



ENM Annual General Meeting
5.45 pm Wednesday 28 September 2016
St David's Church Hall
3 Rainforth St, Palmerston North
Draft Minutes

Present:

Alastair Cole (ENM and NZ Landcare Trust, co-chaired meeting), Helen Lehndorf (ENM, Community Fruit Harvest, co-chaired meeting), Beth Tolley (ENM and Pit Park), Chris Teo-Sherrell (Water Protection Society), Kaia Costanza-van den Belt (PN Girls High Enviro Group and ENM), Heike Schiele (ENM), Sally Pearce (ENM), Madz BatacheI (ENM), Sharon Stevens (ENM), Roschana Webby (PNCET), Harvey Jones (RECAP), Michael Duindam (PNCC and Green Corridors), Anthea McClelland (Forest & Bird), Heinz Fellerhoff (ENM), Stewart Harrex (ENM), Julia Panfylova (F&B and PNCET), Brent Barrett, Kelvin Lane (Manawatu Estuary Trust), Kathryn Lane (Manawatu Estuary Trust), Adam Jarvis (PNCC), Christine McArthur (A Rocha), Gillian Skyrme (PNCET), Greg Rzesniowiecki, Heather Knox (PNCET), Jenny Olsson, Jill Rapson (Keebles Forest), Jim Jefferies (PNCC), Karen Tutt (ENM), Marise Clark (Pit Park), Nathan Eichler, Peter Wheeler (Railway Land Action Group), Rosemary Gear (Green Corridors), Russell Poole (Green Corridors), Susan Baty (PNCC), Tangi Utikere (PNCC).

Apologies:

Aaron Madden, Aleisha Rutherford, Bridgette Murphy, Bruce Wilson, Heather Meikle, Jill White, John Flenley, Nelson Lebo, Sarah Galley, Russell Poole, Grant Smith, Iola and Neill Haggarty, Rachel Keedwell, Dennis Emery, Hinerirangi Carberry, Mike Hoggard, Dave Stewart, Bob Hoskins, Georgina Morrison

Apologies received but not noted at the meeting:

Marilyn Bulloch, Ari Mend, Darroch Ball, John Girling, Sue and Ralph Pugmire.

Introductions:

The chair invited all attendees to introduce themselves and to provide a brief update on their group's activities if they were representing a member group. The following updates were given:

- Alastair Cole – NZ Land Care Trust – There has been lots going on this year. Fish things. Landscape scale restorations.

- Helen Lehndorf – Community Fruit Harvest Manawatu – had an amazing year with large scale excess/surplus sharing – redistributed many tonnes of surplus produce this year.
- Brent Barrett – noted that PNCET’s EnviroFest leaflet had been distributed to attendees.
- Harvey Jones – RECAP – is now coming to the graduation end of the 2-year Permaculture Design Course. Students will be doing their presentations this month and will be involved with EnviroFest. RECAP has also been working on a community survey for a 10-20-year vision for Ashhurst.
- Christine McArthur – A Rocha – regular meetings continue fortnightly for weeding and planting native plants and distributing them.
- Kelvin Lane – Manawatu Estuary Trust – tremendous amount of work done on the lower Manawatu, collaborating with other groups. This year they have funded a warden’s 4-wheel drive campaign. The main concern is protection of both the fauna and flora of the estuary. It is a challenging occupation to balance increased recreational use with water quality and protection of wildlife.
- Chris Teo-Sherrell – Water Protection Society – Have challenged resource consents for Feilding Wastewater and Foxton Wastewater this year and there are more in the pipeline.
- Russell Poole – Green Corridors – currently rebranding with new logo to identify ourselves firmly with PN. In Valley Views, the Turitea Stream has now been fenced by council, and some large willows have been removed. There have been 2 plantings here, with Rotary, Green Corridors committee and Horizons involved. The annual planting day with Ricoh as a principal sponsor attracted about 70 volunteers who planted around 1100 small trees on very soggy terrain.
- Gill Rapson – Keeble Forest Trust - had a quiet year as the Trust has been involved with Kahuterawa Restoration. Part of the boundary with Massey has been re-fenced and the Trust are currently trying to stop council from felling a whole lot of bush to make way for a proposed cycleway.
- Gillian Skyme - PNCET – markedly more active this year c.f. other years because of the appointment of a project team. This year has also seen an increase in the amount of funding that PNCC allows PNCET to disburse. PNCET has also become the umbrella group for Reel Earth Film Festival, which will be held next April.
- Peter Wheeler – Railway Land Action Group – a private company is looking at putting up a highwire area which will take up a large amount of the Railway land. Council have voted to be able them to do that. This will use up what little free space people have in the city and RLAG intends to oppose the resource consent when this comes up.
- Heather Knox – new board member of PNCET introduced Palmy Dirty 30 – trying to encourage younger members of society to get outside and connect to nature. Also noted that a “passport to palmy” is being released soon in collaboration with PNCC.
- Marise Clark – Pit Park People – have had a relatively quiet year whilst waiting on earthworks to be completed. Next year there will be 2500 square metres of area to be planted.

