

Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association held in the Betty Paxton Room, Snells Beach Community Centre on 5 December, 2016 at 7.30pm

Opening: Mark Dinniss, in the chair, welcomed all, including Rodney Local Board (RLB) member and Chair Beth Houlbrooke and RLB member Trisha Berger. The latter 2 were applauded for their election.

Present: Ulrich Einsfield, Ian Taylor, Mark Dinniss, Alan Boniface, Phil & Bev Rowe, Liz Duhs, Jessie Prentice, Lesley Leversha, Linda Barclay, Peter Barclay Lorraine Merton, Stan Armiger, Valerie Hunter, John Duffy, Peter Caccia-Birch, Robyn Duffy, Alison Coates, Ferelgh Roffey, Susan Fulton, Don Wishart, Maxine & Roger Grant, Maurie Hooper, Stephen Jory, Marg Fairey Paula Robinson, Bevan Warn, June Turner, RLB members Tessa Berger and Beth Houlbrooke

Apologies: Mark Dobson, Barry Phillips, Judy Phillips, Betty Paxton, Diane Taylor, RLB member Allison Roe and Rodney Councilor Greg Sayer

Accepted: Mark Dinniss/Peter Caccia-Birch

Minutes of previous meeting: Overview minutes given by Chairman.

Accepted: Maurie Hooper/Robyn Duffy

Matters Arising: Lesley Leversha advised that the Community Constable petition continues and has nearly 1000 signatures. A decision on policy had been expected from John Key in Feb 2017!

Correspondence: Sent or received by post or email, 7 November to 5 December 2016

2nd December and various in November	Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke, Maurie Hooper, June Turner, Rohit Patel – concerning his request for a cricket net on Goodall reserve
2nd December	Jackie Lee, Process Support Administrator (Orewa) Licensing and Compliance Services - Northern Unit acknowledging SBRRRA objection to a licence at the former premises of Video Ezy (13 and 14 Mahurangi East Rd, Snells Beach).
1 st December	To The Secretary, Auckland District Licensing Committee our objection to a licence at the former premises of Video Ezy (13 and 14 Mahurangi East Rd, Snells Beach).
29 th , 30 th November and 1 st December	Trish Pieterse, Peter Hewson, Penny Webster, Anne Wilson, Barbara Judge: ref our objection to a licence at the former premises of Video Ezy (13 and 14 Mahurangi East Rd, Snells Beach).
29 th November	Thanks to Peter Vari (Auckland Council) for PAUP presentation last meeting.
29 th November	To and from Peter Bilton (Auckland Council) project manager for the Sunburst car park and signage.
21 st November	Margaret Faed about the Auckland Council Community Empowerment Unit Contacts and Presentation
18 th November	To Local Matters ref payment for advertisement.

15 th November	To Margaret Faed – Article submitted for Neighbourhood Support magazine - topic our meeting with the Police on 6 June.
8 th November	June Turner/ Ryan Bradley (Auckland Council) concerning Didsbury farm which is zoned “Rural Coastal with overlays”.

The liquor store licence application is covered in the agenda as is the playground development.

The status on signage at the Sunburst Car Park is:

New signage will be installed. This should be regarded as interim, Auckland Council have the current bylaw controls, on overnight campervan parking in Council reserves, under review. A new bylaw on freedom camping will be drafted next year and it is expected that some public consultation will occur. The signs are not enforceable. Much will depend on people respecting the requirements stated, hopefully most will.

The signs currently with the RLB for their review are :- Main signs, 800mm (w) x 530mm (h) one at entrance saying :- **“Overnight parking , self-contained vehicles only, maximum 2 nights, park in designated 5 places after 5 pm, no casual camping, please vacate by 10 am”**. Another the same, either behind where the camper vans will park or on the main sign at the boat ramp. Plus standard size signs, 400mm x 400mm **“No camper van parking”** on the beach side.

Financial Report: Bank balance was reported at last meeting, 6 Nov 2016 as \$34, 272.73. Balance as at 5 Dec 2016 is \$34,157.73. Expenses of \$115 paid to Mahurangi Matters for the meet the candidates meeting announcement.

Accepted: Mark Dinniss/Robyn Duffy

Playground Sunrise Boulevard: Maurie and Mark had a good meeting with Sarah Jones and agreed on siting for the equipment. The total installed cost to us will be \$32,130 (+ GST which we are not liable for). We have \$29168 raised funds so require a further \$2962 from general funds to complete the project. This would leave a balance of general funds in our account of \$2027 (after the playground allocation).

A resolution was put that:

The sum of \$2962 be allocated from SBRRRA general funds for use to complete financing of the Sunrise Boulevard playground project.

