# Canterbury Community Gardens Association

# January 24th 2019

Present: Catherine O’Neill, Amanda O’Carroll, Brendon Lewis, Robyn Kilty, Cathy Allden, Di Madgin, Rachael Vogan, Heather Davies

Apologies: Hayley Guglietta, Debbie Nelson

Previous Minutes: A Social Do was held. December 1st 2018

No minutes were recorded, as the December meeting was deferred.

Attached is a Matters from the end of the year, in a Minute template

Whether to “accepted as a true and accurate record of the minutes taken”

*-Can be motioned and seconded*.

**Matters Arising:**

Hayley’s proposal about migrating CCGA website to a new platform.

*– deferred until Hayley is present*

Discussion arising from an outside suggestion of combining subscriptions.

Topic was the combining of subscriptions of FRN, Otakaro Orchard, Canterbury Horticultural Society, Cultivate Christchurch and CCGA.

After a look through the Charities Commission website, the CC registered status of Otakaro Orchard was closed on 25th September 2018, whilst FRN was registered by Jane Pascoe & certified on 21 January 2018. Soil and Health was closed on 4 February 2016. The overall charity beneficiary is FRN, most funding is based around the Otakaro Orchard, due to its standing in the 100 day Blueprint of the city rebuild. *The subscription sum mentioned, was of $80.00*

After inquiring of Rachel as a member of CHS,

“the CHS has no interest as of yet, exploring options”

After inquiring of Rachael as a committee member of FRN,

“the discussion is still ongoing, and as yet has no defined parameters “ ☺

After discussion in the room:

“CCGA was concerned that there was not enough information to make a decision”

Notes: board of Canterbury *Community* Gardens Association entirely volunteer.

That Michael is a funded employee to facilitate the program of the FRN board.

*Community* Gardens are built around communities…not just food, eg Beverley Park, Chesterfields, River Road Garden, Avon-Otakaro Project, Heathcote started with trees.

The Friends of the Botanic Gardens were not asked.

**General Business:**

FEASTA feedback: Build up, excellent, CCGA committee enjoyed going round to other Community gardens and getting generous produce from theirs to Jonny Schwass.

Set Up: screen worked in the light, Food: Excellent-healthy variety of dishes.

Attendance: Around 50ish people. Not as good as it could have been. Easterly cut through, Lack of advertising? Too late in the evening? Lacking support by outside parties?

Treasurer update from Debbie:

The account stands at $5954.49

Last deposits being $20 from Kirwee Com Garden and $110.00 subs from individuals

* From Christine at Christchurch South Community Gardens

“when are the CCGA subs being requested ? The CCGA could make a quick $400p.a.  If 20 gardens paid a $20 sub.”

*Can Treasurer & web guru check that CSCG is getting an email through asking for subs?*

Discussion about what is CCGA plan for 2019.

***To connect more with the Community Gardens****.*

Working group conversations within Community Gardens\_ hold a meeting at theirs?

The committee has more of a stewardship role, as quite a few of the prominent Gardens have well managed Trusts.

CCGA has been asked about how to set up, join a Community Garden, where to find advice (always to CCGA website first) and who to ask for at CCC when they see an opportunity to use derelict land.

Catherine received an email from Christchurch Beautifying Association, which was sent onto all Community Gardens to see if they’d like to enter – though the CBA had no guidelines as to what the gardens would be judged on?

One from FRN, to see if Community gardens would supply EatNZ with produce for their stand at the Nostalgia Festival@ Ferrymead Heritage Park.-Feb 16th.

Brendon is chatting with Helen Kidd, the new co-ordinator at Packe Street, about keeping in touch with the CCGA.

***Enjoyable, fun stuff. Collaborative events****.*

Cathy to ask Richmond/Avebury board about extending an invite to Community Gardens via CCGA to bring themselves and their produce to the Autumn Harvest Festival/Gala/Jamboree? , that Richmond/Avebury are holding on March 30th? {Tbc}

***Promotional stuff. Ideas for Connectivity between Garden Associations***

Health and wellbeing, being outside, connect with wellness groups, try for more sponsorship on behalf of gardens.

CHS are mooting a possibility of an Autumn Show for 2020

**Di Madgin** is to invite Wolfgang Klopp, director of the Botanic Gardens for his availability to speak to Community Gardeners at the next CCGA meeting to be held at NBCG. Beginning of March. {tbc}

Minutes of the meeting Amanda O’Carroll 26/01/2019