

MOTUEKA VALLEY ASSOCIATION - MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16 OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT – Linda, Nelly, Trevor, Sue, Daniel and Lani

APOLOGIES – Pat

Mike Kininmonth – We acknowledged his valuable contributions and hope he will return

Minutes of meeting on 11 September 2025 – Approved

Correspondence – TDC’s Community Update detailed a) the distribution of poplar/willow poles and native trees to restore hillsides and riverbanks, b) the big cleanup of flood debris, c) an Emergency Waste Fund with potential to reduce cost of flood waste (eg silt) disposal, and d) solar systems for Civil Defence Centres. **Daniel** to contact TDC re a) solar for which Civil Defence Centre? and b) a general update on plans for restoring the river and bridges and other damaged areas (road to Flora car park etc) within the Valley. **Daniel** also to contact Cycle Trail Trust for an update.

Fridge Magnets – After some discussion, and on the basis of their current understanding, those present agreed that they were not in favour of proceeding

Co- Chair – All present were happy to accept **Linda**’s offer to be Co-Chair

Ngatimoti Memorial Hall – All present agreed that they were not in favour of restoring the mural (*although we did not discuss what to do with the existing one and have not yet asked for community feedback in the Newsletter*). We also considered whether there could be any advantage in the Hall Committee merging with the MVA. **Daniel** to approach present committee members to get a general update (on current building work and possibility of some plants) and to gauge interest in potential for future cooperation

Finance – In September we spent \$540 on August Newsletter printing and \$178 on the Matariki Potluck. We have invoices to pay of \$540 for October Newsletter printing and \$85 for the Matariki Potluck (Lani and Silas) – approved. We have not yet received the 2025/26 Community Grant and **Daniel** will follow up. Those present confirmed that we should make sure we spend all the funding received on approved expenditures “Administration (eg honorariums, accounting costs, room hire) and Communication (eg newsletters, website and social media)

Newsletter – Discussion covered

- a) scope of distribution: MVH and Westbank from Bluff Bridge to Baton Bridge, Waiwhero (as far as “Turners”?), Orinoco (as far as Rosedale?), Greenhill (to the top?), Pearce (?), Graham (to N/S split?). To be discussed at next meeting and **Daniel** to approach postie (Rana?)
- b) re numbers
- c) editorial control: who decides what goes in? Most articles do not represent views of the committee. To be discussed at next meeting
- d) possible content for December:
 - i) updates from Hall Committee, Reserve (Community Room) Committee, Fire Brigade, new Graham Valley Community, TDC (re flood recovery works), AED Trust, Riverhaven – Daniel
 - ii) (Margo’s) positive flood response from TDC – Sue
 - iii) Friends of Flora – Linda
 - iv) Letters to Editor – all to encourage
 - v) Local families – Dave Durrant has died, not many left – who could write?

Next Meeting – 7pm on Thursday 13th November