

**Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association held in the Betty Paxton Room, Mahurangi East Community Centre
on 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm**

Opening: Roger Grant (acting Chair) welcomed attendees including Beth Houlbrooke and guest speakers Ian Clark, Murray White (Kawau Bay Fishing Club) and Peter Thompson (Mahurangi River Restoration Trust).

Present: Cath Hodder, Maurie Hooper, Lesley Leversha, Roger Grant, Robyn Duffy, Phil Rowe, Bev Rowe, Mark Dinniss, Loraine Laing, Michele MacKenzie, Tess Neakuru, Barry Thompson, Dave Parker, Simon Owens, Marilyn Owens, Peter Caccia-Birch, Beth Houlbrooke, Grant McLachlan, Stan Armiger, Stephen Jorey, Ian Clark and Murray White (Kawau Bay Fishing Club), Peter Thompson (Mahurangi River Restoration Trust), Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair).

Apologies: Alan Boniface, Diane Taylor, Ian Taylor, June Turner, Roger Turner, John Duffy, Marj Fairey, Lyn White.

Accepted: Cath Hodder / Lesley Leversha

Agenda order changed to accommodate Guest Speakers:

Ian Clark (President) and Murray White (Vice President) of Kawau Bay Fishing Club:

Discussed the gazebo shelter to be built at Sunburst Reserve, next to the playground, approximately 5m sq. It will be for everyone to use and the funds have been raised by the Fishing Club and the work will be done by them, which a plaque will acknowledge. Ian and Murray thanked and the project has unanimous support from the members present. Letter to the Club to confirm.

Peter Thompson – Mahurangi River Restoration Trust:

The objective is to restore the River by removing the buildup of sediment to assist water flow and give greater access for vessels of all sizes for both environment benefits and to make the River a focal point for the town. Over the last 10 years significant work has been going on to get this underway. The resource consent has been issued and everything is ready to go but the cost of the project will be in excess of \$4million. Watch out for fundraising activities and more publicity. Peter Thompson thanked for his ongoing work on this project – see <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/Mahurangiriver>

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

Accepted: Maurie Hooper / Barry Thompson. Carried.

Matters Arising:

Sunrise Boulevard Playground Development - special surface for the basketball ½ court.

Robyn to follow up with Sarah Jones, Auckland Council.

Roading – Hill St intersection - feedback from Maurie Hooper

Mott Macdonald Consultants have been appointed for the design and investigations for the full reconstruction of Hill St. No funding or date set for the construction. It is understood that Beca have come up with a new signals proposal for Hill St on behalf of AT Ops. AT Ops and Beca were meeting NZTA on 1 December to discuss. If accepted they will make a presentation at the WALG meeting on Wednesday. Some progress but summer congestion this year will be not better than last year.

Correspondence: Read out by secretary

Sent or received by post or email Oct/Nov 2017 – see separate list. Items arising:

1. Replacement of public toilet at Sunrise Boulevard – exterior design ideas to be considered by those living nearby and feedback to go to Sandra May, Renewals Co-ordinator.
2. Subsequent correspondence received 3 Dec regarding concerns that the Boathouse Bay development fencing – carried forward to main meeting.

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

Financial Report: Provided by Cath Hodder

Opening Balance of \$5,110. Deposits of \$170 for memberships. Balance as at 30 Nov \$2,280 plus Walkways \$3,000.

Moved the financial report be accepted and seconded: Cath Hodder / Phil Rowe and Robyn Duffy

Walkways Report: Roger Grant spoke on behalf of the Walkways subcommittee

Work underway on track eventually to go through to Grange St. Plans to construct a walkway around the stormwater settlement pond and to continue Te Whau. Working group planned for the weekend.

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

Fun Donkey Day on Saturday 9 December.

Goodall Reserve Report: No report.

Neighbourhood Support Report: Provided by Lesley Leversha.

Civil Defence practice red alert received by some. Check website regarding phone compatibility.

Police Station – check for, drop off lost items. Open 10am-2pm or contact Lesley. Sandwich board required to advertise?

Council / RLB Reports: RLB Report provided by Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair)

Council 10 year budget refreshed every 3 years - opportunity to have your say for the current budget to start 1 Jul 2018.

Requirement to cost specific projects so that funding is allocated rather than requesting through the discretionary pool.

Greg Sayers is working to get funding for Rodney.

Other Business

Maintenance issues: Suggestions/concerns (1) re-lay the grass at Snells Beach to take out the prickles and re-contour so footpath doesn't flood in winter, (2) weeding of gardens at northern end of beach, (3) toilet block, (4) loose dogs.

Log as maintenance issues via website, phone, in person: <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-problem/Pages/default.aspx>

Liquor ban: Why does it start at 1pm for some areas of Auckland but 9pm for Snells Beach/Algies Bay?

Boathouse Bay development: The concern is that consent terms are not being adhered to resulting in death of the birds, damage to the foreshore and other environmental issues. Motion that a letter be drafted and circulated to members for comment, addressed to Cr Chris Darby of Auckland Council – moved Barry Thompson, carried Mark Dinniss with unanimous support.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next SBRRA meeting will be
7.30pm Monday 5th February 2018

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 membership enquiries.