

Garden of Tane RC meeting minutes
Thursday March 23, 2023
Held at The Garden of Tane Nature Playground

Present: Suky Thompson, Lynda Wallace, Jeremy Buchanan, Bryn Thompson, Ron Birch

1 Apologies

- Apologies from Leigh Hickey, Steffan Kraberger and Fiona Waghorn are accepted.
- The resignation of John McIlroy was received with sadness. John was thanked for his many years of service to the Garden of Tane, and wished well for a speedy recovery.

2 Slapaphone

- Prior to the meeting opening, the committee was shown the new Slapaphone musical instrument created and installed by Simon Tipping in the Nature Play Area
- Simon demonstrated how the instrument works by playing the National Anthem. The pipes are tuned to the G scale.
- The committee was very impressed and thanked Simon Tipping for his ingenuity and hard work in creating this attraction for the Nature Play Area

3 Declarations of Interest

Bryn Thompson declared that his company Metalcraft supplies the heritage benches.

4 Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting on February 14, 2023 are approved.

Wallace/Buchanan

5 Co-option of new member

Ron Birch is co-opted onto the Garden of Tane Reserve Committee for a three year term.

Thompson S/Wallace

6 Financial Report

- The remaining Council capital budget is \$15,000 and needs to be allocated through purchase orders by the end of June.
- The Akaroa Civic Trust holds \$1,499.34 of funds donated for use in the Garden of Tane. There is no timeframe on when this needs to be used.

7 Quotes for capital work

- Excluding gst, the quotes for track and arborist work received from Wood Ltd and The Tree People are less than \$15,000.

The quotes for track and arborist are approved, and Steven Gray will be asked to issue the purchase orders.

Thompson S/Thompson B

- The Tree People will also be asked to remove the oak branch on the marked tree off Onuku Road.

- The matter of retrieving the cypress logs is to be discussed with Alan Hemsley

The cost of materials for the Slapahone of \$295.75 is also approved for reimbursement by Council as part of the Nature Play area project.

Wallace/Buchanan

The committee will ask Paul Newport to make a sign for the Slapahone identifying its name and date of installation. Simon Tipping is adding a small sign giving instructions on how to play it.

8 Bikes in the Garden

- Bikes have been observed again creating cut through tracks.
- This is being done by both adults and children. The adults are thought to be coming from the AkaTracks park
- Signs will not be erected at this stage. Instead Suky Thompson will speak with AkaTracks and as that members are informed that the Garden of Tane is not for cycling, and Jeremy Buchanan will speak with the kids involved.

9 Weed work

- Suky to suggest to Refuge Ecology that they recommence work after the Easter holidays

10 Heritage bench

- The original heritage bench frame to be uplifted from Robin Burleigh by Suky and delivered to Bryn
- Bryn will then clean it up and supply the timber planks.
- Bench to be installed at Big Pine lookout

11 Triennial Plan/Maintenance agreement with Council

- Work is to continue on the Maintenance Plan and Asset register work
- The Committee will consider whether there are further capital works for its Triennial Plan at its next meeting

12 Health and Safety

The committee is concerned about the following health and safety matters:

- Dangerous behaviour by cyclists biking to fast on the narrow tracks in the Garden and making cut throughs. Bernie Reid reported that he had been nearly knocked down.
- Dead trees hanging over paths and broken branches after storm damage
- Hollie Hollander and American Foulbrood association to be informed of another wild bee nest near Onuku Road that may also be infected.

13 Public forum

- Lynda Wallace reported that Lumiere will not be held this year, but it is planned for 2024.

Meeting closed 6:35 followed by committee walkabout.

Date of next meeting 13 June at The Madeira. Former members to be invited to dinner after