



# CHURTON PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at Churton Park Community Centre  
7.30 pm Tuesday 19 May 2026

### 1. **Welcome.**

President Brian Sheppard opened the meeting at 7.30 pm by welcoming guest speaker Deputy Mayor Ben McNulty along with members and visitors. A total of 33 attended, including Councillor Tony Randle, 25 of whom were financial members.

### 2. **Apologies.**

Allyson Auld, Alison Bayley, Clare Morrison, Priya Baskaran, Janet & Colin Chew, Brian Vincent and Councillor Andrea Compton.

### 3. **Previous Minutes.**

Accepted. Proposer, Anne Williams. Secunder, Graham Thomas.

### 4. **Keynote Speaker, Deputy Mayor Ben McNulty.**

Summary of the main points of this presentation:

#### 4.1. **Council Six-month progress.**

- Council is much more collaborative with greater respect for differing viewpoints.
- Better relationship with central Government;
- Developing a better working relationship between councillors and officers;
- Attempting to get better value for money.
- Recognise the need for the necessary in-house capability to fix and maintain things rather than utilising an ongoing chain of contractors.

#### 4.2. **Annual Plan.**

- Now into Year 3 of the Long Term Plan (LTP);
- A new LTP will be presented in 2027;
- A 7.4% rates increase will apply from next financial year;
- Major ongoing issues regarding rates;
- Feedback from a recent survey showed a diverse range of views on priorities.

#### 4.3. **Water Reform.**

- \$6bn of assets need replacing immediately;
- Aim of the new water authorities is to remove funding decisions from local government.
- Commerce Commission to regulate water charges;
- Council is very concerned about the Tiaki Wai water charging model and the \$500m cost of water meter installation;
- Residents may be able to select their own water meter supplier so long as the device can be interrogated remotely - – but run the risk that Tiaki Wai could force a change in technology/upgrade when it makes final decisions on meters;
- Tiaki Wai will need to spend \$16m immediately for new IT equipment in order to support monitoring of the water network;
- Tiaki Wai must move away from capital value (CV) charging within 5 years

- It is expected to take 20 years to get the water network back into a proper state across the Wellington Region

#### 4.4. **Amalgamation.**

- Ben considers 3 months is too short a time consider this issue.

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report.**

Accepted. Proposer, Brian Sheppard. Secunder, Ed Crampton.

##### **Some issues regarding finances were raised from the floor of the meeting:**

- No council grant was received. The President advised that CPCA was not told of a change in timetable for grant applications, resulting in the Association missing out. (*Update: Received notification on 20 May 2026 of a \$1000 grant from Council*).
- A member queried plans for using the accumulated funds of over \$17,000. The President noted the purchase of two external defibrillators as an example of the recent use of these funds. He advised that the Committee is looking for other meaningful projects, such as fitting out an extended community centre. The Committee is open to suggestions as to how best to use these funds.
- John Morrison, former Vice-President and Life Member, cautioned against spending these funds in case they are needed for some future litigation or other necessary action. Incoming committee to consider further.
- The President invited consideration, as required by the Constitution, of the annual subscription cost. A suggestion was made, given the healthy state of CPCA finances, to reduce it but the **meeting agreed to retain the subscription at \$20** until the next AGM - proposed by Brian Sheppard and seconded by Rod Stainer.

#### 6. **President's Annual Report**

The President's report described the Committee's work in 2025-26. Progress was severely constrained by small size of the Committee but prioritised:

- activities that met its Incorporated Societies Act obligations;
- commitments from last year's AGM;
- significant opportunities to influence Council planning decisions; and
- rebuilding CPCA membership.

The report concluded by emphasising the need to increase membership of CPCA so that it remains viable and it is able to replace the President, Secretary and Treasurer, who have all given notice of their need to hand over their responsibilities in 2027 at the latest.

Update: The AGM unanimously elected Stuart Trounson as a new Treasurer

The President's report, in full, is available on the CPCA website

#### 7. **Review of the CPCA Constitution.**

The draft Constitution, which was approved at the 2025 AGM was submitted to the Incorporated Societies Registrar. A Certificate of Incorporation was issued on 24 June 2025.

Though some concerns about the draft constitution were raised at the 2025 AGM, members approved the draft. The President also gave an undertaking that the committee would consider the concerns raised at that meeting and report back at the 2026 AGM.

Vice President Graham Thomas has been leading the review and reported to the meeting that significant progress has been made., However, more work is required, including further consultation with members. He also advised that a set of “Policies and Procedures” is needed to support the Constitution. The outcome of this work will be reported back to the AGM in 2027.

#### 8. **Nominations and Election of CPCA Officers.**

Five nominations were received prior to the AGM and processed in accordance with the Constitution.

The President advised that Priya Baskaran had agreed to continue as Hon. Treasurer if no other suitable candidate came forward. Stuart Trounson, from the floor of the meeting, kindly offered his services and his candidature was formally proposed by Graham Thomas and seconded by Karen King. The meeting agreed to accept this late nomination, and Priya Baskaran’s nomination was withdrawn in line with her instructions.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINATED</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
President	Brian Sheppard	Priya Baskaran	A Baskaran
Vice President	Graham Thomas	Stephen Morgan	John Morrison
Hon. Secretary	Rod Stainer	Brian Sheppard	Allyson Auld
Hon, Treasurer	Stuart Trounson	Graham Thomas	Karen King
Committee	Rachael Skittrup-Ikurere	Brian Sheppard	Rod Stainer

There were no further nominations and all nominees were elected unopposed.

Stephen Morgan, who had not sought re-election, was thanked by the President for his valuable contribution over the last year.

#### 9. **Priorities for 2026.**

The President invited suggestions from the floor of the meeting.

The question was raised about how well the community would cope in an emergency.

Kevin Arlidge, former CPCA Vice-President and emergency management coordinator, outlined the functions of the emergency management hub located at Churton Park School.

Shona Taylor indicated an interest in taking on the vacant role of community emergency management coordinator and will discuss further with Kevin Arlidge.

#### 10. **Other Business.**

- Bus routes. Metlink held a public meeting at the Community Centre on 6 May to seek feedback on various options for reintroducing the 19e service and making changes to the number 60. Metlink will provide CPCA with a summary of the proposal. A suggestion was made by John Morrison that the Number 60 could connect into Churton Park without affecting the bus timetables.
- Parking on bus routes: Concern was expressed about the number of cars parked on narrow roads of the bus route.
- The President advised that under the new constitution there is no requirement to elect an auditor.

The new committee to discuss these issues and decide on follow-up actions.

Date of the next AGM to be decided by the incoming committee.

**Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.**