

Korokoro Environmental Group

Minutes of meeting Sunday 28th January, 3pm at 34 Titiro Moana Road

- 1. Present:** Julie Haggie, Ruth Mansell, Olly Betts, Jenny Black, Simon Walker, Ant and Tamsin, Sue White, City Councillor Michael Lulich, City Councillor Tui Lewis, Regional Councillor Prue Lamason, Peter Macham, Richard Coles, Michael Parsons.
- 2. Apologies:** Paul Thomas, Dan and Kelly Forster, Susanne Schaff
- 3. Discussion of P2G**

Prue Lamason explained the difficulties with the P2G that were identified in the latest evaluation. She set out some significant features of the process:

- The evaluation report was written by independent consultants for the benefit of NZTA.
- NZTA will commence a process to determine whether to accept the report's recommendations. The process will involve a public consultation
- It is only in the event that NZTA accept the recommendations that Wellington Regional Council will be asked to make a decision.
- NZTA do not communicate well with local groups but it is important for KEG stay firmly get on their radar in order to be in a position to contribute to the consultation process.

She expressed her concerns about the future of the P2G, particularly if it was to go ahead without the Cross-Valley-Link.

Michael Lulich and *Tui Lewis* expressed similar concerns.

Peter Macham suggested that it was helpful to focus on the purported 'resilience' benefits of the P2G. He mentioned that the promulgation of the Governments 'Surface Transport Policy Statement' in March would provide an indication of the governments priorities, which would feed into the NZTA decision process.

Julie: a letter has already been written to Minister of Transport – we are awaiting a full response.

A discussion followed on the risks and benefits of the P2G and the alternative approaches that might be adopted to improving transport in the region, at the conclusion of which the following was agreed:

- *KEG will place a piece in the next Korokoro Newsletter informing local residents of the threat and the need to take action to protect the Valley.*
- *KEG will write to NZTA to ask to make initial representations and ask to be informed of relevant dates and events in the consultation process.*
- *We will give careful consideration to the true benefits of the P2G, particularly the claims that it will improve resilience, with a view to making more detailed representations when the formal consultation process commenced.*
- *We will inform other interested groups and encourage them to lobby NZTA and those who may influence it: MPs, Transport Ministers, Hutt City Mayor and Councillors.*

- *We will individually write to the above decision makers and encourage others to do the same. (pro forma letters to be placed on the website)*
- *We will arrange to meet above decision makers as a group and encourage others to attend.*

4. Work on Korokoro Stream

- It was agreed that there would be a planting/tidying working bee at the Stream (Inanga Love Park) – a number of those present volunteered to help. Daniel to contact Paula Warrant and arrange a suitable date.

5. School Fair

- Agreed that the theme of the stall would be waste reduction and recycling.
- Agreed that we would ask the City Council to provide us with 50 nets for recycling bins. (Councillor Tui Lewis to assist with this).

6. Collection of subs

- It was noted that collection of subs had not recently taken place.
- Agreed that an email would be sent to all members with the KEG bank details so that payment could be made.

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- Mention of the process for the establishment of the Wellington/Hut Valley Whaitua Committee (Daniel to send round information)
- Tui Lewis asked about local arts and cultural projects (Tamsin's details to be forwarded).

Meeting closes at 4.30