



2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

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| Date | 10 August 2017 | Time | 7:30-9:00pm |
| Location | 14 Wakefield St, Featherston | | |

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| Present | Emily Greenberg (Chair) | Apologies | Patsy Wooles (Board) |
| | Graham Evans (Treasurer) | | Jen Olson (Board) |
| | Rupert Watson (Board) | | Natalie Wyatt-Renny (Secretary) |
| | Wendy Dyson (Board) | | Snita Ahir-Knight (Board) |
| | Shannon Steven (Board) | | |
| | Siv B. Fjaerestad (Centre Manager) | | Colin Olds |
| | Viv Napier (SWDC Mayor) | | Dick Smith |
| | Ian Simons | | Marion Pawson |
| | Kara Johnson | | Richie Wards |
| | Lydia Genet (Genesis Energy) | | Gina Smith |
| | Stewart (Genesis Energy) | | Sonya Logan |
| | Sue Fox (Featherston Residents and Ratepayers Association) | | Mark Shepherd |
| | Jocelyn Konig (Volunteer) | | Peter and Jude McNeur |
| | Kara Pennington | | |
| | Ann Rainford (Greytown Community Board) | | |
| | Steve Davis (Rotary) | | |
| | Dayle Harwood (SWDC Councillor, Featherston Community Board) | | |
| | Tracey Shephard (Wairarapa REAP) | | |

1. General Notices

- a. **Featherston Residents and Ratepayers Association**
 - AGM 2PM Sunday 13th August at FCC
- b. **Fab Feathy/DIA**
 - Community Meeting Sunday 27th August (time and location TBC)
 - Featherston has been invited to apply for the Community Lead Development Programme with DIA. If successful the community partners with DIA for five years, and may access funding to achieve shared development goals.
 - Fab Feathy are looking for referees from the community to cite with DIA.

2. Previous Minutes

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| Motion to approve 2016 Minutes | Emily Greenberg/ Shannon Steven | MOVED |
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3. 2017 Chairs Report

- a. Noted that the Board would like to hear from anyone who is interested in recording the history of the centre.
- b. Siv and Graham thanked for their assistance with the financials. Volunteers thanked for their time in keeping the centre open, inviting, and tidy.
- c. Noted that Volunteer positions at the centre are open. We would love help in keeping the centre open longer.

Motion to accept the Report from the Chair Emily Greenberg/ Wendy Dyson **MOVED**

- d. Questions: **Will Emily stand again as Chair?** The Board elects positions at the next Board meeting (21 September) at this point only Emily has put her name forward for the role. Anyone is welcome to put their name forward for one of the roles in this election.

4. 2017 Financial Statement and Treasurers Report

- a. The loss of WINZ as a client has reduced our rental income by a third. We have made this up in other ways this year, including grants.
- b. We would like to host more groups at the centre – please get in touch if interested.
- c. Insurance is a large expense, and growing year on year.
- d. We feel our rates are high – even at the subsidised rate provided by the council. Viv Napier has suggested we submit our thoughts to the council next time there is public consultation on rates (next year)

Motion to accept the Finance Statement and Treasurers Report
Emily Greenberg/ Ian Simons **MOVED**

- e. Questions: **COGS and Lotteries have given grants for salaries, is there any other grants that could be applied for?** We have tried a number of other grant providers that we know about, however finding one that will cover salaries, or operating costs is extremely difficult. We do have another couple we can try, but note that these kinds of grants are very difficult to find. We do have some money set aside for an emergency situation with salaries that could be accessed if we need to.

5. General Business

- a. Question: **How will you use the Electric Car?** The Centre and Manager are able to use it, so we'll use it for Centre business, and Siv will use it for running errands and going about her business with family, spreading the message, and proudly showing the centres logo. It's a real point of interest for the centre, both having the car, and the charger (we have a huge number of users with electric cars) Noted that we could think about allowing users to charge for a donation to the centre.

6. Formal Meeting Close: 8:16pm

7. **Guest Speaker** - Lydia Genet Community Liaison for South Wairarapa from Genesis Energy. Lydia is a user of the centre - she rents office space at the centre, and talked at the AGM about their Local Energy Project – which has resulted in us receiving the Electric car for a year.