

## Le Bons Bay Reserve Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

#### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held:

**Date:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

**Time:** 5.45pm

**Venue:** Le Bons Bay Hall

**Present:** Ian Armstrong (Chairperson) Michelle Rodgers, Richard Hall, Bruce Nicholl, Garry Brittenden, Carol Osgood, Ciaran Murray, John Larson.

**Public In Attendance:** Asif Hussain (Banks Peninsula Community Board)

1. **Apologies:** Tara Hohaia. Moved: Michelle Rodgers, Seconder: Richard Hall.
2. **Confirmation of previous minutes:** Moved: Ian Armstrong, Seconder Garry Brittenden.
3. **Matters Arising:** Nil
4. **Health and Safety:** Tree tech had been out to inspect the condition of the trees in the reserve after the strong winds a couple of months back. This was at the request of the committee as a couple of trees had come down causing damage to the style and gate. No report was received after this visit, so Michelle followed up with Tree Tech who are the contractors. The works have now been approved to remove a number of trees that may pose a threat to public safety. Bruce mentioned that a tree by the flying fox could be a potential hazard if the flying fox was not being ridden in the manor it was deigned. Tree tech has assessed this and has judged it to not pose any hazard. More follow up with the council to be undertaken and a time frame given as these works need completing before the busy season.
5. **Correspondence:** Nil
6. **General Business**
  1. Angeline from CCC Parks was over in July and cut back some of the Poplar regrowth and painted each small pruning cut. She hopes to return to do the rest. The committee agreed that this is not going to solve the issue of the resprouting Poplars and that a more targeted approach is required. The area for the new landscape planting, aside from the area cleared by Brad MacNamara, is very untidy, weedy and a lot of logs from the felled Poplars. This entire area requires tidying up and clearing the way before it can be planted into. It may be a case of getting a digger in to do this work. The planting will now need to be put on hold until next year at which time we will hold a community planting day in conjunction

with CCC help. By doing this we hope to gain some community buy in and they will help to maintain the area going forward. Children could choose a tree to make their own and care for it.

2. Accessible picnic table – only one is being installed by CCC this year, although we requested 2 tables as there is currently no CCC seating at the domain. Only some 20 plus year old picnic tables which are slowly being decommissioned due to safety issues, all of which were donated by the community. There was some frustration that we were only getting one table and would have to apply again via the long term or triennial plan. It is agreed that as per our previous decision, the first table will go on the beach side of the Cherry trees in the shade with the next one going on the corner of the tennis court to allow for families to have a line of sight to the basketball court, playground and the flying fox. Of note is that for future reference we must keep the area between the water tank and tennis court clear for ease of access for any emergency vehicles if the need should arise.
3. Linda Burke CCC had offered some time ago to meet with the committee to do an induction around reserve committees, roles, responsibilities and timing of meetings, annual plan etc. The committee agreed this would be of value, and Michelle will contact Linda to arrange a suitable time and location.
4. A suggestion of having outdoor BBQ for public use in the domain. This was thought to be a great idea. There is a couple in Akaroa, and they are seen widely through many overseas locations. Garry will do some inquiries into the one in Akaroa as a starting point. It was thought this could be a good fundraiser. Nikki Dew (Local Bach Owner) is very keen to head up a group to do this. These BBQ run on electricity so no worries of changing gas bottles etc.

**Date of next meeting:** As required

**Meeting Closed:** 6.05pm