

**Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association
held in the Betty Paxton Room, Mahurangi East Community Centre
on 6th June 2017 at 7.30pm**

Opening: Roger Grant (acting Chair) welcomed attendees and made special mention of acknowledging Betty Paxton, SBRRA life member, who passed away 7 May 2017. Maurie Hooper and Dave Parker had visited Betty and her family subsequent to our last meeting on behalf of SBRRA. June Turner requested that it be noted that an email advising members of her passing would have been appropriate.

Present: Cath Hodder, Ian Taylor, Roger Grant, Lesley Leversha, John Duffy, Robyn Duffy, Alan Boniface, Joy Boniface, Mark Dinniss, Warren Pearce, Susan Fulton, Don Wishart, Dave Parker, Phil Rowe, Bev Rowe, June Turner, Lorraine Merton, Maurie Hooper, Mark Windram, Grant McLachlan, Alan McIntosh, Ann McIntosh, Steven Jorey, Bob Demler, Peter Caccia-Birch, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair).

Apologies: Marj Fairey, Mark Dobson, Barry Phillips, Diane Taylor, Yvonne Pearce, Linda Barclay, Peter Barclay.

Accepted: Mark Dinnis / Robyn Duffy

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

Accepted: Lesley Leversha/Maurie Hooper

Matters Arising:

Sunrise Boulevard Playground Development

- Mowing strip laid today, wording for plaque finalised and options for engraving are being considered. Once decided and there is a cost estimate, we will write to RLB to request funding for the plaque.
- Thanks again to Wharehine for supplying the rock and the concrete and to Mason Contractors for moving the rock in to place.
- A letter of thanks has been sent to Mason Contractors.
- Letter of thanks to go to Wharehine (Cath to liaise with Maurie over details).
- Members thanked Maurie and Mark for organising these works.
- Robyn noted that the basketball ½ court is popular and suggested that Auckland Council be approached regarding application of a special rubberised surface and markings Maurie to contact Sarah Jones, Auckland Council.

Roading

Hill Street Intersection: to be featured on “Gutsful” Thursday 8 June TV2 at 8.30pm and then available OnDemand. For more information: www.fixhillstreetnow.org
(Cath to send out reminder email prior to Thursday.)

Maurie attended the Public Consultation meeting on 6 May and a copy of his report is available from the secretary. In summary, in attendance were at least 6 Auckland Transport staff who are committed to designing the Link Road and planning the factors to accommodate the considerable land use development that is to come.

Grant mentioned that the affected land owners are meeting and perhaps the Sandspit Link road could be considered at the same time?

Cath to send a reminder to Greg regarding the two resolutions from our previous meeting:

Resolution # 1

That the Auckland Council through our Rodney Councillor and RLB be pressed with great urgency to resolve the severe traffic congestion problems surrounding the SH1/Hill St intersection and that a response be reported back to SBRRA Chair. Note: The traffic delays are presently unsafe and way beyond acceptable with the rapid ongoing urban development this problem is growing weekly.

Moved 1 May 2017: Mark Dinniss, seconded: Gary Heaven, carried unanimously.

Resolution # 2

That our Rodney ward representative on Auckland Council makes an urgent and immediate representation to Auckland Transport Board regarding the issues raised by the previous resolution. Note: this should be physically supported en masse by Mahurangi East residents.

Moved 1 May 2017: Bob Demler, seconded: Robyn Duffy, carried unanimously.

Local Alcohol Policy (LAP)

Correspondence from Greg Sayers forwarding response from Tamsyn Matchett, Senior Advisor – Councillor Support, Governance Support, Democracy Services, Auckland Council Governance: LAP is at the stage of waiting for a decision (after hearing appeals) from Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority. Bob confirmed LAP is still a draft but the accepted national average seems to be 1 off-licence per 1,000 people. Any illegal activity in regards to licencing applications should be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Correspondence: Read out by secretary

Sent or received by post or email 2 May to 5 June 2017:

Peter Seers, Mahurangi East; Community Response Group; using Warkworth Area Liaison Group (WALG) as a central point of contact and to send an update later in the month.

Sally Marden, Mahurangi Matters; copy of the AGM minutes.

Sonia Parra, Auckland Council; accountability forms.

Steve Haycock, WALG; May meeting minutes – available from Secretary.

