

**THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SENIORNET HUTT CITY INC.
HELD TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2023, 2PM IN THE LOPDELL LOUNGE,
ST. MARKS UNITING CHURCH, WOBURN ROAD, LOWER HUTT**

The Chairman, Catherine Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT: 25

APOLOGIES: 10

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM – 13 July 2022

MOVED: Geoff Bartlett

SECONDED : Lorraine Shorter

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED, BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED AS A TRUE
AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AND BE ADOPTED.”**

AGREED AND CARRIED

There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT:

The 2022-2023 year was challenging for SeniorNet Hutt City as we returned to more normal practices after the disruptions of the Covid years and tried to encourage members to resume classes.

I attended the Federation’s 2023 AGM in May, my first experience of SeniorNet at a national level. The main impression I came away with was that SeniorNet Hutt City can hold its head high in its performance for members. All the best practice programmes and systems mentioned at that AGM are carried out by SeniorNet Hutt City. This is a huge tribute to all those who have inspired and run SeniorNet Hutt City over the years.

SeniorNet nationally is under considerable pressure. Many Learning Centres have closed. At its peak there were more than 100 societies with total membership of 20,000 plus. We used to be able to claim that collectively the SeniorNet centres had a greater student population than the universities. Now there are 43 societies and about 5,000 members. The Federation has reduced staff and is updating its Constitution to reflect a smaller organisation with fewer funds. In the future it is likely that the focus will be on cheaper, on-line communication.

Already the Federation has launched Senior HangOuts, an on line programme that all SeniorNet members can access and contribute to without cost. SeniorNet Hutt City is offering sessions to introduce members to this new facility. I encourage you to take this class.

Inevitably all learning centres are affected by these changes, so it is time for reflection and to identify what SeniorNet Hutt City members want from their learning centre. Please don’t hesitate to pass any ideas you have to me or a committee member.

Three long-serving committee members are not standing again this year. It is my privilege to sincerely thank Glenda Smith for her many years of service. She has given to SeniorNet in so many ways - as Office Manager, Secretary, "Camp Mother", Counsellor and Organiser.

Heartfelt thanks also go to the two Geoff's for all the hours of work they have put into SeniorNet over the years, Geoff Bartlett as Treasurer and Tutor, and Geoff Allan as Tutor, Committee Member and Newsletter Editor. Both serving tirelessly and constructively.

It is very good that Secretary Hilary Hutton is standing again, as are some committee members. This will ensure a smooth transition for the new committee. However, we will need new people. So please think about offering your services or nominating a person for committee.

From a facilities perspective, we reduced our stable of teaching computers to reflect the decreased demand for formal classes. We retired the ten computers which were incapable of running Windows 11, and replaced them with seven new machines, all costs being covered by grants from Pub Charity and the Hutt City Council. We also obtained free copies of Microsoft Office 365 for our two office computers.

So 2023-24 will be an interesting year. We are in a sound position, but we need to provide courses that attract existing and new members to SeniorNet Hutt City.

Catherine Chapman
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report noted that there has been a drop in our membership.

We had applied to the Mana Trust for funding towards the purchase of laptops, and a TV, applications had also been made to the Pub Charity, the Hutt City Council Community Fund to enable the purchase of new computers. The Lion Foundation had granted \$717.00 for insurance premiums. We had also applied for and received two years rent, some of which had been carried over to 2033.

We had made \$6,104.00 including money we had carried over from 2022.

GEOFF BARTLETT MOVED THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023, HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED BE ADOPTED.

SECONDED: FIONA SEALEY

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE FOR 2023/2024

Chairperson	Catherine Chapman
Deputy Chairperson	Chris Jared
Secretary	Hilary Hutton
Treasurer	To be advised

At the close of nominations for the Committee (not less than 4 and not more than 8) the following names had been received.

Carole Quickfall
Philip O'Brien
Peter Blizzard
Kasia Waldegrave
Geoff Bartlett

THE ABOVE PERSONS WERE THEREFORE DECLARED TO BE DULY ELECTED.

CARRIED

SETTING THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

The Committee recommends that the annual subscription for the year ending 31 March 2024 remains at \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for a couple (2 people living at the same address).

“THAT THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024, BE \$25 FOR A SINGLE MEMBERSHIP AND \$40 FOR A COUPLE”.

APPOINTMENT OF REVIEWING OFFICER:

An approach to review the SeniorNet accounts for the 2023-2024 year will be made to Geoff Tuffin of Eastbourne.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Peter Anderson suggested that ideas for advertising for new members be sent to the Committee. It was also suggested that advertising could be done on Facebook at the cost of \$12.00.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.30 pm. Peter Anderson congratulated the outgoing Committee Members who had worked so hard during their term. Thanks were also given to Linda Corby for the work she does at the office.

Chris Jared was introduced as our Speaker on behalf of Craig Young of Telecommunication Users Association Users of New Zealand (TUANZ).

After our Speaker, the Chairman made presentations to Glenda Smith for her many years of service to SeniorNet and to Geoff Bartlett for his service as Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the meeting we all partook of a scrumptious afternoon tea.

Signed as a true and correct record _____ Chairman

Date: _____

