

Minutes of the Napier Residents Association Exco Meeting

Date: 6 May 2025

Time: 19:00 – 21:00

Venue: Old Council Chambers, Napier

Welcome & Attendance

Present:

- Colin Tonkin (CT)
- Mat Wood (MW)
- Kevin Poulter (KP)
- George Murtz (GM)
- Angela Altendorfer (AA)
- Annelene Kriel (AK)

Apologies:

- Nadine Fowler (NF)
- John Moulton (JM)
- Nolwetu Kakana (NK)
- Wikus Marks (WM)
- Lucen Stuart (LS)
- Kent Georgala (KG)

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the previous Exco meeting were circulated and approved with amendments.
- That the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 1 April 2025 be accepted as a true reflection. Proposed by AK and seconded by AA. The minutes of the SGM will be signed by the chairperson.

Matters Arising from previous meetings.

Small Town Beats Festival - Sandy's Glen

- Letter sent by farmers. CAM have responded - they said the events policy wasn't in place, hence festival went ahead. CAM were in violation of the by-law and land usage.

Action: KP to assist the farmers with a response letter.

Finances and SGM Collections

- Around R1000 collected at the meeting, donations and fees.
- We have R2000 available for emergency measures regarding fire or buildings burning down.
- Fee collection needs to be looked at, suggestion from Colin. Logistics that could be improved.
- Structures for voting on new members needs to be looked at for the AGM.
- Date for AGM provisionally set for 26th June. Notices sent beginning of June.
- We need to know who plans to stay on the committee or leave.
- Involvement from Nuwerus, how to get more of the community involved.

Action: CT to plan and implement more effective procedures.

KP to look at voting, second terms, do members need to be re-voted for another term?

GM to think about what churches to approach or how we engage the community.

Communication

Trade St Bridge

- Complaints about urinating, no toilets for workers, bridge construction.
- Councillors reactions on social media unacceptable.

Action: KP to monitor progress and escalate concerns if necessary.

Waste Management

- Lack of effectiveness of the transfer site. How we deal with Mr Linnert?
- Illegal dumping in Volhou St.

Action: Look at implementing District municipality level action.

Noise Complaints

- Complaint from Shelly Barron regarding the chipping and timber processing in the industrial area. The NRA has nothing to do here, noise was within the legal limits.
- Church service complaints. Applied for legal rights, again nothing we can really do.

Applications for Special consent and Land use and CAM meetings

- Notifications not being submitted by CAM, late or non-responsive.
- No agendas or notices regarding meetings, CAM not meeting obligations.

Action: KP to send a letter to CAM regarding land use.

Council Feedback

- Was their visit to Sweden successful and what did they gain from it?
- Discuss at the next NRA meeting.

Ward Committee Meeting

- Cancellations of meetings and within the hour regarding some.
- Questions of our Mayor and incompetence.

Action: To be continued at the June NRA meeting

Crime & Neighbourhood Watch

- Patrolling was effective, improving visibility.
- There is a big increase in crime.
- The community are concerned and alarmed, we all need to up our game!
- Vague communication from CPF and others, as a community we want clear information.

Action: Currently setting up a meeting with ALL parties regarding security, policing, etc.

Informal Settlement

- Progressing, an organisation has been established, independent from CAM.

RDP Housing

- Uncertain with what exactly will happen in the near future, possible community action needed, such as self-building. We are skeptical whether the building contractor can fulfil the requirements.
- Corruption with municipal housing should be questioned.

Roads & Stormwater

- Municipal response to road maintenance **has been poor**.
- Nuwerus has a MIG grant to help with the road upgrade.
- No specified budget for the rest of Napier's roads.

Action: Keep pushing for the truth and facts.

Water & Sanitation

- Concerns over **reservoir capacity**
- Allocated budget for the sewerage pump.
- Low pressure issues again.

Action: All to monitor and communicate issues.

New Business

Municipal Non-Delivery and corruption issues.

- Concerns over applying for grants
- Capital spending not being spent. Charging multiple times for the same thing.
- Ward committee policy.
- Late tabling of the budget.

- Question whether to approach the Public Protector.
- Community member Bertus Du Plessis is blocking the heritage survey.

Action:

7. Next Meeting & Closure

- **Next meeting:** Monday 9th June 7pm-9pm Napier Municipal offices. (Tuesday 10th is a Ward Committee meeting).
- **Meeting closed at 21:00.**