



KILBIRNIE BUSINESS NETWORK 2021

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29th September 2021 at The Brentwood Hotel

Minutes

5.30 – 6pm Members arrived and mingled while sitting at tables as per the Level 2 guidelines. Light snacks and beverages were served.

Attendees: Dean Galt (Pak’N’Save Kilbirnie), Jo Morris (Wellington Sewing Centre), Steven Young (Property owner), Anthony Dey (Brentwood Hotel), Bruce Welsh (Rimu Architects), Ramona Rasch (Ramona Rasch Law), Binay Jagat (Kilbirnie Liquor Centre), Ken & Frances Ah Kuoi (Ah Kuoi Law), Alex Terris (Kiwi Self-Storage), Angela Slaughter (Elements), Bo Chhiba (Chhiba Investment Trust), Hilary Staples (St Vincent de Paul Charity Shop), Renee & Ronnie Cowley (Dwell Housing), Richard Dalby (Wellington Airport)

Also in attendance: Rula Awad (WCC), Daran Ponter (GWRC), Gary Holmes (KBN) via Zoom, Martin Craig (KBN), Susie Jones (KBN),

6.00pm **Guest speaker**

Jo Morris introduced Daran Ponter – Greater Wellington Regional Council Chairman who spoke on a number of topics related to the Regional Council and Lets Get Wellington Moving – a summary of his comments can be found at the end of these minutes.

6.45pm **AGM Commenced**

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mayor Andy Foster, Andrew Black, Androulla and Paul Kotrotsos, Sean Woods, Steve Farrell, Cllr Diane Calvert, Halima Stewart, Jane Fahy, Jiten Pratap, Masina Kenworthy, Cllr Sarah Free

Resolved: That the apologies be accepted

Moved: Jo Morris Seconded: Dean Galt

2. Confirmation of Minutes from 2020 AGM

It was noted that the Minutes from the 2020 AGM of 13th October 2020 have been tabled and are available to members.

Resolved: That that the minutes of the 2020 AGM held 13th October 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record Moved: Jo Morris Seconded: Anthony Dey

3. Confirmation of Minutes from 2021 SGM

It was note that the Minutes from the 2021 SGM of 5th May 2021 have been tabled and are available to members.

Resolved: That the minutes of the 2021 SGM held 5th May 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved: Jo Morris Seconded: Anthony Dey

4. Chairperson's Annual Report Jo gave her verbal report.

Resolved: That the Chairperson's verbal Annual Report for 2020/21 be received

Moved: Ramona Rasch Seconded: Steven Young

5. Adoption of Annual Report for 2020/21
Gary spoke to the tabled Annual Report document

Resolved: That the tabled Annual Report for 2020/21 be received. Moved:

Jo Morris Seconded: Dean Galt

6. Adoption of Accounts for year ended 30 June 2021
It was noted that the accounts for year ended 30 June 2021 have been tabled.

Resolved: That the accounts for year ended 30 June 2021 be received. Moved:

Jo Morris Seconded: Anthony Dey

7. Adoption of proposed Budget for 2022/23
It was noted that the draft Budget for 2021/22 has been tabled. This is an annual requirement of Council to confirm a draft budget for the following financial year. Note that there is no increase to the current BID targeted rate of \$150,000 for 2020/21.

Resolved: That the proposed Budget for 2020 /21 be adopted Moved:

Jo Morris Seconded: Bruce Welsh

8. Appointment of auditor

Resolved: That William Buck be appointed as auditor for year ended 30 June 2022

Moved: Jo Morris Seconded: Anthony Dey

9. Election of Executive Committee Members
At the close of nominations, nominations had been received from the following people: Sean Woods, Alex Terris, Richard Dalby, Jo Morris, Angela Slaughter, Bruce Welsh, Dean Galt, Ken Ah Kuoi, and Jane Fahy

As there are an equal number of nominations as positions available, these nine members were declared elected as Kilbirnie Business Network Committee members for 2021/22.

Jo thanked Ramona Rasch, Steven Young, Steve Farrell and Anthony Dey for all their work and commitment over the years. Steven and Anthony have been involved with the BID since the beginning.

It was also noted that the committee would like to co-opt Binay Jagat onto the Committee, especially given his relationship with the Residents Association.

10. General Business - Nil

Meeting closed at 7.08pm

Comments by Daran Ponter – Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council

- Outlined the different functions within Greater Wellington Regional Council (GRWC) including Metlink; Parks & Gardens; Environmental Management (esp. consenting process for new housing and farming where the biggest issue is sewage in streams); Civil Defence Management; Ship Control entry; Flood Protection (esp. Hutt Valley 'River Link') and Pest Control (ungulates, birds, possums, mustelids).
- Transmission Gully (slow to proceed, this size of project is difficult to do in NZ);
- GWRC's focus is on public transport regarding following four points:
 - Let's Get Wellington Moving (\$6.4billion package, needs a well-thought-out approach, to help Wellington become more efficient as it grows as a city).
 - Thorndon Quay bus & cycle lanes impact on parking for business. ○ Golden Mile likely focus will be to remove cars and emphasise people's ability to interact with the space – tension point.
 - Lower inner-city speed 30km plus calming measures. Terrace Tunnel – looking to use the existing road space more effectively.
- Investigating Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) – each option will address Mt Vic and Terrace tunnels plus expected population growth. LRT & BRT will be distinguished by the job they have to do and determined by how much uplift there is.
- Kilbirnie is most likely to have BRT when compared to Adelaide Road, which is likely to have LRT e.g. 2,000 – 4,000 people per/hour for light rail, 1,500 – 2,000 people per/hour for rubber wheeled BRT.
- Cobham Drive – As this is a State Highway the decision will be made by NZ Transport Agency at their board meeting in October - they will most likely go with the original pedestrian crossing proposal.
- Recently GWRC has been involved with the Union to raise bus drivers' income to the Living Wage and remove as many spilt shifts as possible. There are a low number of bus drivers at the moment and this is a shared issue across many other industries. These changes will come at a cost.

Daran then answered a question from the floor about what was proposed to be done about the high traffic flow to and from the airport?

Daran responded that GWRC preference is for the majority of the public to make the shift to using integrated public transport, with removing taxis being part of the answer. He stated that GRWC is working with the Airport Company to make bus services more attractive.

Richard Dalby pointed out that the airport is still keen to have taxi drivers to offer convenience to its customers.