

## **MINUTES of the New Lynn Business Association Incorporated Annual General Meeting , 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Meeting opened: 6.05pm

### **1. Attendees**

Michele Gilmer – Car Tech Auto, Norah Ding – Little Treats Café, Kaloni Moli – McDonalds, Doug & Marlene Easton, Tapan Dave – Barfoot & Thompson, Vish Bhati – Ray White, Dinesh Mani – Mani Investments, Lew Myer – New Lynn Bible Chapel, Henry – BBQ Noodle House, Yousim Be – Delta Bakehouse, Phil Parker – Woottons Auto Accessories, Francene Picot – RSA New Lynn, Paige Graham – Exhibitionist, Rajnil Maharaj – Murray Sharma & Associates, Graeme Berryman – Berryman Real Estate, Robbie Bhullar – for Xian Bridal, Norah Ding – for Theia, Niraj Boricha - for John Smit Accountants, Dale Borland Marketing-proxy vote on the chairs recommendation, Tracy Mulholland for Piper Commercial, Akhi Moulick - for Kwon Thai, McLean Law – proxy on the chairs recommendation, Kay Thomas – Whau Local Board.

### **2. Apologies**

Warren, Piper and Karl Piper - Piper Commercial, Sitendra Singh - McDonald's New Lynn, Marie Scott – Woottons Auto Accessories, Andy Zhang - Theia, John Smit - John Smit Accountants, Yanee - Kwon Thai, Shannon Simpson-Burn - Exhibitionist, Dale Borland Marketing , Callum McLean - McLean Law, Warren Strand – New Lynn Police, Alberto Sala - Settebello, Christine and Don Thomas – Property owners, Angela Myer – New Lynn Bible Chapel, Brent Cameron – Cameron Panelbeaters, David Cullen - New World New Lynn, Tracey Crookston – Placemakers New Lynn.

Moved: Vish Bhati

Second: Francene Picot

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

### **3. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM held 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Note a correction in Piper Commercial from Piper Construction (sent in writing to NLBA). Resolve to accept the minutes as presented to the AGM.

Moved: Michele Gilmer

Second: Robbie Bhullar

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

### **4. Accountants and auditors reports**

#### **Auditors Report**

Resolve to adopt the NLBA 2024-2025 audited accounts as presented by the Treasurer, Norah Ding and provided to the NLBA membership.

Tracy Mulholland assisted Norah Ding with a summary of the auditors management report letter which found no differences or disagreements with management, no instances of fraud detected, no significant risks or exposures noted. The auditor recommended more equity rolled over at the end of the financial year. This was presented at the executive committee meeting prior to the AGM and it was agreed that between \$10,000 and \$15,000 will be rolled over into the following financial year, going forward. The AGM agreed.

Thank you to the auditors, Treasurer and team support.

Recommendation: To adopt the financial reports and auditors accounts and record of related party transactions 2024-2025.

Moved: Philip Parker

Second: Vish Bhati

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

## **5. Appointment of auditors for 2025-2026**

Recommendation to approve and adopt and appoint Small Audit NZ \$4,800 + GST quote only. The AGM appointed Small Audit NZ after discussion regarding their skills, knowledge and the organisational professionalism.

Dinesh Mani (Chairperson) advised that there is now an additional cost to obtain the Kiwibank EoY Auditors Certificate, previously supplied by Kiwibank free of cost but now has to go to a third party located in the United States of America. The cost is approximately \$300 and delayed the auditing process by a week. This will be an additional future cost.

Recommend and move to appoint the NLBA Auditors for the 2025-2026 period NZ Small Audit.

Moved: Michele Gilmer

Second: Rajnil Maharaj

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

## **6. NLBA Executive Reports- Executive reports for the period 2024 – 2025**

Dinesh Mani – Chairperson and Sharon Gregory – Administration Manager presented their reports as provided to the AGM. The reports were provided and presented to the NLBA AGM in the notice of the meeting booklet.

Recommendation: To adopt the reports of the Chairperson and Management.

Moved: Vish Bhati

Second: Michele Gilmer

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

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### **7. Adoption of the draft budget and plans 2026-2027 which includes a BID targeted rate grant amount of \$248,500**

The NLBA AGM were provided a copy of the draft annual plan and budget for the 2026 – 2027 period.

The Chair provided an overview of the plan and budget.

**Recommendation:** To move and approve the following financial year 2026 – 2027 draft budget which includes a BID targeted rate grant amount of \$248,500 that includes a 4% increase of \$9,557.71 to the BID targeted rate grant for the 2026-2027 financial year. Further ask the Whau Local Board recommend to the Governing Body the amount of \$248,500 be included in the Auckland Council draft 2026-2027 annual budget consultation process.