- Anthea McClelland - Manawatu F&B – continues to have very interesting speakers every month. Monthly trips have started up again and are going well. Phase 1 of F&B's nature trail is finally getting going. The first signs will be erected in the Esplanade bush in the next couple of months. Phase 2 will be next year sometime.
- Julia Panfylova – PNCET – Has been working hard on preparing for EnviroFest this year. She noted that more events are publicised on the website as well as the flyer. PNCET have also completed a public survey with about 200 responses and a report will be ready after EnviroFest is completed.
- Kaia Costanza-van den Belt – PNGHS Envirogroup and Sustainability Committee – These groups have continued running events and practical actions throughout the school.
- Michael Duindam – PNCC – Over the coming months there will be some consultation on reserve development plans around The Esplanade and Waitoetoe Park. There will be an open day/consultation later on in the year and he encouraged people to be involved in that process.
- Adam Jarvis – PNCC – The Sustainable City Strategy has come up for review. A workshop with councillors gave the mandate to have a broader discussion with the community as a whole about where we want to be in 2050 and for this to feed into the strategy.

Approval of previous minutes:

2015 AGM minutes

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. – *Alastair/Heinz carried.*

2016 SGM minutes

Motion: That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. – *Alastair/Heinz carried.*

Matters arising:

Chris Teo-Sherrell noted that expecting people to remember what went on a year ago is a bit hard and requested the minutes be sent out after the meeting for people to check through.

Management committee reports:

Report on ENM activities for the past year

This report was tabled and taken as read by Helen. She noted that ENM has had a really busy, full year offering all our normal services. She highlighted the following:

- ENM has been working in the community food sector, including in-depth interviews conducted by Sharon, resulting in an academic book chapter being published.
- The Biodiversity cluster has grown and is going really well currently, with monthly meetings occurring.
- There are two new member groups this year: LEAP and Carrying Our Future.
- There have been 2 strategic planning days and Heike has been keeping us on track with this.

- Helen acknowledged both the paid staff and the Management Committee for their hard work and dedication for the environmental sector over the year.
- ENM has maintained a strong link with PNCET this year and the environmental sector is stronger for it.
- Alastair acknowledged Kaia and Sarah who are stepping down from the Management Committee.

Motion: That the Management Committee report has been presented to the AGM –
Alastair/Beth Carried.

Matters Arising:

There was a question about who will be consulted when council calls for input on their plans. Heinz noted that we will consult member groups when we make our own submissions and own plans. Sally added that ENM sends a notice out to member group reps when councils and other governmental organisations are consulting on relevant plans and strategies.

Jill Rapson requested that when groups are planning planting projects, to ensure that plants are eco-sourced from the nearest source possible (eg within a few kilometres) and from a similar location, to ensure we improve the genetic integrity of the Manawatu plant population. Chris Teo-Sherrell added that the best management step is to eco-source from the nearest available natural stand (the oldest, realistic looking bit of bush).

Audited accounts

Heinz tabled the audited accounts and thanked our funders for this year. ENM have managed to get some funding from lotteries and a new fee for service from PNCC this year. He noted that we received less funding than we applied for so one of the main concerns for this year is to find funding from other sources rather than relying only on grants and the council contract. The proposed budget shows that we have a decrease in wages (due to an overall decrease in staff hours, requested by staff) that will cover the drop in proposed funding.

Jenny Olsson acknowledged the time of those that have prepared the annual accounts this year as it is a lot of work under the new reporting standards.

[Brent Barrett left at 6:45pm]

Motion: That the audited accounts be accepted. *Heinz/Jenny Olsson – carried.*

Budget

Motion: That the proposed budget be accepted. *Heinz/Marise Clark– carried.*

Election of officers:

The elections process was chaired by Marise Clark.

Alastair, Heike, Stewart, Beth, and Helen have been on the committee for only one year, and their terms all roll over for another year.

Written nominations to the ENM management committee were received for Heinz Fellerhoff (NZ Landcare Trust), Russell Poole (Forest & Bird), and Rachel Keedwell (Community Fruit Harvest). They were all successfully elected on to the committee.

Co-chair

Marise called for nominations for chairperson.

Helen advised her intention to step down from the Co-Chair position.

After some discussion, and questions from the floor, Heike was nominated as co-chair by Kelvin Lane and seconded by Harvey Jones with Heike noting that she will be out of the country between March and July 2017.

Alastair advised that he would like to hand on the Co-Chair position, if possible. Beth suggested that new people come on board as MC members as a way to ensure that the MC remains strong. Stewart noted that she would like to support Alastair in any way she can and it was suggested that Stewart could take over from Heike in the Co-Chair role when Heike goes overseas.

Alastair was nominated as Co-Chair by Jill Rapson and seconded by Stewart. Alastair and Heike were elected unopposed.

Secretary

Rachel was nominated in her absence by Alastair, seconded by Beth and was elected unopposed, subject to her acceptance.

Treasurer

Heinz was nominated by Heike, seconded by Roschana and was elected unopposed.

Alastair/Helen resumed chairing the meeting.

Appointment of auditor:

A discussion was held about the possibility of making a constitutional change to allow for a review rather than an audit every year. It was noted that some funders may require an audit and that the committee will need to do a thorough due diligence around the pros and cons before bringing it to a meeting.

Motion: that ENM retain Cotton Kelly as the auditor for ENM. *Heinz/Helen - carried*

General Business:

No General Business

Meeting closed at 7.10pm