

**Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association  
held in the Betty Paxton Room, Snells Beach Community Centre on  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7.35pm**

**Present:** , Maurie Hooper, (chairman) Lesley Leversha Susan Fulton, Don Wishart, Peter Barclay, Linda Barclay, Ken Cutforth, Kay Jackson, Bev Rowe, Phil Rowe, Marj Fairey, Keith McMaster, Lynley McMaster, Robyn Duffy, Ngaire Ryan, Alan Boniface, Joy Boniface, Barbara Carpenter, Stan Armiger, Mark Dinniss, June Turner, Michelle MacKenzie, Tess Ngakura, Diane Taylor, Des Sokolich, Barry Thopson, Lorraine Merton, Graham Mentzer, Val Hunter, Christine Powell, MaryAnne Church, Dave Parker, Sandra Sibley, Alastair Chater, Peter Caccia-Birch, Annette Cook, Bruce Scoggins, Brian Jackson, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair), Greg Sayers (Auckland/Rodney Councillor)

**Apologies:** Ian Taylor, John Duffy, Mark Stallworthy, Penny Webster.  
Accepted:

A rearrangement of the agenda was made to allow the guest speakers to present and leave early if they wished.

**Greg Sayers. Auckland/Rodney Councillor;** Greg presented a list of the responsibilities of the Auckland (Super City) Council, formed in 2010. The Council Board structure with 13 wards and 20 elected councillors.

A breakdown of the 3 committee structures and sub-committees was explained. The council has a total annual budget of \$4.2 billion set in a 10 year budget, reviewed 3 yearly but approved annually. Greg voted against adopting the 10 yr budget as it didn't include any of the Mayors promised savings.

There are 21 local boards. An Independent Maori Statutory Board (IMSB) who appoints voting members to the main committees.

The Mayor has an annual budget of 4% of the total budget, ie. \$168m to run his office.

Auckland Council only have three area structure plans, two in the Rodney ward. The Warkworth structure plan will be a great help going forward in that, various infrastructure including parking will be included to give ordered development with the full future picture in mind.

Road maintenance is all contracted out on long roll over contracts. This has brought about a very loose arrangement with insufficient quality control and accountability to council.

Unsatisfactory!

A Council appointed Board, Panuku has the job of scrutinising all council assets to sell anything perceived to be surplus to requirement. A question was asked about the potential sale of our seafront reserves. If that were proposed it would come past Greg and the Rodney Local Board who would step up to bat on our behalf as Greg and Beth did when the Warkworth parking building sale idea was floated.

The confidential letter from 9 councillors to the Mayor expressing grave concern about the culture of bullying and secretiveness had been sent to and received by the mayoral office; the mayor had called a meeting with those councillors to discuss. The Mayor is reflecting on these expressions of concern. Watch this space!

### **Bruce Scoggins, Chairman Warkworth Area Liaison Group;**

A community group has been formed to plan the now action (micro plan) and the full redevelopment (macro plan) for Hill Street intersection, going forward. This is led by Road designers Mott MacDonald and includes Beth Houlbrooke, Mark Mitchell, Bruce Scoggins and various other local representatives. M+M have come up with various possible solutions which they are examining. These will be reduced to the best 2-3 prior to public consultation. Unlike some other “experts” who have been involved M+M acknowledge the complexity of the issue. Cameras are to be installed to monitor the traffic flows. The micro plan should be made public soon.

### **Beth Houlbrooke RLB Chair**

Beth set out the very many meetings she attends including sitting on a lot of Council committees, Local Board chairs meet regularly. Her roll is important in feeding local views into Council.

Snells Beach skate park redesign work to be carried out before xmas. Neighbouring residents have been given species options for new roadside tree plantings. These will now include fruit and nut trees instead of solely native plantings.

A park and ride for Warkworth has been earmarked for future Warkworth development. The site identified for this is the industrial site beside the highway, just south of the showgrounds. Money has been made available from Council for the RLB to carry out some new footpath installation of high priority. This is significant as previously only very small amounts of new footpath project could be undertaken.

Mahurangi River town basin dredging project is on track. Peter Thompson has provided a lot of the essential equipment already and has the on land silt dumping site ready, but, the project will need \$4.5m to complete.

**Walkway Report;** As some of the previously proposed road use to link paths on the SB-Warkworth walkway have been vetoed, an application through RLB has been made to use some of the paper roads identified. RLB gave a quick and supportive response and now consultation with AT is needed.

Te Whau walkway planting working bee to be held on **August 25<sup>th</sup>**. Assistance requested please.

### **Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting 07-05-2018:** M Hooper/P Caccia-Birch

#### **Matters Arising:**

*Yellow lines* to designate a bus stop on ME Road at the top of Ariki Drive.

**New toilets** to be built at the Sunrise Boulevard reserve. Consultation is taking place regarding decoration of the building.

**Road surveillance camera;** The committee has appointed Mark Dinniss and Jacquie Staley to pursue this project. Mark reported; they have met with Chris Martin, Insite Security. In conjunction with Chris a suitable site has been identified on Mahurangi East Road, Warkworth side of Arabella Lane. A dual camera set-up is proposed, a high definition black and white camera which can be zoomed in on registration plates and a colour camera taking a general picture. As this is the only road access to Snells Beach settlement including the business precinct and areas further out the peninsula, it will capture all traffic passing in both directions.

The data will be beamed down to Brick Bay winery whose support has been established. The data can then be internet accessed by Insite and the police as desired when crime has been committed.

The equipment will be supplied and installed at cost and maintained at no cost. With our Councillors assistance, permission is being sort to use the power pole and supply electricity to run the equipment. This is a 12volt unit and uses a fraction of what a street light would use. The cost estimate is \$6-7k but this could vary when power establishment costs (if any) are known.

Mark has spoken to Ian Clarke of the Kawau Bay fishing club in case they may be interested in sponsoring the project.

Warkworth Police are very supportive of the project.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

**Minutes kindly taken by Member: Mark Dinniss – Thankyou**

**Next Meeting MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018:**

**Our local Senior Constable, Hamish Buick will talk to us  
about local policing.**