



MANGERE BRIDGE VILLAGE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC

ANNUAL AGM

30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025 @ 5.30PM

MANGERE BRIDGE LIBRARY, 5-7 CHURCH ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE

**Apologies:** Lieng Kong, Justin Ng, Vincent Wong, Rupen Chand, Asa Vete, Pragnesh Thakkar, Anka Bartulovich, Abheek Patell, Year Patell, Nina Nguyen. Michael Huang, Sam Song.

**QUORUM MET**

**Minutes of the AGM held on 24th October 2024**

**Motion:** That the minutes have been read and approved and accepted as a true and correct record of the 2024 AGM.

**Moved:** Maria Mortimer **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Michael Haddad

**Financial Reports**

The Financial Reports were reviewed by BVO Audit.

**Motion:** That the financial report are accepted as tabled and read

**Moved:** Michael Haddad **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Marcella Howarth

**Appointment of auditors**

**Motion:** That BVO Audit is appointed as the auditor for the Current financial year 2025-2026.

**Moved:** Michael Haddad **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sepali Naus

#### **Draft indicative budget 2026-2027: recommended target rate increase**

The current targeted rate is \$36,465.000 per annum

**Motion:** Move to approve the following financial year 2026-2027 draft budget which includes a BID Targeted rate grant amount of \$38,288.00, including a 5% increase \$1,823.00 to the BID targeted rate grant for 2026-2027 financial year.

Further ask that the Mangere Otahuhu local board to recommend to the governing body that the amount of \$38,288.00 be included in the Auckland Council draft 2026-2027 annual budget consultation process.

**Moved:** Marcella Howarth **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sepali Naus

#### **Draft business plan**

**Motion:** That the draft business plan for the 2026-2027 period be accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Maria Mortimer **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Keyur Patel

#### **Chairpersons Report**

**Motion:** That the chairpersons report be accepted as tabled.

**Moved:** Michael Haddad **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Zena Lowther

#### **Village Manager Report**

**Motion:** The Village Managers report be accepted as tabled

**Moved:** Marcella Howarth **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Zena Lowther

#### **Treasurer's Report**

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's report be accepted and tabled.

**Moved:** Maria Mortimer **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Keyur Patel

#### **Election of Committee Members by Block Vote**

**Motion:** To accept the following people as committee members

Michael Haddad, Justin Ng, Maria Mortimer / Mataiasi To'Ofohoe (as alternates) Marcella Howarth / Shane Howarth. (as alternates)

**Moved:** Sepali Naus 2<sup>nd</sup>: Zena Lowther

### **Election**

Chairperson – Maria Mortimer

**Moved:** Sepali Naus 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Haddad

Treasurer - Michael Haddad

**Moved:** Maria Mortimer 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sepali Naus

Secretary - Kate Adams (Village Manager)

**Moved:** Maria Mortimer 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marcella Howarth

### **Associate Members**

**Motion:** That the associate member fee be set at \$375.00 per annum

This was discussed and we agreed that we would make the associate member fee \$250.00 per annum. We will look at contacting, The Gaff, The Vet, GAS Station, Village Fisheries, Osteopath and the Wanderers Tavern.

**Moved:** Sepali Naus 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maria Mortimer

### **Discussion**

#### **Business Directory and Promotion**

A new Directory Card will be created for the year 2026 to update and promote local businesses within Mangere Bridge. Recently, the 275 Times provided a complimentary listing of businesses to help with promotion efforts. For future advertising of events in the 275 Times, clarification is needed regarding the associated costs.

#### **Infrastructure and Development Concerns**

There are ongoing and serious concerns related to carparking, cycle lanes, and future developments managed by Auckland Transport. It has been noted that the work completed so far is incomplete and presented poorly. The consensus is that no further works should proceed until existing issues are resolved to an acceptable standard. Committee would like to be advised of any future developments.

It is proposed to engage with Auckland Transport to discuss the possibility of painting red areas on the road outside the Fresh Choice carpark entries and exits. This measure aims to ensure these areas always remain clear, improving access and safety.

#### **Unitary Plan Submission**

Maria from Mason and Mortimer will prepare a draft letter for submission regarding the Unitary Plan. The deadline for submissions is 19th November 2025.

### **Business Engagement and Marketing**

Efforts will be made to identify suitable dates and times to organise a quarterly breakfast or catch-up event for all local business owners. The goal is to foster networking and strengthen community ties among businesses in the area.

There is a need to explore new ideas and approaches for promoting the "shop local" initiative. The current methods are not proving effective, and alternative strategies should be considered to enhance local business patronage.

### **Traffic and Accessibility Issues**

The closure of Walmsley Road is significantly impacting village businesses, with traffic congestion occurring most nights. This situation is making it difficult for people to access the area, leading to decreased sales as potential customers are deterred from stopping in the village.

**MEETING CLOSED :6.40 PM**