

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association – SBRRRA

Minutes of meeting – Monday 3rd May 2021

Mahurangi East Community Centre – Betty Paxton Room 7.30pm

Present: Peter Beekman(chair), Dale Rabot(treas), Eileen O'Loan(sec), SBRRRA committee – Paul Shanahan, Maurie Hooper, Kate Hawken. Chris Penk MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi, Tania Hamilton – community liaison officer for Marja Lubeck, Labour list MP based in Kaipara ki Mahurangi Greg Sayers AC Rodney councillor, Tim Holdgate RLB, Dave Parker JP + 25 members

Apologies: Marja Lubeck, Beth Houlbrooke RLB, Louise Nicholson, John Norman, Ray Bull, Peter Caccia-Birch, Diane Taylor, Simon & Marilyn Owens, Susan & Mitchell Hutchings, Bev & Phil Rowe, Marj Fairey

Previous minutes. 6th April 2021 – accepted Mark/Maurie

Matters arising:

Boathouse Bay: Mark Dinniss stated that the Snells Beach community should be welcoming the new residents at Boathouse Bay into our community. He noted that the SBRRRA dispute had always been with Auckland Council, regarding how the consenting and monitoring processes had been handled and never toward the residents of Boathouse Bay. Mark and SBRRRA extend a warm welcome to all new members to our community. It has been sad to hear that some of the new residents have received antagonism from some locals.

Roading: AC & AT 10 year Rooding Plan. We will leave this to be commented on by Greg Sayers later this evening

Beachfront bird info panels: Information material has now been received and we are ready to take this to a graphic designer – to create a mock-up that will then be presented to RLB. for landowner consent. Panels will be placed upon a gabion basket. 115mm long, sloping 600mm height at the back, 450mm at the front.

Dawson Road Reserve: We have emailed Greg Sayers, questioning the legality of using the Public Works Act. Greg has just received a reply from AC lawyers. Response was that Watercare can use this Act legally, and a suggestion that SBRRRA get independent legal advice. Comment from Tim Holdgate – A worrying lack of consultation with the affected parties. An alternative site was suggested that would remove the need for trucks to transit through the community. A suggestion was made that the committee investigate getting a speaker from Watercare for the next meeting in July. Agreed

Safe roosting area: Committee are still awaiting information from the AC officers re furthering this Auckland Council proposal. Stan Armiger – on behalf of the dog walkers– would like to have an opportunity to give input for any submissions re this proposal. This was acknowledged.

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Correspondence: In/Out : In/Out Beth Houlbrooke re AT transport survey 10 yr plan, WALG minutes, to Greg Sayers re Dawson Road and use of public works act, Seagrass questions sent onto Dr Carbines,

Financial Report: 31 March 2021

Camera	\$664
General funds	\$4,173
Total funds	\$4,837

There was a question from the floor – What is the Camera Fund? Explanation that this is the remainder of the funds raised for the installation and future maintenance/upgrades of the security camera.

Guest speaker: Greg Sayers, Auckland Councillor for Rodney

He will personally contact Mark, but passed on his thanks from himself and RLB for Mark's contribution to SBRRA and the community.

- There are 2 processes to help formulate the 10yr plan for Auckland.
 1. **LTP** – Long term plan. This is a 10yr budget plan – refreshed every 3 years. the results of the latest public consultation have been released
 2. **RLTP** – Regional land transport plan. The public consultation stage has just closed off. It will be a while until the feedback results are released
- Auckland Council has given – 20% up for AT (Auckland Transport), 29% increase in renewables budget and an 11% increase in the OPEX budget.
- How much will Rodney area receive?
 1. Renewals - down 20%
 2. Capex - down
 3. Unsealed roads - down 66%
 4. Local walkways – not mentioned
 5. Sandspit link road – not mentioned
 6. Southern interchange onto new motorway – not mentioned
 7. Matakana Village congestion – not mentioned
- Climate change seems to have been the beneficiary of future funding – so money is found for public transport, bus lanes, electric buses/ferries, cycleways. The impression is that money is being directed toward the CBD or further South. Nothing for the North. It is very difficult to support the recommended 5% rates increase if our ratepayers in the North cannot see any visible impact.
- Rodney is a very big rural area and thus Auckland city is in reality a rural city – spread out with a very large proportion of rural roading and settlements
- Auckland Council will vote on the 10yr budget on 29 June – recommendation from Council officers is for a 5% rates increase

From the floor:

- Feedback that Greg's survey monkey questionnaire was very good. Appreciation that local Rodney specific feedback was able to be given. Greg confirmed that this survey will be attached to the overall feedback reports for the RLTP
- Q – There are a lot of new developments/subdivisions but no investments in any infrastructure to support them before building has started. What can we do?

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A – A lot of the subdivisions are non- notified. The new development contributions should be used locally but this isn't happening. Watercare infrastructure is absorbing a lot of the contributions

- Q- They (AC) collect with one hand and don't give any return
A – Warkworth area does have a structure plan, and is visible for funding and an awareness that future growth is coming. In contrast to Kumeu – with no structure plan – and has now major problems with the growth of population
- Q – We need roads
A – Warkworth and surrounding areas are a growth suburb. We have a very mobile population – residents whose workplace needs cannot be serviced by public transport – eg: builders, plumbers and other tradies and services which support these trades.
- Comments from the floor.
 1. Social engineering from the government – increasing the density but not providing any investments into the roading infrastructure that is needed to manage the growth. A very CBD centric approach.
 2. The erection of safety barriers from Hamilton Road for some distance toward the Parsley Pot café. No public consultation – community say it is not needed. We would rather this money spent on other more urgent roading needs
 3. AC must accept that we are a rural area and that all roads are critical to this community. Ask the community what it needs to prioritise as the AC planners do not know this area and are city/suburban focused
 4. The pedestrian crossing upgrade outside Horizon School still has not happened. Concern voiced that there had recently been a child struck on this crossing. When? (*News now received 5/5/21 – construction to take place mid June*)

Final comments from Greg.

- It is important to have active groups such as Ratepayers and Residents. They provide the voice for the community, and can lobby for local needs
- Suggestion that SBRRRA find a speaker from AT for a future meeting
- Give the RLB money to spend on roading – they know their area

Chris Penk -MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi was invited to say a few words.
chris.penkmp@parliament.govt.nz

- He was pleased to be able to come to the meeting and a reminder that he is always available for local issues

Tania Hamilton – Community engagement officer for Marja Lubeck- Labour list MP for Kaipara ki Mahurangi. marja.lubeck@parliament.govt.nz

- Apologies from Marja – but she is always willing to be a part of local issues

Any other business:

Mahurangi Trail society:

- Notification of a PRIVET removal working bee.

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*We have a targeted weed working bee planned for the **Farm Forestry Trail** on **May 12th from 1pm-3pm**. The meeting point is the drop zone approximately 150m west of 732 Sandspit Road (i.e. closer to Warkworth). This is best approached from the Snells Beach direction. The event will be weather dependant. For more information please visit our website <https://www.mahurangi.nz/whats-on/>. Bring loppers if available, gloves and your drinking water.*

- **Advance notice:** There will be planting on the Te Whau walkway **Sat 03 July and Sat 17 July**. Members will be reminded closer to the date.

Next meeting: Monday 05 July 7.30pm Betty Paxton Room. Speaker to be confirmed

Meeting closed 8.58pm