# Minutes of the Prebbleton Community Association
# April 2025

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| Date/Time: | 7 April 2025, 7pm |
| Where: | Prebbleton Cottage |
| Present: | Karen Frater, Graeme Gemmill, Angela Jones, Graham Carpenter, Alastair Joyce, Averil Carpenter, Sharon Mason (left meeting 7.56pm), Angela Hart (left meeting 7.56pm) |
| Apologies: | Jane Elms |

## Welcome & Apologies

Karen welcomed everyone to the meeting. In Jane's absence (sickness) Karen will chair the meeting. She welcomed Sharon Mason, CE of SDC to the first part of the meeting. We had asked Sharon to talk to the four below questions"

- Resolve the issue we have with historical cell tower account monies
    - In August 2006 a cell tower Licence Special Fund created. Income to be used by PCA for improvements. Over the years the funds were spent on Birches Cottage relocation and heat pump, Headstone restoration, Prebbleton Pippins etc. In 2016 PCA advised there was a review of the fund, but they still had governance. In 2018 cell tower lease expired and there was no further income. In 2020 PCA was told funds will expire 30 June 2020 if not spent/committed. (This is the part that was in question). In August 2021 the remaining funds ($73020.99) transferred to District Township Special Fund.
    - Alastair raised that in the correspondence we have the previous PCA committee assumed that the funds would still be available and therefore able to be used for our community, for instance improvements to the Springs Road pedestrian crossing, but we have been told that it not ours anymore and we have lost it.
    - Sharon said she couldn't comment about what happened at the time but that the funds are not lost, committed or spent, they were moved to the District Township Special Fund, that is administered by the Community Services Funds Group. Denise Kidd oversees this, and we could apply for funding as per the criteria's listed on the SDC website.
    - There was some robust discussion. Outcome: those involved agreed to disagree.

- New Prebbleton Community Centre
    - There is feeling that Prebbleton keeps getting overlooked. Was in the previous long-term plan that we would have a community centre by 2025/26 and now that has

been put off until the next long-term plan. The only significant council owned facility in Prebbleton is the Cottage which only exists via community initiative. The Prebbleton Hall is community owned, needs earthquake strengthening and with our population growth is not fit for purpose. We need a new facility that is within walking distance, is multi use and we need it now. Why was it not built, or land put aside? Our concern is also that land is not being earmarked for this future project now before it is too late.

- Sharon said that we do have the school hall, cottage and hall. That the new Prebbleton community facility is still on the long-term plan with a Community Reference Group to be set up in 2026 and their recommendations due end of 2027. This would then be put in the long-term plan for funding, as "big project" funding only gets allocated at certain points in time and then it is voted on. Grant Miller (one of our councillors) is the chair of the community advisory group that would lead this reference group. Applications and then interviews would take place to be a part of this group.
- We need to be advocating to our councillors what we are wanting.

- Road safety and community security
  - PCA are extremely concerned with the safety of the Springs Road pedestrian crossing. We ran a campaign "snap send solve" as this is what we were told by the mayor, was the way to go. We have not heard anything. This is something that has been raised by members of the public to the council and us before and currently there is a community lead petition happening.
  - Sharon said this crossing had not been raised as an issue with her by any of our three councillors. She was aware that some in the Prebbleton community are campaigning to upgrade the zebra crossing into a signalised zebra crossing but there is no funding for this. There is LTP funding in 2027 for traffic signals at the Tosswill and Springs intersection and have a $3million budget. There is limited funding for transport issues as the government had just slashed budgets for everyone.
  - The committee advocated that something had to be done. The traffic going through Prebbleton increasing and we all felt very strongly that something needed to be done sooner to make the crossing safer for our community. Other zebra crossings have red paint markings that make them more visible. That shouldn't break the bank.
  - Sharon said that she would liaise her team and see what she could do in the interim.
  - Sharon said that this issue had not been raised with her from any of our three councillors and that we need to be talking to them about these matters. We said we had.

