

MINUTES OF THE HINDS RESERVE BOARD MEETING HELD 9 November 2021

Present: Garry Brown, Dean McConnell, Angela Cushnie, Dave Kingsbury, Ian Soper (ADC) and Clare Harden.

Apologies: Alison King, Stuart Wilson, Jock Moore, Lynette Lovett. Moved Dean/Seconded Dave.

Minutes were circulated and passed. Moved Garry/Seconded Dean

Matters Arising:

Lynnford Hall is not being moved immediately.

Correspondence:

ADC has approved Lynnford for both motions in the previous minutes.

Hinds Reserve Board write to Ashburton Railway and Preservation Society to approve the hall being moved/gifted and request an update on progress.

Land no longer considered a 'lease', instead a 'license to occupy' but this is still being finalised. Process includes land being put up for tender.

Finance:

Report submitted by Dean McConnell.

Health and Safety:

Changing rooms at the pool will have to be replaced. Pool AGM 10 November 2021.

General Business:

NATIVE PLANTING PLANNING - Ian Soper is the new Open Spaces manager at ADC and came along early so the Board could look at the potential planting sites and discuss options.

Adjacent to the fire station – discussed several options here but nothing could be finalised until the tree trimmings were removed. Flax will be available from the fire station when they alter their garden. This is a considerable area and will need to be sprayed at least twice prior to planting.

Sewerage area – decided it would be difficult to plant in natives given the area is managed by ADC and sprayed on a regular basis. Potential spray drift could make it challenging to ensure the survival of the natives.

Bowling fence – ran out of plants plus requires some replacement planting which will be carried out in the autumn.

Entrance – First stage of planting adjacent to the pool and rifle range is completed and will require ongoing maintenance for the next three years.

Planting under the established trees beside the play ground was discussed however no conclusion was reached. Upon further observation the shade provided by these large trees is a very popular spot for visitors to park and picnic. One option would be to manage the weeds in the fenced off area and add to the existing plantings to fill this area in. Straw would be a welcome addition if available as it suppresses the weeds and locks in the valuable moisture.

Stockwater Race Plantings – Establishing nicely with ongoing maintenance required for the next three years. New plantings in autumn in the circular area adjacent to the Hinds Garage. Will need to be something low so the signage is not blocked. This will need to be sprayed off at least twice prior to planting.

Tree removal and hedge trimming – Need to get hedges trimmed but still too wet.

One tree removed on the river side boundary and one to go.

Next meeting Tuesday 8 February 2022.

MEETING CLOSED 8.09PM