

Sustainable Otautahi-Christchurch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Tuesday 27th June 2006 7.15pm held in the Waiau Theatre at Environment Canterbury.

Present: Roger Buck, Joy Burt, Ann Carroll, David Chamberlain, Nick Early, Lindsay Eaves, Dave Evans, Reurbanise - Andrew Groom, Michael Hamblett, Christoph Hensch, Kate Hewson, Patricia Morrison, Mike O'Connell, Katherine Peet, John Peet, John Stocks, Rhys Taylor, Ben Tichborne, Chrissie Williams, Arthur Williamson, Natural Home Builders - Philip Wilkinson, Anne Nelson, Scott Rice, Sue Jarvis, Colin Meurk, Alison Ross, Ian Spellerberg.

1. Apologies.

WEA - Daniella Bagozzi, David Close, Caroline Hearst, Chris Kissling, Komie Kolandai, Project Port Lyttelton - Margaret Jeffries, St Albans Residents Association - Douceline Wardle, Chris van Empel, Rex Verity, Dennis Parker, Nigel Williams, Jan Harrison, Matt Morris, Annette Hamblett, Wendy Everingham, Mary Richardson, Tom Taylor, Annmarie Banchy, Andrew Dakers and Bryan Jenkins.

Motion: that the apologies be accepted. Chrissie Williams/Dave Evans. Carried.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 28th June 2005.

Motion: that the minutes of the annual general meeting of 28th June 2005 are a true and correct record. Arthur Williamson/Rhys Taylor. Carried.

3. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous annual general meeting.

4. Chairperson's report.

Chrissie Williams presented the chairperson's report on the activities of SOC since the annual general meeting of 28th June 2005. Copies available for circulation. Chrissie added that the SOC committee would work harder on getting news and information to those not on email, and thanked Environment Canterbury for the use of rooms for SOC meetings.

Motion: that the chairperson's report be received. Chrissie Williams/John Peet. Carried.

Rhys Taylor spoke to acknowledge Chrissie's hard work and fine leadership.

Kate Hewson queried the reasons behind the UDS Forum declining SOC's request for membership. Chrissie replied that they believe they already have enough members and that allowing SOC to participate would encourage too many other groups to also request membership. SOC is concerned that the sustainability representation on the Forum is not as strong as it should be. It was suggested that Morgan Williams, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, ask if SOC could be his alternate on the Forum.

5. Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer, John Peet, presented the financial report for the year, stating that SOC was in good health, in a large part due to the legacy of the Agenda 21 Forum. He reported that the accounts had been audited and the auditor gave an unqualified opinion that the accounts fairly represented the financial position of SOC.

Motion: that the Treasurer's report be received. John Peet/Arthur Williamson. Carried.

6. Appointment of auditor.

Motion: that Arie Geerlofs be retained as auditor for the 2006/07 financial year.

7. Subscriptions for 2006/2007.

Motion: that the subscriptions remain unchanged for the coming year. John Peet/Joy Burt. Carried.

8. Election of officers and committee members of the Executive Committee.

Rhys Taylor took over the role of chairperson when the nominations for chairperson were called for.

Chairperson Chrissie Williams Nick Early/John Peet.

Motion: That there continue to be two vice chairpersons. Katherine Peet/Michael Hamblett. Carried.

Vice Chairpersons	Arthur Williamson	Katherine Peet/Kate Hewson.
	Roger Buck	Katherine Peet/Kate Hewson.
Treasurer	John Peet	Engineers for Social Responsibility/Joy Burt.
Secretary	Dave Evans	John Peet/Nick Early.
Committee members	Wendy Everingham	Rhys Taylor/John Peet.
	Katherine Peet	Network Waitangi/Joy Burt.
	Michael Hamblett	Chrissie Williams/Kate Hewson.
	Andrew Groom	Katherine Peet/Roger Buck.
	Kate Hewson	John Peet/Arthur Williamson.
	Komie Kolandai	Chrissie Williams/Katherine Peet.

7. Other Business.

Chrissie passed on CCC's offer that SOC and other organisations could become more involved the formation of strategies and handed round a diagram highlighting the policy areas that are a priority for the coming year. SOC needs members to become involved in this policy development work to ensure that sustainability runs through the outcomes. .

David Chamberlain of the Halswell Residents Association drew the meeting's attention to their struggle for a bus service from Halswell that passes by the hospital and asked for SOC's support during the 2007 public transport review. He also pointed out how the proposed Central Plains Water Enhancement Scheme impinges on the recharge area of the

Christchurch aquifers, and that their environmental impact assessment recognises the possibility of introducing nitrates into the city water supply, but tries to minimise the significance of this pollution.

Sue Jarvis of the Lincoln Envirotown Trust told the meeting of their aims to educate and encourage Lincoln residents towards sustainability. From 10.30am to 3pm on July 8th they are having a launch at the community centre.

The SOC AGM closed at 8.10pm.

Presentation by Ian Spellerberg.

Ian gave a presentation on the Te Ara Kakariki Greenway Canterbury Trust's plans for protecting and enhancing the endangered remnants of native plant communities, which make up only 0.5% of the land area bounded by the Waimakariri and Rakaia Rivers, from the foothills to Banks Peninsula and the sea. The formation of a greenway made up of a network of patches and corridors of native vegetation would have numerous environmental and economic benefits for the region. His presentation is available from the website of the Isaac Centre for Nature Conservation.

Presentation by Colin Meurk

Colin promoted the Christchurch Biodiversity Partnership, which is following on from the work started by the Urban Landscapes Group in 1989. They are concerned with the physical and biodiversity elements of the Christchurch environment, working towards an identity and authentic sense of place that encompasses our unique combination of indigenous people, plants, climate and landscape. He suggested the Partnership could be a semi-autonomous subsidiary of SOC.

Presentation by Alison Ross

Alison described the history of the Otamahua/Quail Island Ecological Restoration Trust and her view of its current situation. She suggested a possible subtitle for her presentation would be "Conservation success or project in crisis?" The inputs over the years have been substantial and DoC regards the outcomes with great favour. Building relationships with local Maori has been particularly successful. However, she suggested that there are unresolved differences between factions within the Trust, which have arisen because the aims and objectives were not set down at the Trust's inception. For example, there is conflict between the desire to preserve the island's social history and the aim of restoring the island to how it was before people arrived in New Zealand.

Rhys Taylor thanked the speakers on behalf of SOC for their informative presentations and expressed a desire to support their respective projects.

Next committee meeting.

Tuesday 25th July 7.15pm at Environment Canterbury.