

**Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association (SBRRA)** held in the Betty Paxton Room, Snells Beach Community Centre on 1 August 2016, 7.35pm.

Mark Dinniss took the chair.

**Present:** Robyn Duffy, Mark Dinniss, Bev & Phil Rowe, Barry Phillips, Barbara Carpenter, Alan Boniface, Susan Fulton, Don Wishaid, Ian Taylor, Peter Thompson, Maurie Hooper, Peter Caccia-Birch, Margaret Faed, Roger Grant, Barry Thompson, Bob Demler, Annette Cook,

David Parker and RLB members: Beth Houlbrooke, Steve Garner, Greg Sayers.

**Apologies:** Mark Dobson, Lorraine Merton, June Turner, Marj Fairey, Diane Taylor, Betty Paxton, Linda & Peter Barclay, Auckland City Councillor Penny Webster and Leslie Leversha.

Accepted: Robyn Duffy / Barry Phillips

**New Committee Structure:** Mark Dinniss is the new Chairman – the meeting applauded this.

The Committee members are: Maurie Hooper, Bob Demler, Peter Caccia-Birch, Lesley Leversha, Roger Grant, Robyn Duffy, and Ian Taylor. The latter two will share the work of Treasurer/Secretary.

Mark will continue for the time being to collect the subscriptions and prepare the financial report.

June Turner has resigned from the committee. June has been appointed SBRRA representative on the Matakana Coast Trails Trust.

### **Confirmation of minutes of 4 July 2016**

Accepted: Maurie Hooper / Peter Caccia-Birch

**Matters Arising :** Neighbourhood Support, Lesley had apologised for absence at this meeting. Margaret Faed confirmed that Street Coordinators are still needed, the work is not onerous and is of vital importance to the well-being of the community.

Frame Group Feasibility Report (Snells Beach to Warkworth walkway) - a confidential draft has been released and we will see the full final report soon.

### **Correspondence in**

1. Lotteries Commission, an internal affairs satisfaction survey. Mark has completed this highlighting weaknesses in their processes.

2. Frame Group Feasibility Report – draft.

### **Correspondence out**

1. Frame Group Feasibility Report – draft.
2. Raewyn Morrison Local Board advisor.

Correspondence accepted: Mark / Phil Rowe

### **Financial Report**

Mark reported \$180 income and \$50 expenditure for the month.

Bank balance at 1st August 2016 \$34,128. Paid members 108 and 1 life member.

Financial report accepted: Ian Taylor / Barry Phillips

### **Playground Development**

The committee have chosen to pursue the extension of the playground at Snells Beach Road with a Basket Ball hoop (aimed at older children) and a Supernova. The expected cost is \$35,600. Further money is needed and a request for \$10,000 has been made to the RLB in the latest grant activity.

### **General Business** (Police Station/Neighbourhood Support/ Springboard)

Margaret Faed advised

- There is the Rodney AGM of Neighbourhood support on 25 August at 730 pm, St Chads Church, Centre Way Road, Orewa
- Springboard has oranges for sale \$5/bag as a fundraiser by youth at Hamatana Road main office

### **Guest Speaker:**

Peter Thompson (Mahurangi River Development and the Jane Gifford sailing scow)

Maurie Hooper introduced Peter who covered the need to dredge the Mahurangi of silt in order that boats of reasonable size can access Warkworth.

Heavy rainfall brings silt down the river much of it from non-compliant logging activity.

Silt builds up at the rate of 80,000 tons pa, this is aggravated by dumping of rubbish including shopping trolleys.

Boats regularly need rescuing marooned on the silt.

Dredging not just to enable larger vessels but also enable navigation for longer periods around the tides.

The plan is to build up the surrounding land with the silt dredged.

The river needs to be preserved.

The river and the surrounding area are a gem in Rodney and once cleared the area has immense possibilities.

The original wharf was built by the Rotary and rebuilt by the community.

It is now difficult to move the Jane Gifford as there is only a short tidal period for navigation.

Dredging land restoration work will take 33 months and involve a digger and a barge and truck at a projected cost of around \$3 million.

In the past 2 ½ years \$250,000 has been spent on the difficult and comprehensive resource consent work. This work has been done with the full involvement of Auckland Council. Consent is awaited.

Peter Thompson, Dave Parker and team are seeking to fund raise the \$3m and there will be a kiosk by the river in Warkworth with an information video.

There were Question and Answers.

Peter was applauded and thanked for his most informative talk.

Rodney Local Board Report;

Beth Houlbrooke - The Frame report for a feasible walkway along the river (cleared of silt ), from Snells Beach to Warkworth is a wonderful opportunity. A pamphlet on "Worst Weeds in the RLB area" is available and was handed out.

Greg Sayers - The RLB members can address the next SBRRA meeting on the Unitary Plan.

Steve Garner - Work is needed and underway concerning under representation of Rodney and local and Auckland Council level.

The meeting closed at 2038 hours.