

Warkworth Area Liaison Group

a local forum

Secretary: Roger Williams

Hi all,

See below the minutes from Roger and Natalie for the on 1st May..

Steve

Minutes of WALG meeting held 7pm 1st May at the basement of RSA Warkworth.

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Chairperson Hueline Massey

Notes prepared by Roger Williams (and Natalie Hopkins)

Attendees approx. 20 people

Apologies Alan Spicer, Steve Haycock, Greg Sayers, Colin Smith, also Dave Stott and Murray Chapman

Hueline announced this would be her last meeting and that Peter Sinton was prepared to take the reigns. Steve Haycock has already resigned and he moved to Millwater last week. He will assist with the administrative handover.

Bill Foster spoke to the Rodney Local Board representative subdivision that has come up for review. Recommendations are due this month. The question is should the subdivision boundaries be changed to give rural areas greater say in the RLB. The population basis is supposed to be within +/- 10%. Various maps v representatives were tabled. The current map is based more on place than character. It was generally recognized that rural need more say . The NAG proposal favoured one big rural area with 4 reps. The RLB option favoured rural north and

rural south with 2 reps each. Other boundary areas were adjusted to more or less meet 10% rule. With future population changes may be required in later years anyway. The meeting recognised NAG position as presented was valuable but did not take a stand on any one option. Members were encouraged to make their thoughts known to the RLB.

Democracy at Local Board level is sensitive to 1. Low voter turnout. 2. Social media bias 3. Ticket representatives 4. Lack of recognition of the candidates standing and of their skills.

Peter Sinton introduced himself as a survey and planning consultant now virtually retired. Peter has worked for 10 year as chair of a community group in Kumeu but has now moved to Sandspit He was brought up in Warkworth. His philosophy is that the local people must say what they want and he has the skills to make this happen. We are currently faced with multiple scheme changes that are developer driven. While this is opportunity driven, the community need to have their say. This may lead the community even taking issues to the Environment Court. Peter says that as a minimum WALG needs to become an Incorporated Society if only to protect its active members from unnecessary liability.

Peter notes that the Auckland Unitary Plan will be coming up for review and we need to have our say. RMA changes are also coming. The RMA needs to be modified to become user friendly. A total rewrite may not be necessary.

Michelle Carmichael talked about the RLB communication. Michelle proposes drop in sessions after RLB meetings to allow better communication. The public also needs to have help with submissions. Team meetings may be a way forward.

Roger Williams drew the meetings attention to AC Have Your Say consultation [Shoreline Adaptation Plans: Pākiri to Mathesons Bay, Ti Point to Sandspit and Snells Beach to Ōrewa | AK Have Your Say](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/Environment/Planning/Projects/Shoreline-Adaptation-Plans/Pages/Shoreline-Adaptation-Plans-Pākiri-to-Mathesons-Bay-Ti-Point-to-Sandspit-and-Snells-Beach-to-Ōrewa-AK-Have-Your-Say.aspx) ([aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz))The Shoreline Adaption plans are for

Pākiri to Mathesons Bay / Te Kohuroa shoreline

Ti Point to Sandspit shoreline

Snells Beach to Ōrewa Hibiscus Coast shoreline

Public comment closes at the end of May , 2024. The Shoreline Adaption Plans become the baseline document that will be used by staff and council members for the next decade or two to state how the coastline is being used and what features the public value and wish to be maintained and improved.

It has an easy submission format and equally important an interactive map. To add to the map just drag down the relative icon to the point of interest and 'post it' style notes will open up. Just type in your note. You can read other existing notes, all anonymous, and if you like them you can add a 'like' or 'disagree'. Roger Williams has kicked off inputs on the interactive maps but needs your help to make sure that your favorite areas are not forgotten. This is important.

Jim Flewitt spoke for the Community Response Group. They have been around for many years but their value became apparent earlier this year. The community has got behind them to help them refresh. Please contact Jim Flewitt flewitts@xtra.co.nz for extra information.

Hueline Massey and Steve Haycock were thanked for their valuable contributions by acclamation.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

PS. We subsequently had a note from Murray and Dave Stott. Apologies but they had a long day with Watercare regarding Queen Street and other issues. Please could we promote your support in promoting and getting the word out about our up and coming AI Workshop Series. Please share the following link far and wide, across your networks > <https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/one-mahurangi-warkworth-ai-workshop-series-tickets-885294478617>.

This series will be a game changer for all who attend and you might be interested in registering yourself. Become AI savvy and get ahead of the revolution. (Or keep up with it at least) AI knowledge will absolutely blow your socks off as you use it to revolutionise they why you work *and* play.

Next Meeting

5th June at 7.00pm RSA meeting room downstairs.

Discussion around the future structure of the WALG including:-

1. Areas of residential concerns
2. Composition of working group
3. Need for incorporation
4. Function of group
5. Community Advice by professionals
6. Relationship with elected Rodney Local Board Member
7. Relationship with One Mahurangi, the local press & other ratepayer groups
8. Funding
9. Other issues

Regards

Pete Sinton

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