

Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association held in the Betty Paxton Room, Snells Beach Community Centre on 1st May 2017 at 8pm

Opening: Mark Dinniss (acting Chair) welcomed attendees.

Present: Robyn Duffy, John Duffy, Cath Hodder, Chris Hodder, Lesley Leversha, Mark Dinniss, Maurie Hooper, Alan Boniface, Bev Rowe, Phil Rowe, Gary Heaven, Lorraine Merton, Roger Grant, Barry Phillips, Paula Robinson, Bevan Warn, Marj Fairey, Margaret Faed, David Parker, Bob Demler, Jacquie Staley, Grant McLachlan, Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair), Allison Roe (RLB Member), Greg Sayers (Rodney Councillor).

Apologies: Barbara Carpenter, Mark Dobson, Peter Caccia-Birch, Susan Fulton, Don Wishart, Ian Taylor, Diane Taylor, Judy Dinniss, Shelley Trotter, Judy Phillips, Annette Cook, Betty Paxton.

Accepted: Robyn Duffy/Jacquie Staley

Those at the meeting extend their thoughts to Betty Paxton, our life member, who is in very poor health.

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

Accepted: Barry Phillips/John Duffy

Matters Arising:

Freedom Camping Pilot Scheme

The feedback from campers so far is positive, still working through responses from overseas campers. Locals have observed fewer issues. The report when finalised will be sent to Rodney Local Board (RLB).

Sunrise Boulevard Playground Development

- Mark and Maurie met with Sarah Jones (AC) on Tuesday 4 April. The wooden edge has been smoothed and the playground facilities are very well used.
- A dedication stone is ready to be placed. A plaque acknowledging supporters of playground initiative to be finalised with format sign off to be gained through RLB. Could write to RLB requesting RLB supply the plaque (stainless steel).
- Photo opportunity to publicise playground development (possibly Mahurangi Matters) and to go to RLB. Maybe an official opening.
- Robyn noted that lines are required for the court as there are currently no markings.
- Dave Parker's suggestion was that if any additional playground equipment is considered, perhaps it should be located in the Ariki Reserve area where there is more space for the children.

Hill Street Trial and long term

Grant McLauchlan – the petition passed to Mark Mitchel (MP) last month has not been ignored with investigation and design underway. He also told the meeting there are multiple options for roading improvements in the area including Hill Street, Matakana link road Sandspit link road. The NZTA revised traffic route plan indicates Sandspit Rd users more than doubling from 9,000 vehicles per day to 18,200 by 2026.

Repairs to Sandspit Road are obviously required. Continuing with higher speed limits along that road should prevent additional driveways being constructed. Maurie Hooper to write to the engineers he has had previous correspondence with and he will report back.

The meeting continued with considerable discussion around Sandspit/Matakana alternative routes, funding responsibilities (local/central government), zone changes required, confusion regarding who's doing what and when.

There will be opportunity for Public Consultation on Saturday 6 May at the Mahurangi Rugby Club from 10am to 2pm.

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: 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: Bob Demler, seconded: Robyn Duffy, carried unanimously.

Grant also mentioned the Hill St intersection issue is to be aired at 8.30pm Thursday 1 June TV2 on an episode of "Gutsful". For more information: www.fixhillstreetnow.org

New Liquor Store Applications

The first application (former video store premises) has been granted. Second application (southern shops) heard today.

IT was raised that there is no local alcohol policy (LAP) for the area and therefore any objections cannot be effective (no impact report can be presented, for instance). The meeting questioned the status of the LAP – it is thought to be with the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority under appeal. Greg Sayers to make enquiries and report back.

Boathouse Bay Development

SBRRA has written to Ian Smallburn, senior planner (AC) requesting that it be a notified consent. Beth Houlbrooke confirmed the RLB is aware of SBRRA concerns and that the consent application has not yet been received.

Correspondence: Read out by acting Chair

Sent or received by post or email 3 April to 1 May 2017.

Sarah Jones; meeting for final inspection of playground.

Jannette Thompson; Mahurangi Matters, re Boathouse Bay Development.

Beth Houlbrooke; passed on response to enquiry re roller-coaster road with speed restriction. "in the not too distant future you will see work carried out to mill and fill. The top surface is removed, undulations addressed and a new top layer put down."

Beth H; reminder re applications for RLB grants round closing 21 April.

Colin Wightman; Warkworth Liaison Group minutes.

Greg Sayers; phone numbers to ring to get best response for damage in anticipated cyclone.

Nahri Salim; consultation meeting SH1 to Matakana road link.

Paola, AC for Auckland Transport; generic response to Ian's enquiry re the road under speed restriction. I.e. passed to the appropriate team, an investigation will be undertaken. Any necessary actions will be carried out as required.

Robyn Jones, AC; request from Beth for the nomination of a person from SBRRA for volunteer recognition awards to attend awards evening.

Trevor Burgess; intending resident enquiring about traffic delays and proposed link road and Hill Street.

Estelle Martin; audit.

Members; various including appeal for committee help.

Mark Dobson, Allison Roe, Susan Fulton; apologies for meeting.

Peter Seers, Mahurangi East Community Response Group (Civil defence); report on meeting with AC and disappointment at their attitude.*

Kim Hammond AC; re accountability report for 2x grants received for playground- email returned

Sonia Parra AC; re accountability report for 2x grants received for playground.

* Lesley Leversha added that a Civil Defence Emergency Management "readiness" person can be asked to speak and that she has the contact details.

Accepted: Lesley Leversha/ Phil Rowe

Financial Report: Provided by Mark Dinniss

No transactions since the last meeting. Balance as at 1 May \$1,747.

Walkways Report: Provided by Gary Heaven of the Walkways subcommittee

Good progress re proposed route from Snells Beach to Warkworth – cannot proceed with the major part of the route until all land owners agree. For a full copy of the report please contact the Secretary.

Allison Roe thanked Gary for the work of the subcommittee also on behalf of the Matakana Coast Trail Trust (a registered charitable Trust established to plan, promote and develop a recreational and adventure trail network in the great Matakana Coast area) of which she is Chairperson.

RLB report on activities:

Firstly, Greg Sayers, Councillor, thanked all for the opportunity to speak. He states that his work at Council is dependent on the work of the local board and the community and thanked all for their efforts. He outlined his priorities and achievements so far.

Beth Houlbrooke, Chairperson;

- Roading – reminder re Public Consultation Saturday 6 May or see Auckland Transport webpage re concerns and comments;
- Local Board Plan – developing its Local Board Plan 2017 re projects and outcomes as priorities it proposes focusing on over the next three years. Formal consultation from 22 May to 30 June 2017. See “Shape Auckland” flyer for more information, will also be advertised, open day 17 June 10am to 3pm at the Kowhai Art and Craft Centre, Warkworth Showgrounds, online (from 22 May 2017) at shapeauckland.co.nz to read the draft Rodney Local Board Plan and to make a submission. Submissions important because if not in the plan, it can’t be funded.
- Beth’s response to a question from the floor - *Is funding available for community activities?*
Yes, there is a community grants policy.

Allison Roe, Board member – to speak at the next meeting.

Other business:

- Sea-grass control – appears to come and go as a natural phenomenon. Mark Dinniss looking in to what can be done, if anything.
- Exercise equipment along walkways - new committee to pursue Local Board regarding the options.
- Mark Dinniss thanked by Maurie Hooper on behalf of the committee and members for his service as Chairperson.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The next SBRRRA meeting will be

7.30pm Tuesday 6th June 2017