

**Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association held in the
Betty Paxton Room, Mahurangi East Community Centre
on 7th August 2017 at 7.30pm**

Opening: Maurie Hooper (acting Chair) welcomed attendees including Cr Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke and guest speaker James Addis, Editor of Mahurangi Matters.

Present: Cath Hodder, Maurie Hooper, Ian Taylor, Barbara Carpenter, Alan Boniface, Graham Mentzer, Mark Dinniss, Lesley Leversha, Barry Thompson, Marj Fairey, Dave Parker, Maureen Bernie, Stephen Jarey, Lorraine Merton, John Duffy, Robyn Duffy, Grant McLachlan, Peter Caccia-Birch, Daniel Bernie, Roger Williams (WALG/Fix Hill Street Now), James Addis (Editor, Mahurangi Matters), Cr Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair).

Apologies: Roger Grant, Mark Dobson, Gary Heaven, Shelley Trotter, Tracey Brown, Bob Demler, Diane Taylor, Margaret Faed, Bev Rowe, Phil Rowe, Erris Scott.

Accepted: Cath Hodder / Robyn Duffy

Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes were summarised by the Chair.

Accepted: Robyn Duffy / Lesley Leversha

Matters Arising:

Sunrise Boulevard Playground Development

- Plaque has been engraved.
- Rock has been ground ready for the plaque at no charge – letter of thanks to go to Grant McLean for doing this.
- Members again extend thanks to Maurie and Mark for organising these works.
- Maurie still to contact Sarah Jones, Auckland Council, regarding application of a special rubberised surface and markings to the basketball ½ court.

Boathouse Bay development

Resource Consent granted. Colliers International are promoting “a VIP event” to be held 30 August. SBRRA to communicate more details to members as they become available.

Roading

Cr Greg Sayers presented to Auckland Transport on our behalf. Covered in the main meeting.

Correspondence: Read out by secretary

Sent or received by post or email 6 June to 5 August 2017 – see separate list.

Note of thanks to go to Cheech Mahue of Liquorland since not able to be on plaque.

Moved the correspondence be accepted, and accepted: Cath Hodder / Mark Dinniss

Frequency of Meetings:

Majority of members in attendance were in favour of trying a meeting every two months so we will skip the September meeting. Next meeting: Monday, 2 October.

Guest Speaker – James Addis, Editor of Mahurangi Matters:

James introduced himself and shared some of his personal life, including how is hoping to soon become a Snells Beach resident. He is enjoying his role and members agreed with him that it is a fantastic paper. He welcomes feedback and letters. The criteria for a good story are (1) it relates to the local area, and (2) it will grab the attention of the reader. Questions from members – Q: Would MM be increasing circulation (to the northern end of Snells Beach, for instance)? A: Yes, that was something being looked at. Q: Given the reader support and popularity would MM consider publishing weekly? A: Possibly, if circulation/advertising revenue is enough to drive that. Thanks extended for supporting local groups. Q: How does Hibiscus Matters relate to MM? A: Hibiscus Matters is a “sister” paper. Q: Can we expect strong editorial opinion. A: Not yet! Maybe in 6 months or so. To contact James - editor@localmatters.co.nz

Financial Report: Provided by Cath Hodder

Opening Balance of \$1,997. No withdrawals. Deposits of \$400. Balance as at 31 July \$2,397. Unpresented cheques of \$275 for expenses reimbursements.

Moved the financial report be accepted and accepted: Cath Hodder / Lesley Levershea

Walkways Report: No members present from the Walkways subcommittee

It was noted that \$3,000 was received 3 Aug from Walkworth Walks Inc. These funds are to be used for work on the track between Grange St and Hamatana Rd. Letter of thanks to be sent.

Highfield Donkeys Report: Provided by Peter Caccia-Birch, Donkey Manager.

AGM was held Monday 24th July. Donkeys all well.

Goodall Reserve Report: Nothing to report.

Neighbourhood Support Report: Provided by Lesley Leversha.

Community Constable request for Warkworth Area (note - “Warkworth Area” covers Puhoi to Leigh) still undergoing consideration. To keep the community posted but still working through the details. MP Mark Mitchell looking at local alcohol policy issues.

Council / RLB Reports: Roading

Presentation to the Board of Auckland Transport on 1 August 2017 by Cr Greg Sayers on behalf of SBRRA. Also attended by Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair) and Maurie Hooper. A copy of the presentation is attached to this email and available from the Secretary. Initial answers from Auckland Transport to the suggestions and questions posed also attached and available from the secretary.

Our thanks to Cr Greg for his excellent presentation given the 5 minute time slot he was given.

Our thanks also to WALG and Fix Hill Street Now for their input.

The answers from Auckland Transport are not satisfactory and they require a response. Cr Greg has suggested “an inclusive” approach by involving WALG in the reply. The Committee will meet and discuss further.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next SBRRRA meeting will be
7.30pm Monday 2nd October 2017

Please email treasurersbrr@gmail.com with any agenda items or membership enquiries.