- How do the SDC see working with Community Associations going forward?
  - Sharon said Selwyn Council values residents associations for their important role in building social connections, welcoming newcomers, and sharing important community information. That SDC had established and expanded a funding pool recently to transparently provide funding to support their community activities and encourage their active involvement in community as well as their input into council planning and decision making, including long term and annual plans, to ensure diverse community voices are heard and reflected. SDC also recognises that

residents associations play an important role in advocating for geographic community interests to be considered by a range of agencies and organisations.
    - She stressed again. We have three ward councillors. We need to be bringing up any issues with them

Karen thanked Sharon for coming to speak with us and we look forward to hearing the outcome of the Springs Road pedestrian crossing. Sharon left the meeting 7.56pm

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting (March) & matters arising.

- Cycle safety – deferred
- Exploration of a back-up plan if P Grundy cannot compile future editions of Prebbleton Life (Jane)
- Wire stand for at Fresh Choice – Karen to buy **COMPLETED**
- Storage under cottage – G Carpenter/Alastair Joyce (being worked on)
- Prebbleton Life Guidelines to be updated and sent to PL subcommittee for any comment (Jane/Karen) deferred to May
- Firewood fundraiser (Graeme G) – didn't eventuate.
- Incorporated society Rule Changes and implications for PCA – deferred
- Membership subscriptions – deferred

Resolution that the minutes of the previous meeting, held 3 March 2025, be accepted. Moved Alastair, seconded Averill. Carried.

## 3. Correspondence

- John Verry – Council updates/info re water consultation
- Generic emails
- Request for editorial in PL forwarded to Dave Martin

## 4. Financial Report

See attached

Alastair moved that we accept the March financial report and pay the following invoices when they come in: Selwyn Print ($575), Anzac Day Wreath ($115). Karen seconded. Carried.

- Friday Friends petty cash spreadsheet – deferred as Jane sick.

## 5. Monthly Reports/Updates

- Prebbleton Cottage – nothing to report
- Prebbleton Life – only issue brought up was on the Omega church small advert on the back of the newsletter. We need to finalise guidelines and get these to the subcommittee.
- Friday Friends – Jane sick

## 6. General business

- **ANZAC DAY SERVICE**
    - see attached planning schedule for changes
    - Action points:
        - Karen to print posters and put in local shops (approx. 20)

        - Graeme G to liaise with group that uses hall to utilise sound system. Need to talk to them about having a practice set up to make sure it works and can be heard. Preferable time to do this week of 14th – 17th April. Alastair and any other committee member to attend. Need to be able to play national anthem, microphone for MC, John Ray, the song Imagine.
        - Karen to liaise with Prebbleton School head students
        - Karen to organise MC
        - Jane, were you wanting to read a poem?
        - Need to consider new layout – Graeme G, Alastair
        - Finalise programme (speakers names etc) – Jane

- Daffodils
    - Averil has been in touch with June McLachlan of David Bell daffodils and brought 500 small daffodil bulbs for $150.
    - There was discussion around were these would be planted as Jane had talked to council staff, when she saw them weeding, pulling out some bulbs inadvertently, and spraying where some plantings were. We were all disappointed but realised easy care is what the council are going for. Averil said she will be more selective of where she will plant these.
    - Karen voted to reimburse Averil; Angela seconded. Carried

- Submission to Electoral Commission re boundary changes (meaning Prebbleton would become part of Wigram electorate) – Jane happy to do a survey on Facebook and write the submission. We agreed Jane had the best understanding and we were happy for her to do this on our behalf.

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| 7. Meeting closed 8.50pm. Next meeting 5th May 2025 |

**Prebbleton Community Association Inc.**

Financial Report: as at 3/04/2025

Summary for the period from 01-03-25 to 03-04-25

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| **Receipts** | |
| Accounts receivable (Liquorland, Dilworth & Ray White – P/L sponsorship) | 1725.00 |
| Interest received, March | 1.30 |
| **Total — Receipts** | **1726.30** |
| **Less: Payments** | |
| Advertising/promotion/newsletter (March P/L) | 575.00 |
| **Total — Payments** | **575.00** |
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| **Net increase (decrease) in cash held** | **1151.30** |
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| Cash at the beginning of the period | **6268.45** |
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| **Cash at the end of the period (Westpac Account)** | **7419.75** |

**Payments due for approval**:

Selwyn Print for April Prebbleton Life (awaiting confirmation invoice) 575.00

**Receivables due:** **---**