

Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association – SBRRA

Minutes of meeting – Monday 4th July 2022

Mahurangi East Community Centre – Hall 7.30pm

Present: Peter Beekman (Chair), Maurie Hooper (Treas) Eileen O’Loan (Sec), SBRRA committee - Anouska Brown, Andrew Burt, Diane Taylor, - Tim Holdgate (RLB), Mark Stallworthy (NZ Police), Dave Parker + 28 people

Apologies: Alison Coates, Mark Dobson, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB), Gary Heaven, Shelley Trotter, Alan France, Lorraine Martin, June & Roger Turner, Peter Caccia-Birch, Robyn Duffy, Mark Dinniss, Kate Hawken.

Previous minutes and matters arising. 7 July 2021 – accepted John Norman/ Anouska Brown

Roading: - update given by Tim Holdgate (RLB)

- RLB has spent most of the money from the targeted rate on footpaths and the Transport Hub site beside the A&P showgrounds
- RLB had a quiet unofficial opening of the Transport Hub site. The official opening will be 18th July. It is hoped this site will relieve parking issues in WW township, plus at the showgrounds
- Matakana Road is to be closed at night for 2 weeks – to complete the work on the approaches to the Link Roundabout.
- Matakana Link Road will not be open to traffic until the NX2 motorway is opened next year
- Hill Street – ongoing.

Questions from the floor

- **Q:** Once the Motorway and Matakana Link is open – is it justified to spend big money on the Hill Street intersection? **A:** Changes/improvements are planned but not funded at this stage. A wait n see approach at present. **Comment from floor** – Even if the motorway and link road are open – Mahurangi East peninsula traffic will need to be able to turn right at the intersection – improvements will still be needed
- **Q:** Sandspit Rd link – any progress? Nothing finalised – suggestion to invite a future speaker from the Transport Forum
- General discussion on the area’s future growth and traffic congestions

Seabird information panels:

- Peter gave an overview of this project. This project was disappointingly placed on hold.
- Your committee had lodged a landowners consent submission with AC. However it was rejected by the AC Landowner Users Group.
- The committee has to now work through some compliance issues that were raised.
- Key issues are: Information content on the panels, number and placement of the panels, Iwi consultation, public consultation
- More information will be available at the next public meeting in Sept..

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AC proposal – Safe high tide roosting area – Northern end of beach.

- No further updates available from AC
- DOC and local iwi are involved.
- Public consultation is expected.

Beach erosion – Northern end – Boathouse Bay

- The planned meetings with the developer and AC have been postponed twice . New date has been set – Tues 12 July.

SB shopping centre:

- Peter got permission from the site owner to talk with the planners for the development.
- There has been a hold placed on the submission – a problem with the permission to demolish and re-site the public toilets. More documentation was asked for by the AC Landowners Group. A surprise to all.
- Resubmission to get approval to demolish and rebuild the toilets. – submission is now back in the 8week queue
- Completion date is end of 2023/early 2024
- Woolworths Group /Fresh Choice are behind the submission
- No information available on the rumour of a supermarket in the Warehouse building.

Watercare: We have all noticed the earthworks and heavy traffic etc through our community. Watercare has agreed to come to our September meeting and give a presentation.

Correspondence: In/Out : Thank you sent to NX2 and Wharehine, Forwarded – WALG minutes, WW town centre plan, WW public meeting, Kilns development notification, SB supermarket consent, Te Whau planting dates

Eileen offered her apology for an recent oversight – she had forwarded an email (WW public meeting) to the members but had not used the BC(blind copy) option.

Financial report: 30/06/2022

General funds	\$5513.70
Camera	\$ 664.11
Balance	\$6177.81 Balance as at 30/04/2022
<i>Income</i>	<i>\$630.00</i>
<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>\$160.86 AGM newspaper notice/audit gift</i>

Financial statement approved. John Norman/ Maurie Hooper

RLB report – Tim Holdgate

- In addition to the roading report above – Tim encourages everyone to Have a say – on the Management plans for Regional parks
- This document covers all the green spaces in our community – a large document – but it will cover how our local reserves and parks will be able to be used in the future.
- You can have your say on individual areas within a community
- Eileen is to send out a link to the document
- When the Super City structure was designed – there was a recommendation that a watchdog position be created – to oversee all ratepayer interactions with the council – this has never been implemented. Greg has asked each mayoral candidate to implement this position.

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Any other business:

Community Roundup:

Updates from: Mahurangi Trail Society. – June Turner has passed on her thanks for the support for the recent community planting day Te Whau Walkway. The final planting date is still to be confirmed. Tentative date Sun 28th August.

Guest speakers

Mark Stallworthy. NZ police – Officer in charge Warkworth Police

- Warkworth Station has 24 officers. 24/7 operation with a car on the roads most of the time patrolling the area's streets. The public desk at the WW station is open from 8-4pm Mon – Fri.
- Mark has worked in many districts in New Zealand, but calls our area a paradise.
- Mental health issues account for the largest part of their workload, followed by dishonesty and domestic violence.
- Dishonesty covers – theft, burglary, shoplifting, car thefts
- He acknowledges the wonderful community support for families in the area –eg: Springboard, Homebuilders
- Please ring 111 if people are in danger from any incident.
- The community volunteer station in Snells open Mon – Fri 10-2pm. A valuable community resource. However, it is not funded for police staffing. Available for advice and lost property issues. Volunteers welcomed. Contact Diane Taylor 027 5070 445
- Community patrols – a community car is out on the road 3 nights a week. An amazing asset supporting the police in the area. .Volunteers always needed. Contact WW station for more information.
- Burglary statistics are a daily report to Mark. Not a major crime in our area and it does tend to be seasonal. Thefts of tradie tools have been increasing.
- Police helicopter avail 24/7 and can be overhead in 15 mins. The community camera is a great asset – the police work with Insite Security to access the data.
- Residents' property cameras are also a valuable resource used.
- Questions comments from the floor: Concern mentioned with the burnouts on Lawrie Road beside the tip and other local roads. Please ring 111
- What is the law on the filming of people – if it is on public land – OK, Your property – OK, but not on other private property. The posting of pictures online or to social media is not an offence at present. Above rules should be followed
- A reminder to ring 111 if people are in danger

Dave Parker - Heritage Mahurangi Society Inc

- Dave has lived in the Mahurangi area for 75years. He is involved in 12-14 community interest groups
- The Heritage Mahurangi Society Inc. was formed in 2021 - To preserve and protect all things of heritage value in our district – from Puhoi to Leigh. Buildings, trees, cemeteries, churches, historic homes....
- An Inc society with charity status. The Society is well supported but is always in need of funds

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- Society was formed from the communities' dismay over the AC wish to dismantle the weir on the Mahurangi river in WW township.
- An example of a recent outing. A visit to Kawau island and an historic 1883 graveyard is in disrepair. The Society has offered to work with DoC to restore the site.
- The Society has area representatives on the committee. Snells Beach, Leigh, Omaha, Whangateau, Kaipara Flats, Puhoi and Kawau Island
- Monthly meetings – last Wed of the month – 5.30pm in RSA committee room. All Welcome
- **.AGM – Wed 27th July 7.30 RSA Everyone welcome to attend**
- Contacts: Dave Parker 0274 849 935 or Maxine Hatful 027 214 2817

Next meeting: Monday 5th Sept 2022 @ 7.30pm Betty Paxton Room.

Guest speaker - Watercare

Meeting closed: 8.45pm