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## SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

### **Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 7 Pm April 7 2020 on Zoom**





Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Peter Deane, David Astbury, Jan Monk, Margaret McCallum, Beth Houlbrooke.

Meeting began 7:03pm.

1. Apologies - Pam Eede, Warren Churches
2. Minutes of Last meeting – Nancy will make the adjustments as recommended by Margaret. Moved Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret.
3. Matters arising – Jan said she never remembered to send Greg the pictures of the planter boxes, she will send them.
4. Due to the Covid-19 Level 4 Alert, Meetings will be online via Zoom

All group Physical activities will be cancelled. Greg said that if individuals want to do weeding or mangrove pulling on their own they are welcome to do so.

#### 5. Correspondence

-  20200320 Rodney Local Parks Management plan
-  20200326 Mahurangi Caremongers Support Network
-  20200401 Auckland Emergency Management Announcement
-  20200401 Waste Management RC application for Landfill

Greg said Don Lawson from the Council understands the existing Sandspit Reserve Management Plan. He understands the uniqueness of the Sandspit Reserves. He says there will be more consultation about the reserve plan.

Greg says Council didn't have Greg's correct email address which is why he wasn't informed about the parks meeting.

Beth said they are all still working.

- Mahurangi Caremongers Support Network. SRRA said they aren't required in Sandspit. Beth said the Mahurangi Caremongers set up networks within the neighbourhood. They do grocery shopping for people in need and the people go to the Grocery Store and pay for the order. Beth says the Caremongers network is working really well. There are some people who are Financial Advisors and Counsellors. Greg has all the contact details. Greg says within Sandspit it could be we all know our neighbours. Beth said many groups have come on board to work with the Caremongers. Their main activity is Grocery Shopping for people. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at New World they will do shopping for people. If you are elderly you stay in your car and they will do the shopping. They take a photo of the shopping list, and you pay the bill at the front counter. They get priority. They have many different advisors on board. Some people are unable to pay their utilities, some people need their water tanks filled. Caremongers has got WINS to support this happening. Beth said the purpose was not to have people come into Sandspit but to support people in Sandspit. Beth said the practical application of Caremongers was grocery shopping and referring people to agencies. (Financial Advisors, Counsellors, or if someone wants to talk to a local to get some practical advice. They've got qualified people in health, finance, counselling all on board to help). Greg was impressed with the system set up and said in Sandspit we generally know our neighbours and if we know they need help Greg has their details. Greg says he has been in touch with Age Concern. Greg says Age Concern has drivers that can help as far out as Tawharanui. Age Concern let him know that the

Whole Food Market in Snells Beach is open for business as it is considered an essential supplier.

- Greg said the Resource Application for Waste Management is ready for responses. Greg recommended everyone make a response before end May 26.
- Greg complimented Beth on the way she keeps us in the loop with regards to emails.
- Greg Moved the Correspondence, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret.

6. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum moved Margaret, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Margaret has made an amendment to the February report. She will email Greg the amended report.

A conversation took place about the upcoming AGM. It is agreed that we will wait until we see where we are with regards to the lockdown. It was said that we should defer until we can meet in public.

Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum

#### 7. Parks & Reserves Reports

- i. Tracks- David Astbury – David said he'd organized to hire a digger to work on the track from Kotare down to Brick Bay but had to cancel it as he was in self-isolation. At Brick Bay they re-laid a section of concrete, and they took away the railing of the steps as the rails were rusting. The rails were going to be replaced but until the end of Lockdown the job is on hold. David says the tracks are in good order as it has been very dry.
- ii. Greg asked Beth about the council lawn mowing. Beth said the result is outcome focused, not schedule focused. The lawn is not to be longer than 100mm. With regards to rubbish bins, they must not be full.

iii. Predators & Weeds – Peter had nothing to report. He said the tracks are such a benefit at a time like this and they are being well used. He said it is due to the hard work David has put in on the tracks.

iv. Mangrove Control – this is off while lockdown is on.

Greg asked Beth about lawnmowing schedules and Rubbish pickup. Beth said lawns must not be long, and Rubbish Bins must not be full. Peter said credit to David for the work he has done on the tracks.

Greg said Mike Smith has a supply of rat poison which Greg will announce to the area in an e-news.

David asked why Greg hasn't sent out about the Civil Defence in an e-news. Greg said he's busy with our business and doesn't have time. Jan acknowledged Greg for his workload and apologized for her only being able to do what she can do. Margaret said we haven't addressed her recommendation about us having meetings every 2 months, instead of every month. Greg said having online meetings makes the meetings shorter. Greg said our next meeting should be at the beginning of May as it is before the AGM. Jan said she prefers having a meeting every month. Peter said he likes having short meetings and it could be online meetings are the way to go. He doesn't like it when meetings drag on.

A conversation took place about the closing of the boat launching place at the end of the Sandspit. Beth said the Council is so busy getting around to all the playparks; and putting up signs and tape closing areas, they can't get around to every place. She said that people in many areas are pulling down signs and tape.

Beth said Kawau Islanders are concerned as people keep 'dobbing them in'. They are allowed to use their boats. Met Service has stopped issuing the Boating Safety Warnings on their App as they are discouraging boating. Kawau Islanders use their boats like cars. The Water Taxi Company and Ferry are operating Monday, Wednesday and Friday but this is not sustainable.

Greg was saying that this is a difficult time for businesses. Businesses still have expenses and outgoings. Small and medium businesses are really suffering.

#### 8. Civil Defense Report-Jan Monk

#### 9. General Business. Keeping people safe in our community

Observations - Our community is coping well with physical distancing. Many more people are walking and riding bikes, always with a friendly greeting from 2 metres or more.

The odd non-local living or passing through in vans has seemed to stop.

Input from the Committee re anything more we can do is requested.

Maurice Copeland passed away on March 31. He wrote The Story of Sandspit.

John Haines who lived at 1260 Sandspit Road passed away today, April 7.

The police will be keeping an eye on Sandspit over Easter Weekend as boating is forbidden at this time. Kawau Islanders have a right to use their boats at this time, as it is their means of transportation.

Beth said Kawau Islanders are concerned because people keep "dobbing them in". It is a logistical exercise so they can order from the supermarket more than the limit that is set up. People are shopping for more than one family.

Beth is saying she is getting all the information on Covid 19. She posts that information on her Facebook Page.

Meeting Closed at 8pm.