCIAL REPORT  
for financial year 1 APRIL 2017 TO 30 MARCH  
2018**

<b>Statement of Income and Expenditure</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	330.00	220.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Grants	10,000.00	480.00
Other	0.00	380.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,330.00</b>	<b>1,080.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Communications (web page etc)	1,220.40	0.00
Newsletter*	480.00	0.00
Community Garden	0.00	0.00
Vision Project	2,812.78	0.00
Admin	0.00	0.00
Events	225.00	190.00
Other	0.00	50.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>4,738.18</b>	<b>240.00</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>5,591.82</b>	<b>840.00</b>

\* Grant returned to Auckland Council

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**Statement of Financial Position**

<b>ASSETS</b>	30 March 2018	30 March 2017
Cash on hand	150.00	0.00
ASB Bank Account	9,101.43	2,902.55
Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,251.43</b>	<b>2,902.55</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00
Creditors	757.06	1,063.35
Grants yet to be spent	7,187.22	480.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>7,944.28</b>	<b>1,543.35</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,307.15</b>	<b>1,359.20</b>

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**Notes to the Financial  
Statements**

There are no loans, mortgages, charges or securities.

There are no properties or real assets held.