

MINUTES SBRRA MEETING APRIL 4 2016:

PRESENT: Bryan Jackson, Lesley Levershea, Maurie Hooper, Robyn Duffy, John Duffy, Peter Cacchia-Birch, Mark Dinnis, Valerie Hunter, Graham Mentzer, June Turner, Ian Taylor, Beth Houlebrooke, Stan Armiger, Barry Phillips, Betty Paxton.

APOLOGIES: Bev and Phil Rowe, Irene Andrews, Leonie Penny, Liz Duhs, Roger Grant, Steven Garner, Hamish and Caron Gray, Greg Sayers. Motion: "That the apologies be accepted." Moved Bryan, seconded Peter. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Previous Balance: \$30,779

Income: Playground Fundraising: Harcourts: \$2,500

Nifty Boats \$100 Total: \$2,600

Expenses: Stallholder refunds: \$60 Total: \$60.

Balance 31 March: \$33,319.00

Motion: "That the financial report be accepted." Moved Bryan, seconded Barry. Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Auckland Transport proposals for reconstructing the Sandspit Roller Coaster Road: Bryan reported that while the investigation and design work had been carried out AT were not happy with the design and so consultations are ongoing on this matter. Meanwhile new slumps have appeared so its important to drive carefully in that area. Recent tarsealing along Sandspit Road was done very poorly and so after complaints from our Auckland Councillor, Penny Webster, and the chair of SBRRA repairs were carried out promptly.

Motion: "That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted." Moved: Bryan seconded Robyn. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. March 10 from AC re Waste Minimization and Innovation Fund. Applications open 1 April and close 30 April. See AC website.

2. March 14 from Don Lawson re new boundary fence at Sunrise Boulevard. AC are looking into replacing the worn out fence with bollards like they have done elsewhere at SB. AC are seeking quotes for the work.

3. March 22: SBRRA submission on the Auckland Plan. After consultation with Committee members SBRRA submitted our strong support for the SB to Warkworth walkway including the section from Hamatana to Riverleigh Road.

4. March 22: an email plus photos was sent to Penny Webster, Jeff Lyford (Parks Dept), Steven Garner, Beth Houlebrooke and Greg Sayers showing the extent of the lack of maintenance in SB Reserves ,Parks and the infrequent lawn mowing over the last few months.

5. March 23: June contacted AC re tree trimming along the walkway. This work will be done soon.

6. 30 March to Penny Webster re dreadful tarsealing near Warkworth on Sandspit Road.

7.1 April from Jacquie Hagberg concerned at the loss of green spaces and asked about protection for Reserves and asked for adult fitness equipment to be set up on the Reserves.

8. 4 April: contact from Kawau Waters resident re the erosion of the beachfront and sand dunes by Schooner Avenue.

FUND RAISING FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Applications have been made to ASB and the Lotteries Commission. No reply had come from Pub Charities after we queried why SBRRRA did not receive a grant. Harcourts kindly donated \$2,500 and Bryan and Mark were involved in publicity photos for them. A stallholder at the Gala, Nifty Boats, has donated \$100. The total raised so far is: \$19,128.

SURVEY OF OVERNIGHT CAMPERS: Stan and Ian presented the data collected over 5 months regarding overnight campers at Sunburst Carpark. A total of 999 vehicles stayed overnight but a disappointing 155 (16%) were camping illegally. These were vehicles that were not self-contained. The owners disregarded the clear signs stating that they could not stay overnight. It is disconcerting that Auckland Council have still (SBRRRA raised the matter with them over one year ago) not changed the bylaw so that people could be fined. Bryan thanked our volunteers who have done a great job collecting much needed evidence that can be used when the bylaw review on freedom camping takes place. A recent news item stated the review had been put back to 2017. The Parks Dept camera has been taken down after being put up in February.

RLB member Beth reported that the resealing of the Sunburst carpark was to be carried out soon especially as the financial year was to end. She also stated that the RLB was to introduce a restriction on the number (5) of overnight vehicles that could stay at the carpark. Designated spots were to be painted. This is in line with SBRRRA submission to the RLB in late 2015. Members made it clear to Beth that they wanted signs erected (alongside the existing restrictions) stating that only 5 vehicles could stay overnight

WALKWAY TO WARKWORTH: The Frame Report has been delayed but it is hoped it will be presented in the near future.

WATERCARE PLANS FOR SNELLS BEACH: Beth and June attended a recent meeting with Watercare who outlined their present thinking on the expansion of the water system in Snells Beach and Warkworth. With the population expanding by 20,000 much new capacity is needed. Warkworth's present treatment plant cannot cope with an increase. They are looking at piping across the river from near Robertsons boatyard and then expelled out

through the existing outcrop south of Martins Bay. One benefit spoken about was with pipes across the river, built by Watercare, it might be possible to include part of the proposed walkway. An encouraging meeting by all accounts.

PROJECTS/SPEAKERS FOR 2016-20: Bryan asked members to fill out a form stating what projects they thought SBRRA should become involved in and what guest speakers would they like over the next year. Please let us know your thoughts.

LACK OF MAINTENANCE IN RESERVES AND PARKS: In the past few months members have noted a serious deterioration in the maintenance of Reserves and Parks in Snells beach. In addition there has been a change in lawn mowing schedules with some Reserves only being made every 23 days when the grass had grown to over one foot high. Particular areas that had become overgrown were the beachfront gardens at Whisper Cove, council areas near Rangimarie crescent and the entrance to SB. Grass verges are not being maintained at all in some areas. Photos were sent to Penny Webster, Jeff Lyford and our three local board members illustrating the problem and asking for the matter to be looked into.

The problem has arisen because Auckland Council have slashed the Rodney area maintenance budget by \$800,000. As a consequence the new schedule is lawn mowing every 14 days and gardens maintained every two months. In contacting the Parks Dept Bryan asked why the new schedule was not being followed. Geoff Pitman has contacted SBRRA about the matter and is to visit shortly.

Members agreed that there had been a deterioration of some areas but getting the \$800,000 reinstated seems very difficult. If you wish to complain ring: 0800 4265169

AGM MONDAY 2 MAY 7.30pm: The AGM is being advertised in the local paper at the moment. Members are urged to put themselves forward. Nominations, which must be from a financial member, will be accepted from the floor at the AGM. Bryan stated that he would not be standing for office for the next year.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Barry raised the issue of public access to the tennis club toilets. The toilets are not public toilets but are the responsibility of the Tennis Club (it is in their lease). Originally they were available to the public but they were regularly vandalised so AC passed them to Tennis Club control. The Tennis Club was recently broken onto but the offenders were caught.

Lesley stated that diesel was recently siphoned from a boat. Please be vigilant.

Robyn raised the matter of the new 240 litre recycling bins that we are to get in July. They will be collected FORTNIGHTLY. As Rodney has no organic rubbish collection ratepayers will be refunded the \$22 that they have been charged. A new bookable organic collection will be introduced.

Please note on Saturday 21 May at Muncaster Road at 9.00am there will be a weeding programme. Please come along and help.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.