

## **MINUTES**

### **Eskridge Residents Society Incorporated**

Committee Meeting held at

The Pavilion, Eskridge Drive, Eskdale,

On Monday 3rd February 2025 at 6pm

**Present:** Trish Martin, Jonathan Bissell, Neville Dallas, Glen Baylis, Iain Maxwell, Andrew Taylor, Greg Miller, Theresa Byrne

1. **Welcome:** Trish Martin (Chairperson) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.
2. **Apologies:** Robbie Jensen
3. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Andrew Taylor and Greg Miller - fencing layout on new driveway to Lots 8 and 9
4. **Confirmation of Minutes - Committee meeting held Tuesday 8th October 2024:** It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record: Greg Miller /Jonathan Bissell – carried.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - **Pest control and trapping programme update:** Iain Maxwell suggested a trapping programme and he gave some indication of trap costs of the 2 recommended traps. It was suggested we revisit this next meeting.
  - **Water Pressure update:**
    - The booster pumps should be online by next week.
    - A landscaping plan developed by the Council raised concerns among some Committee members regarding maintenance costs associated with the chosen plants. Iain Maxwell and Theresa Byrne will meet on-site with affected residents' families to finalize a plant selection that is more broadly accepted. The plan will be reviewed, and relevant suggestions will be incorporated.
  - **Tennis Court update:** To accommodate two pickleball courts on the far side tennis court, new lines will need to be added.

It was suggested that blue lines be used to differentiate them from the white tennis lines. Due to concerns about ball bounce, Trish Martin will contact Craig Giddy for an assessment before proceeding with the lines and nets.

- **Gated community – quotes for gates/security camera signage placement of signs:** Nothing progressed since last meeting. Trish Martin has had a couple of residents asking about progress. Greg Miller to source and recommend contractors to formalise some quotes.
- **Carbon credits research progress:** See fencing requirements layout below
- **Blackberry spraying remainder of farm Park progress:** The bulk of the blackberry has been sprayed by drone and will be finished off on whatever has been missed under the tree canopy with a backpack battery spray by Greg Miller. There will be ongoing spot spraying in order to keep on top of regrowth in a year's time.
- **Update on proposed retirement of second area between Lots 34,35, 36 and Lots 16,17,18:** All fenced off and secure. Poles put in around heads of some slips by Iain Maxwell. Because this area is eligible for Council subsidy for erosion control and potentially ETS carbon credits it may be worth pursuing. Grants are fully subscribed this year but it may be worth applying for in the next year. Iain Maxwell will discuss with Robbie Jensen further about this area.
- **Poplar trees removal progress:** Nothing to report at this stage.
- **Tidy up of large fallen willow tree on boundary:** Work completed. Thanks to Robbie Jensen, Glen Baylis and children
- **Removal of flax bush opposite 123 Eskridge Drive:** The Committee would like to thank Tony and Maria Jericevich for removing the Flaxes. There is still some tidying up to be done on some clumps of flax which are squashing the sock.

- **Replacement of entrance rails Lot 33:** Not yet done. Greg Miller has it on his list.
- **Removal of willows beside and opposite 199 Eskridge Drive:** Work completed thank you.
- **Fencing layout requirements etc on new driveway to Lots 8 & 9:**

It was moved to seek professional advice on the eligibility of obtaining carbon credits from the Emission Trading Scheme (ETS). Jonathan Bissell/Glen Baylis -carried.

This will help determine the most suitable fencing placement options and costs for the two areas of land involved from the points of view of retirement and grazing purposes. Following on from this there could be further fencing costs across other areas of the farm park.

Andrew Taylor to organise a special committee meeting with Mark Morice from Morice and Associates.

The outcome could impact the annual levy.

#### 6. **Correspondence:**

- Weekly reports from HBDC re pump station and water pressure updates
- Corri Bissell on 26 November – thank-you for the Committee lunch held at Valley d’Vine
- The Constitution is due to be updated to comply with the new legislation for societies. Trish Martin is meeting with the lawyer on 21<sup>st</sup> February to begin the process which has to be completed by 5 April 2026. The Committee and then members will need to ratify once the document is completed.

It was moved that the correspondence be accepted Greg Miller/Jonathan Bissell - carried

#### 7. **Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for Payment:**

It was moved that the expenses per the transactions report for the period 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 for \$12,381.41

be approved for payment: Neville Dallas/Jonathan Bissell –  
carried

Bank account balances as at 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025:

Kiwibank Transactions account	\$ 3,574.92
Kiwibank Online Call Account	\$ 48,850.76
Kiwibank Term Deposit Account 2	\$ 75,200.00
Kiwibank Term Deposit Account 3	<u>\$ 46,000.00</u>
Total	\$173,625.68

8. **Health and Safety:** The protective boxes around the back flows at the entrance lane way to the Pavilion have had holes cut for easier access thanks to Neville Dallas for undertaking that job.
9. **General Business:** 2025/2026 Budget to be finalised by email to members before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
10. **Confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm
11. **Close meeting:** Meeting closed 7.41pm and Trish Martin thanked everyone for attending.