

Approved Trust Democracy Meeting Minutes

When:	Monday 4 May 2020, 7:30-9:30pm
Where:	Zoom videoconference
Present:	Helen Bichan, Len Cook, Richard Davis, Ruby Quantson, Simon Wright, Maureen Gillon, Dave Henderson, John Cody, Andrew Ecclestone, Eddie Tuiavii, Alex Hotere-Barnes, Richard Tankersley, Ross Patel, Penny Dawson, Jane Shaw, Yvonne Curtis

Introductions

Acting Chair, Maureen Gillon opened the meeting at a little after 7:30pm and asked Dave Henderson to explain the genesis of Trust Democracy. After this, each person was asked to introduce themselves.

Elections

Acting Secretary, Simon Wright explained the requirements for committee membership and sought direction of the election process.

Andrew Ecclestone, Maureen Gillon, Dave Henderson, Ross Patel, John Pennington and Simon Wright were elected to the Trust Democracy Committee by acclamation.

Maureen Gillon was elected to the position of Trust Democracy Chair by acclamation.

Motions

The following motions were passed unanimously:

- Recognition of the work and legacy of the late David Robinson, Sue Driver and the New Zealand Social and Civic Policy Institute,
- Appreciation for the work of Dave Henderson and Sue Barker for establishing Trust Democracy as a legal entity.

General Business

Dave Henderson reported on the work he had undertaken with Sue Barker to represent a range of civil society organisations in the [Department of Internal Affairs review of the Charities Acts](#). Issues to do with civil society participation in policy development were raised and discussed.

Richard Davis and Ruby Quantson outlined recent Kettering Foundation work about enabling the [practice of deliberation in divided or polarised communities and in schools by using historical scenarios](#). There was a discussion about the possible utility of this approach in New Zealand.

Maureen Gillon thanked everyone for their lively participation and closed the meeting at 9:30pm.

These draft minutes were approved at Trust Democracy's Annual General Meeting held on 14 April 2021.

Signed:



Dated: 16 April 2021