

Frankton Community Association INC

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held at St Margaret's Church Hall Frankton on Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7.00pm

Welcome

The Chair Glyn Lewers called the meeting to order at 7.00pm and welcomed all present

Present - 32 attendees

In Attendance – Guest Speakers Mike Theelen (QLDC CEO) and Tony Sizemore (NZTA Planning Manager)

Apologies Dawn Andrews, Bill Falcone, Vanessa van Uden, Peter & Carol Jackson, Janet Rutherford, Annie & Richard Tapper

Additions to the Agenda – none

Last AGM minutes - no outstanding matters

Annual Financial Report - report for 2015 was accepted

Chair's Report

Glyn thanked Alexa Forbes for keeping us informed, and called for new members, noting that it is a small committee and there are lot of issues going on in Frankton - schools, transport, airport, traffic congestion, Playcentre being booted out, EAR, growth on Remarkables Park Zone, Camping Ground lease ending.

Glyn updated the meeting on the committee's involvement over the past year:

- Kawarau Bridge discussions
- Annual Plan submission - mainly footpath connections

and noted that the District Plan Transport Section is coming up for submissions later this year.

Glyn noted that the FCA gets lots of emails re: car parking on McBride Street and Lake Ave and reminded people to call the Council to get cars removed.

At the end of the meeting Debbie Jamison said she would be interested in joining the committee (and it is noted that Peter Jackson previously indicated interest via email).

Glyn discussed the Annual Plan submission for Frankton Beach - we asked for some money to tidy up the area, and will be looking at fundraising and putting plans together and talking to the Wakatipu Reforestation Trust to do some planting.

Guest Speaker – Mike Theelen, QLDC CEO

Mike gave some background to his life and work before moving to Queenstown. He has a background in planning and started in the Ministry of Works.

Mike discussed Queenstown becoming a larger community with issues, rather than a small holiday town. We get 1.5 million visitors per year. Mike considers there are difficult but exciting challenges and considers growth a happier place than decline.

Mike noted that growth puts pressure on a small ratepayer base, and that this will be a challenge for some time. He thinks a key issue is to diversify so that we are less reliant on tourism.

Mike sees both a stable community and a transient community - who are happy trading off cost of living for the experiences - until they decide to stay. He noted that it is a challenge supporting those people who want to settle.

Mike encouraged people to make their issues known either to the FCA or directly to the Council.

Mike took questions on:

- affordable housing/housing affordability - Mike's personal view is that we need some time to rebalance the cycle. Mike considers the new NPS on Urban Development a simplistic approach.
- schooling - did Council turn down education zoned land at Hanley Downs? Mike noted that the Ministry of Education moves slowly and sees schools through economic models, not as hubs of the community, and doesn't want to invest in the wrong areas. Ministry of Education has powerful tools as a Requiring Authority to get on and develop schools.
- staff retention and recruitment Planning and Building Department - Mike noted that QLDC has been under intense pressure (e.g. IANZ) driven by the quantum of work. Looking at ramping up staff in building and planning and using consultants. QLDC always attracts people to jobs but cost of living, work for partners can put people off. Mike is impressed with QLDC staff and considers there are benefits to be had from making the most of bright young people passing through.
- visitor levy - work has been done on it but need to look at how infrastructure is funding. Rating not very good tool for this community. QLDC is like a continuous Rugby World Cup. Tourism taxes are common overseas - a proxy but a way to collect revenue. QLDC mindful of demands on small rating base.

**Post AGM update: Hanley Downs education area was for a very large tertiary campus with very little detail, it was not for a primary school.*

Guest Speaker - Tony Sizemore, NZTA Planning Manager

Tony gave some background to his experience (also originally Ministry of Works) and noted that Frankton is bearing the grunt of growth. Tony is supportive of the FCA and encourages people to join up.

Tony noted that SH6 past the Events Centre has experience 10% growth since 2015, with 6% average annual growth. Airport SH6 also shows growth but not as much. Tony noted that *nowhere in NZ on the SH network is experiencing this growth.*

Tony gave a detailed background to the funding for infrastructure process - 3-year cycle via Regional Land Transport Fund and National Land Transport Fund. Highways funding is even more convoluted and competitive, with smaller regions fighting for funding after larger areas have taken their slice.

Tony has been championing QL for years - as a former resident he could see what might be coming.

Tony noted that each project needs several stages to identify problems and make business cases. This has been done for Frankton, but the national committee wanted more coordination between agencies because it was informal (NZTA, QLDC, ORC). Now working on integrated business case as fast as possible.

Tony sees public transport as important - we can't build our way out. BP roundabout will have to change, 5 Mile to BP pinch point, Kawarau Road airport parking will go when the land needed, EAR - supporting Council, bridge will cause ski season delays.

In the interim - NZTA is fast-tracking a temporary (3-5 year) solution for the BP roundabout.

Tony noted that Frankton will always have traffic generated from the airport, which is not at capacity yet, and the highways. NZTA and QLDC won't be able to keep up with this growth by themselves. NZTA involved with tourist and rental car agencies throughout the West Coast and Southland.

Tony took questions on:

- temporary solution? 2 lanes around BP roundabout with 2 lanes as long as possible before merge past McDonalds. Possible slip lane through golf course.
- underpass to Terrace Junction? maybe possible but needs gentle gradient and maybe too many services. Long term - probably roundabout with pedestrian underpasses and footpaths to Events Centre
- EAR? Council project and will take pressure off BP according to modelling. Long term - transport hub, major investment, Ritchies public transport coming in
- Gray St - Council matter, Tony noted it is a problem. Aim to get Kawarau Road to acceptable level of delay, noted that PC19 will generate a lot more traffic
- a member noted that Google Maps sends people down McBride St
- Trail under Kawarau Bridge? yes, and pedestrian traffic lights near Humphrey St will be retained
- 4-laning Kawarau Road? Part of long term planning but unlikely to be 4-laned past Lucas Place. From Lucas Place to Bridge is not as congested.
- Car parking along McBride St worse? Council matter - Glyn noted the consultation process
- Join underground car parks at Frankton shops and Terrace Junction?

probably too many services, need to underground power lines. Longer term - full pedestrian facilities.

- 4-laning from 5 Mile? part of the business case

Tony noted that transport planning traditionally reactive and now trying to be more proactive.

Next Committee Meeting - to be confirmed

Meeting Closed

The Chair thanked Rosalind Devlin (resigning) for her secretarial and treasurer duties for the past 5 years, reminded everyone that we need members and to look at the Facebook page. The meeting was closed at 8.50pm. Thank you to everyone for attending.