

**Minutes of a meeting of the Snells Beach Ratepayers and Residents Association held in the Betty Paxton Room, Mahurangi East Community Centre
on 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm**

Opening: Roger Grant (acting Chair) welcomed attendees including Beth Houlbrooke and guest speakers Jocelyn Shaw and Hugh Leersnyder (NX2 Project), Roger Williams (WALG/Fix Hill St Now).

Present: Cath Hodder, Maurie Hooper, Ian Taylor, Roger Grant, Alan Boniface, Grant McLachlan, Shane O'Neill, Val O'Neill, Graeme Miller, Peter Caccia-Birch, Lesley Leversha, Barry Thompson, Marj Fairey, June Turner, Matthew Toon, Gary Heaven, Malcolm Webster, Michelle MacKenzie, Jocelyn Orlando-Reep and Hugh Leersnyder (NX2 Project), Roger Williams (WALG/Fix Hill Street Now), Beth Houlbrooke (RLB Chair).

Apologies: Mark Dinniss, Lorraine Merton, Robyn Duffy, John Duffy, Barbara Carpenter, Diane Taylor, Cr Greg Sayers, Shelley Trotter.

Accepted: June Turner / Barry Thompson

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

Maurie still in the process of checking out a special surface for the basketball ½ court.

Boathouse Bay development

See under Correspondence.

Roading

Covered in the main meeting.

Correspondence: Read out by secretary

Sent or received by post or email 8 August to 30 Sept 2017 – see separate list. Items arising:

1. Coffee cart approval (Sunrise Boulevard) potentially taking business from new café (near Whisper Cove).
Subsequent to the meeting there was a response from Beth Houlbrooke (RLB):

I have checked with Land Advisory Services regarding the proximity to other business and have had it confirmed that this is not a condition that can be considered when granting permission for an operator to trade on council reserve land.

“When a street trading licence is considered, the bylaws and compliance team are not allowed to refuse a licence just because there is a permanent business trading in the same area. A high court decision has already heard a case and given this ruling. The team do however ask the traders not to sit outside the same type of traders. Trading is often restricted to certain locations. Sunrise Boulevard was the applicant’s choice as it was the furthest away from any retail outlets of a similar nature in the surrounding location.

“The applicant, Catriona Courten, didn’t want to cause any conflicts so chose Sunrise Boulevard as an alternative to Matheson Bay as this is an unclassified reserve and no longer viable due to the change in the process, i.e. to only allow trading on classified reserve. She was happy with this choice as she has worked out there for 4 years and said that many people were in support of her being in Snells.”

2. Subsequent correspondence received today (2 Oct) regarding concerns that the Boathouse Bay development fencing is encroaching onto the safe roosting area for the shore birds and requesting letter to Council accordingly.

SBRRA have had an experienced Committee member check out the general consent conditions for Boathouse Bay and have been assured that the overall conditions as recorded are very satisfactory.

In the short term we believe that the current Construction safety fence along outside edge of the grass area should be moved back about five metres from the beach edge to protect the bird habitat. We would trust that this will take place in a few days.

Specific members of the Committee will also look at what can be done to protect and encourage the shore birds with reference to work already undertaken and information compiled by Grant McLachlan and Michele MacKenzie.

Moved the correspondence be accepted, and accepted: Cath Hodder / Alan Boniface

Guest Speaker – Hugh Leersnyder, NX2 – Puhoi to Warkworth Motorway presentation:

The Puhoi to Warkworth project is a PPP (Private Public Partnership) between the Government and a private consortium, the Northern Express Group (NX2). While the NX2 private-sector consortium will be responsible for financing, designing, building, maintaining and operating the motorway for up to 25 years, the motorway will remain a public asset. The earthworks season has started with 20% scheduled for this summer (weather permitting). Overall there will be 7 million cubic metres of cut and 5 million cubic metres of fill, most of the latter will be made up from the material from the cut. Information centre on Wylie Road. For updates and information: www.nx2group.co.nz

Financial Report: Provided by Cath Hodder

Opening Balance of \$2,397. Withdrawals of \$275 per last report and \$92 plaque engraving. Deposits of \$80 and \$3,000 from Warkworth Walkways. Balance as at 29 Sep \$2,110 plus Walkways \$3,000.

Moved the financial report be accepted and accepted: Cath Hodder / Lesley Levershea

Walkways Report: June Turner spoke on behalf of the Walkways subcommittee

Copy of feasibility report is available. Significant funds will be required to complete the walkway – hopefully there will be support from Council's urban design.

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

Donkeys all well despite the very wet weather. Subscriptions now due – \$10 – ph Peter 425 6640

Goodall Reserve Report: Provided by June Turner.

Still hoping to install ramps along the Te Whau trail for cycles, prams, etc.

Neighbourhood Support Report: Provided by Lesley Leversha.

Packs available from Lesley. Email provider issues have resulted in a problem with emailing the newsletter so please keep in touch with your street co-ordinator. Contact Lesley if you need more info.

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

Local Board plan has now been approved. Emphasis in our area on road maintenance standards and pest management. Now it will go to Council to be incorporated in to the 10 year budget. It is clear that rates are not keeping up with infrastructure funding requirements so alternative funding will be required – e.g. PPP arrangements

Special Report on Hill St intersection: Provided by Roger Williams (WALG and Fix Hill Street Now)

Recap on the issues, quick fixes and long term ideal solution. To be featured on TVOne 7Sharp.

We all need to show a united front and this is best done through WALG. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact Roger or WALG or SBRRA member Grant McLachlan.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next SBRRA meeting will be
7.30pm Monday 4th December 2017

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