Proposed: Mark Dinniss

Seconded: June Turner

Passed unanimously

It is unlikely that the work, which is the installation of a Supernova and a Basketball Goal and Backboard and will include some hard edging at RLB’s expense, will be completed by Christmas. Maurie noted that 2 busloads of children from Warkworth had visited the playground that day.

Hill St junction: Grant Mc Cloughlin described the situation with background traffic volumes, the activities of “Fix Hill street now” organisation and their offered design/ solution. He requested further signatures on the petition which has been widely exposed across the area. “Fix Hill Street now” is supported by MP Mark Mitchell. It will be 6 years before the Motorway is in place, the traffic movements are huge and rising, heaviest along the Sandspit Rd. Lesley

asked how the reconstruction would be done without affecting the already unsatisfactory flow. We were assured that, since much of the land around the junction was in public ownership, this would be possible with only minimal disruption. The current trial partial closure of Elizabeth Street entry was raised. Views on the benefit of this differ amongst members with many believing it is worthwhile. Stan Armiger who traverses the junction 15 times on his bus driving days advised it had made no difference to his journey timing. Hill St was the top issue at the "meet the candidates meeting" held in October. Beth Houlbrooke said: this level of publicity was good, the current trial (like it or not) was worthwhile and gathering important data. The RLB regularly meet with Auckland Transport (AT) and NZTA. Further media attention is expected including TV.

For more information please see: <http://www.fixhillstreetnow.org/news>

SBRRA walkway/cycleway, Snells Beach to Warkworth: Roger Grant reported using the *Frame Report* the group are seeking definition the optimum route through negotiation with the land owners involved. June Turner, Roger and Gary Heaven attended the New Zealand Walking Access Commission workshop in Hamilton. This is extremely useful in identifying all the parties involved in negotiations for success and how to manage the process. There is much walkway/cycleway development activity across the country.

Liquor Store licence application, Boutique Wines at Shops 13-14 Mahurangi East Rd

(previously Video Ezy): On behalf of the SBRRA, the committee put in an objection to the licence being granted. It appears there is still time (closes Thursday, 8 December 2016) for individuals to put in their objections. You can write to:

The Secretary, District Licensing Commission, Auckland Council, Post Box 92 300, Victoria Street West, Auckland, or email northwestinspectors@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Mark Dinniss checked with the meeting that the SBRRA objection was consistent with the wishes of the meeting. More information at:

<http://www.alcohol.org.nz/in-your-community/take-action/object-to-an-alcohol-licence>

Highfield Reserve and the Donkeys: Peter Caccia-Birch told of a successful year with 7 donkeys and a good growth of grass. Santa Claus will be at Highfield 2 pm this Saturday 10th December, with plenty of Children's activities - do come along.

General business: Input from members for 2017 activity and presentation topics

- 1. Foot path** West side of Mahurangi East Road from Fire Station to Tennis Club/Police Station.
- 2. Dog control** especially North end of beach where birds are nesting. Signs are ignored, owners challenged are abusive, aggressive and uncooperative.
Mark Dinniss commented that there were differing views on dog control and the SBRRA had avoided much involvement. Beth Houlbrooke advised frequent reporting of incidents to Auckland Council on (09) 301 0101, obtain and reference number and timing for a response.
- 3. Surface drainage** outlets blocked. Kawau Waters/Schooner Ave "drainage arrangement" look awful said June Turner. There is also damage to roads, surrounds and footpaths at Arabella and Kokihi as a result of the Neil Group development.

4. Swimmers at risk from sail boarders and kite surfers – need signs and enforcement.

5. Cyclists need two planks by the steps on Te Whau walkway for bike ascent/descent.

Note: Jeff Lyford is moving on, June Turner reported a funding shortfall at present prevented this work at Te Whau.

6. Beach front sealed walkway – well used by cyclists and children on bikes/scooters and this can leave limited room for walkers. Ideas to address this sought.

On many of the above issues. Beth Houlbrooke advised frequent reporting of incidents to Auckland Council on 09) 301 0101, obtain a reference number and timing for a response. If you are then dissatisfied please provide full details to Beth. She also said that the RLB is approaching their budget activities and we need to be prepared to make our cases for funds needed. There will be formal invitations to make submissions in the New Year.

7. Presentations (speakers) 2017

Input from the Rodney Local Board. Little else was forthcoming and Mark Dinniss requested thought and further input on speakers for next year.

The Chairman invited members to enjoy the refreshments provided which many did.

The Chairman and Committee wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy 2017

The meeting closed around 9 pm.

The next SBRRRA meeting will be

7.30pm Tuesday 7 February 2017

Note this is a Tuesday and there is no meeting in January