

Motueka Valley Association Committee Meeting: Thursday 13th June 2024

Meeting opened at 7.10PM

Present: Andrea Blackburn, Trevor Knowles, Patrick Shortley

Apologies: Maria Ware, Daniel, Fiona, Kerri-Anne

Moved; Pat/Andrea: That the apologies be sustained - Carried

Also present: Lanni, Alan Bensemman, Stefan Lerbs, Joe Kennedy.s

Mike Kininmonth arrived at 7.25PM with apologies for lateness.

Minutes of the May MVA meeting, previously circulated to members.

Moved; Andrea/Pat: The the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as true and correct - Carried.

Presentation: Joe Kennedy the Tasman District Civil Defence Emergency Team Manager gave an informal presentation regarding emergency civil defence preparedness and community resilience.

Main points:

- The present system is not fit for purpose and is currently being revised and refocussed.
- The C.D. organisation in Tasman currently has a full time staff of 5.5 people backed up by 80 to 100 TDC staff and emergency service personnel in the event of a major emergency.
- CD HQ is in Oxford St. Richmond and is fully equipped for an event lasting up to 3 days.
- In the event of an event causing major disruption people should be prepared to cope for a minimum of 3 days without outside assistance.
- All households are strongly encouraged to have individual emergency plans (see MVA newsletter for suggested inclusions).
- Ideally discreet geographic communities will have a 'local CD team' who can help co-ordinate and facilitate local responses.
- The current CD radio network (located at the Fire Station) is due to be replaced shortly.
- CD defence can assist with training on request.
- "Brian FM radio" is a reliable source of information in the event of an emergency.
- A national education programme is due to be released shortly.
- The CD Strategic Management Group plan is currently being rewritten and should be available for public consultation in July/August.

Note: The MVA should liaise with the school over plans and facilities.

The annual community Pot Luck will be on Friday 19th July at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00PM.