Lew Myer – New Lynn Bible Chapel asked for an explanation of the Ambassadors Programme, an explanation was given by Tracy Mulholland. Noted that the programme was approved at the 2024 AGM. The role of the Ambassador was updated to the AGM, the job has been advertised but no appointment to date given the hours and budget are limited and few. An application has been sent to the Whau Local Board to obtain extra funding for the Ambassador Programme. Lew Myer and the meeting were satisfied with the process.

Moved: Francene Picot

Second: Philip Parker

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

### **8. Business Plan - Move to approve the NLBA 2026-2027 Business Plan**

The Chairperson asked Tracy Mulholland to present a summary of feedback from membership regarding the 2026-2027 Business Plan and the outcome of the feedback.

Recommendation: Move to approve the NLBA 2026 – 2027 Business Plan and Budget

Moved: Robbie Bhullar

Second: Philip Parker

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

## **9. Strategic Plan - Move to approve the NLBA 2026-2028 Strategic Plan**

The Chairperson asked Tracy Mulholland to present a summary of the background and 2026-2028 Strategic Plan objectives.

Recommendation: Move to approve the New Lynn Business Association 2026–2028 Strategic Plan.

Moved: Philip Parker

Second: Michele Gilmer

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

## **10. Acknowledgement of the NLBA Executive Committee Service**

Chair asked Tracy Mulholland and Sharon Gregory to stand. Tracy Mulholland acknowledged the significant input of former Chairperson Vish Bhati and all other committee members over the year.

Tracy Mulholland shared with the AGM the management and membership thanks for work that the voluntary Executive Committee undertook. It was noted for the AGM that the committee were provided with a gift basket thank you at Christmas time as part of the acknowledgement of their many hours of work.

The Chair thanked and acknowledged the 2024-2025 voluntary Executive Committee with a bottle of wine and chocolates.

The AGM all acknowledge and thanked the Executive Committee with a show of support in the meeting.

Chairperson Dinesh Mani acknowledged Executive Committee service and the work completed by contractors and any other persons who support the NLBA in its endeavours.

Chair and committee stood down, Sharon Gregory, the Secretary took the floor to present the nominations to the AGM

## **11. Election of the new executive committee the 2025-2026**

The secretary received 7 nominations for the NLBA Executive Committee and read those to the AGM. The nominations were for the election of the NLBA Executive, Chairperson and Treasurer.

The Secretary read out the Executive Committee nominations to the AGM:

7 vacancies and 7 nominations received. Those nominations are:

Dinesh Mani – Mani Investments, is nominated as Chairperson

Norah Ding – Little Treats Café, is nominated as Treasurer

Executive committee nominations:

Woottons Auto Accessories - Philip Parker

Exhibitionist - Paige Graham

Kaloni Moli - McDonalds New Lynn

Michele Gilmer - Car Tech Auto

Vish Bhati – Ray White

Recommendation: Move that all nominees be elected, with Dinesh Mani as Chairperson and Norah Ding as Treasurer.

Moved: Marlene Easton

Second: Graeme Berryman

**All in favour, nil against – Carried**

The Secretary thanked the meeting and handed over to the 2025-2026 Chairperson Dinesh Mani to address the meeting.

## **12. Chairperson Dinesh Mani addressed the AGM**

Chair Dinesh Mani spoke regarding working for the NLBA membership. His vision is to strengthen partnerships. enhance advocacy to secure funding, ensure asset maintenance, investor programme to support business resilience and innovation. Transparency, collaboration and member engagement will be the core of his leadership. He would like to ensure that every member's voice is heard and to work towards growth, prosperity and maintaining New Lynns unique character.

## **13. General Business**

General business comments pertained to:

- Lew Myer – Asked for an update re the pocket park where the swan mural is. Chair asked Tracy Mulholland to speak to this; She said there are some maintenance issues with the pocket park and that is the responsibility of Auckland Council. The NLBA have been in discussion with the parks team regarding pocket park maintenance. She believes that a refurbishment of the pocket park is planned. Tracy also mentioned the issue of the OAGS building which is owned currently by Kainga Ora as this is also in a state of needing repair. Tracy referred to Kay Thomas with the approval of the Chair.
- Kay Thomas/Whau Local Board responded regarding the OAGS building, the Whau Local Board meet regularly with Kainga Ora regarding this, a decision has not been made yet regarding the building however she is of the opinion that they will sell it. She also advised that plans are underway regarding the pocket park.

- Tracy Mulholland advised that NLBA are writing a letter to ask that permission be given to demolish the OAGS building.
- Graeme Berryman noted a strong objection to retaining the OAGS building.
- The membership agreed that there was a need to take action in relation to the and the private land in the area by the library.
- The NLBA are working with the Council team to try to get some resolution and thank Warren Piper for his support and work on this. Tracy is to provide a background letter and details to the executive committee regarding the matter.

The Chairperson asked if there were any further questions or general business. There was no further business conducted.

The Chairperson thanked all the membership, and the meeting was announced as closed

Time: 7.02pm