Mason Contractors, invoice; 100% sponsorship of charge of \$412.50 for playground rock transportation. Letter of thanks posted.

Te Whau Planting, 27 May; reminders.

Councillor Greg Sayers; Local Alcohol Policy – see above.

Beth Houlbrooke, Rodney Local Board; Change of Officers update to details.

Estelle Martin; email of thanks re auditing services and updating Treasurer details.

Members; various including subscription notices via email and responses.

ASB Bank; change in signatories form to be completed.

Terry Norris, SBRRA subcommittee; minutes of meeting 24 May.

Marj Fairey, Mark Dobson, Barry Phillips; apologies for meeting.

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

Frequency of Meetings:

The suggestion was put to members that the frequency of meetings could continue as monthly or be changed to once every two months and the time remain the same, being 7.30pm.

(The committee would still meet at least monthly if required.)

Members to consider and comment at the next meeting (still to be held Monday, 3 July at 7.30pm).

Guest Speakers:

Members to consider and suggest speakers of interest. Perhaps the editor of Mahurangi Matters? Or someone from NX2 re the Puhoi to Warkworth motorway?

Membership Drive:

Membership subscriptions being received but several members have moved out of the area and not many new members are joining. Current members requested to encourage others to become members and more work will be done going forward to increase publicity including membership form drop to letterboxes.

Financial Report: Provided by Cath Hodder

Opening Balance of \$1,747. No withdrawals. Deposits of \$250. Balance as at 31 May \$1,997. Additional membership subs received for banking and reimbursements to members to action. Moved the financial report be accepted and accepted: Cath Hodder / Robyn Duffy

Walkways Report: Provided by June Turner of the Walkways subcommittee

Public land available around storm water pond area off Hamatana Road and meeting with Council regarding suggested track.

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

Newsletter distributed to those who had not received a copy. Donkeys all well despite the wet. AGM to be held Monday 24th July, 2pm, Betty Paxton Room, Mahurangi Community Centre.

Goodall Reserve Report: June Turner thanked all those who helped with the planting of 944 plants along the Te Whau walkway. More plants have been offered but a date not yet set. There are no ramps yet for cyclists as the requirements are for more than just a board and there is currently no budget allocated.

Neighbourhood Support Report: Provided by Lesley Leversha.

Newsletter delivered end of last week. If not received, contact her to join. Lost property taken to the police office and one attempted break in that she is aware of. Pamphlet available re Neighbourhood Support, Civil Defence and weather alerts.

Mark Dinniss and Ian Taylor thanked for their service to SBRRA on the committee.

Other Matters:

It was noted that the footpaths at Snells Beach waterfront are currently often underwater. This should be reported to Auckland Council (Parks) and if no follow-up action contact Beth Houlbrooke at RLB with the case reference number.

Rodney Board Plan 2017 – presentation from Beth Houlbrooke, RLB Chair;

RLB has released its draft plan and is encouraging member and the public to tell RLB what they think. Funding is limited and if it's not in the budget it can't be funded. The draft plan proposes to concentrate of five key areas;

1. Transport – what do you think about a targeted rate for roading?
2. Community empowerment
3. Parks and sports facilities – noted that the Warkworth Showgrounds facility is a success
4. Environmental
5. Arts and Culture

Also important to let RLB know what they should do less of. If ratepayers say no, RLB goes back to central government for funding.

Questions and responses:

How would a targeted rate for roading impact on roading/tolls for the rest of Auckland?

Central government funding is required for motorways/highways. Currently 678km of unsealed roads in the Rodney area and funding available for only 3kms per year. If a targeted rate agreed to in principle, planning would go to the next stage - would it be a rate all across Rodney or a rate just for residents in the vicinity?, for instance. More detail would be required.

If a targeted rate was introduced, how many extra kms of roading per year would that provide?

E.g. targeted rate of \$200 to seal roads x 20,000 ratepayers would be \$4m per annum which would only fund only a few more kms of road so instead \$4m is used to service the borrowing of more to build the roads. Not a simple equation, needs agreement first to progress.

Who controls the targeted rate? Auckland Transport would report to RLB on how it was spent.

General consensus that Rodney roads need urgent attention and that it's important to have your say – forms available from the library or access online at: shapeauckland.co.nz

Beth was thanked for her presentation.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

The next SBRRA meeting will be
7.30pm Monday 3rd July 2017

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