

# **Minutes of a meeting of SBRRA held in the Betty Paxton Room, Snells Beach Community Centre on 4th July 2016, 7.35pm**

**Present;** Maurie Hooper (acting Chair), Lesley Levershea, Roger Grant, Alan Boniface, Barry Phillips, John Duffy, Robyn Duffy, Lorraine Merton, Peter Caccia-Birch, Val Hunter, Graham Mentzer, Stan Armiger, Marj Fairey, Beth Houlbrooke, Bryan Jackson, Greg Sayer, Mark Dinniss.

**Apologies;** Margaret Faed, June Turner, Bev & Phil Rowe, Betty Paxton, Erris Scott, Ian & Diane Taylor, Larry Phillips, Liz Duhs, Neil & Barbara Carpenter, Susan Fulton, Don Wishart.

*Accepted;* R Duffy/B Phillips

Harry Sutcliff had tendered his resignation as he has left the area.

**Confirmation of minutes** of 2nd May and 7<sup>th</sup> June 2016 P Caccia-Birch/A Boniface

**Matters Arising;** Vehicle access at the southern end of the beach (Heron Lane and beyond). Margaret Faed was to report on legal status of public vehicle access. As she was not present this will come up at the next meeting.

The issue of footpaths along Mahurangi East Road side will be looked into by the committee.

**Correspondence;** Notification of work to begin on Sunburst carpark, to take up to 6 weeks. Included was a proposed marking layout for parking was exactly as the SBRRA had recommended in its submission to Rodney Local Board.

Lotteries Community Facilities Fund, notifying unsuccessful application for funds for playground development.

Northern Action Group (NAG) re an information meeting (already held)

*Resolved;* to accept inward correspondence. Hooper/Grant

Financial Report; Mark reported \$300 income and zero expenditure for the month.

Bank balance at 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 \$33998. Paid members 83 and 1 life member. A subscription reminder notice will be sent out to those who have not yet paid their sub.

**Playground Development;** Mark reported that with the negative response from Lotteries that he had run out of steam on the fundraising and felt it was time to discuss options to use funds already raised to install 2 pieces of equipment rather than the whole project which was beyond reach at this stage.

He gave costings for 2 options; seesaw and basketball goal with backboard and 10x10m concrete half-court. \$20390, or, seesaw and supernova including soft-fall surfaces quoted, \$23780.

It was noted that seesaws are no longer popular as they require 2 people and have caused a lot of injuries. It was suggested that although more expensive and would require additional funds, the need for youth equipment previously identified indicated the basketball/supernova combination was the most desirable. Cost inc soft fall for supernova \$35590.

Also noted that a lot of other areas have adult exercise areas alongside the beach front paths including stretching bars etc.

The committee will continue to work on this project.

**Police Station/Neighbourhood Support;** Lesley reported that the regional commander visited the station last week and ordered that the station remain locked at all times. However, the Civil

Defence and Community Patrol including Neighbourhood Support can continue from there. It is requested that a phoned appointment is made to pick up NS packs or discuss issues.

Please continue to report any crime so information can be shared to pre-warn others.

1030 households signed to NS in Snells. There are 70 groups in our area but 26 do not have a street co-ordinator at present. Lesley needs help with that please!

Civil Defence; a **free Red Cross app** can be downloaded from google or apple store to *ensure you are informed of any CD emergencies*

Various scams around, BEWARE!

**Dog owners be aware**, there has been a fatal case of toxic bloom poisoning on Snells Beach last week. Make sure your dog doesn't eat anything on the beach.

**Walkways Report**; the draft Frame report covering a feasibility study for a walkway between Snells and Warkworth commissioned by SBRRA using a grant from RLB. Should be in the hands of the RLB by next week. Once that has been received a plan for moving forward can be set.

Te Whau walkway official opening was held on wed 15<sup>th</sup> June with speeches and ribbon cutting followed by morning tea. The people who have walked the track are effusive about it. Entry from Dawsons Landing is approx. 50 min round trip.

**Highfield Reserve/Donkeys**; the Donkey Serenade report was tabled (attached).

*War on Weeds at the reserve* **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** 10am-1pm, The Glade at Mariners Grove, Algies Bay. Bring gloves and hand tools of your choice. Contact Weedbusters 02108493214

**Rodney Local Board Report**; Beth Houlbrooke (RLB) had been asked to speak about grants available for use within the community. The RLB has set aside \$269k from their annual board budget discretionary fund to deliver as contestable grants. These are to be seen as a hand up not a hand out. There are 3 rounds pa. for quick response grants of \$500 to \$2k and 2 rounds pa. for community grants to the value of \$2-5k

SBRRA received 2 grants last year (max for any one group), these were \$10k each for playground development and SB to Warkworth walkway feasibility study. Applications for the new rounds opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> July and close 31<sup>st</sup> July. The committee will look in to further applications. The granting committee of the RLB looks for projects meeting the criteria set out in the tri-annual plan. Smarty Grants is the software tool used when applying on line. Most applications are done on line but manual applications are acceptable.

Greg Sayers (RLB) said neighbourhood support and community involvement was flourishing in the area and RLB encourages that.

The NAG. moves to break Rodney away from Auckland City have motivated the Local Government Commission to try to identify the reasons this request would be so strongly put. They have identified that the people of Rodney don't like

- a) That the Council has not delegated sufficiently to local level. Rodney has 46% of Auckland's land mass but only 3.9% of the population creating great inequities in rates gathered to monies redistributed locally.
- b) Council representation. They may look at creating 2 local boards and maybe 2 councillors instead of one for Rodney.

The minimum outcome is a close look at the local structures and representation.

*Questions;* Sandspit road remedial work, has been surveyed, redesigning happening, no work will be done on the road during winter.

Need for drinking fountain at the Ariki reserve and additional seats at the skate park and along Te Whau walkway.

Memorial seats can be requested. Normally the RLB considers the request which is granted for people of note or where something has happened to someone along that area. These cost \$2-5k each.

Need to publicise walkways more, where they are and the quality. Can do this on the website and to members. Junction magazine has been looking to publish an article about this.

Watercare had held a public meeting to present the proposed waste water scheme from Warkworth along Sandspit Road and Mahurangi East road to where it will cut down to a new facility replacing the old ponds at Snells Beach. The treated outfall would then be at Martins Bay. They are stating that there would be no further subdivision allowed at Snells Beach for 3 years. Their plan has to be approved by Council

The new Sandspit Marina had its official opening on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. A very successful day. All berths are sold and most occupied. Facilities, parking etc all looking great.

Ideas are sought from members for any suggestions for guest speakers at future meetings.

The committee is progressing with resolving the issues forming a good working group.

***Resolved;*** Robyn Duffy is elected to the committee. Grant/Dinniss

A vote of thanks to Lesley for organising and purchasing the tea, coffee and biscuits for after meetings.

Also, thanks to Beth and Greg for their input at the meeting.

**Meeting closed;** 8.55pm