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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday Feb 4 2020

Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Pam Eede, Jan Monk, Warren Churches, Margaret McCallum, Beth Houlbrooke, Dean Houlgate.

1. Apologies – Ron Dyer, David Astbury
2. Minutes of Last meeting – moved Warren Churches, 2nd Margaret McCallum
3. Matters arising – Greg is waiting for Steve to tell him who to contact at Auckland Transport regarding blind corners on Sandspit Road.
 - Beth asked what response there has been from Auckland Transport regarding speeding on winding roads. She said we need to write our concerns to Auckland Transport.
4. Correspondence

 20200120 Re Freedoom Camping Brick Bay Reserve

Refer to attached file

5. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum – moved Greg, 2nd Pam
Pam says she owes David Astbury \$60.

Refer to attached file

Margaret says she would like to see the bench get repaired that is to the left of the Marina Parking Lot, next to the footpath in the reserve. It is in memory of Trevor Horner. People to repair it could be The Red Shed, Ken on Sandspit Road or Trevor Minnes.

6. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum – Greg said he hadn't done a lot on Social Media. He said we keep plugging on.

7. Parks & Reserves Reports

i. Tracks- David Astbury

a) All tracks now sprayed for weeds. Thanks to help from Mike Smith & Ken Bogue.

b) Signs repaired & repainted.

c) Waiting on digger driver to report on cost of maintenance work required on track from Kotare Place down to main Brick Bay / Horseshoe Bay track.

ii. Predators & Weeds;

a) Peter Deane Submitted a grant application to help control weed species. Peter said he spoke to David and Mike about predators and they said we don't really need money for predators – we need more volunteers. Peter put an application for weed control to the sum of \$45,000. Morning glory, privet, and loquat are in abundance.

Mangrove Control - Greg needs to plan a Mangrove pulling date for March. We need to do Greens Point.

Greg said it was suggested to him that we make the tracks more accessible to visitors. There is a map with the tracks on it. Beth said the tracks are possibly on the Council Website.

8. Civil Defense Report- Jan Monk No report. The January meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be the 4th Tuesday of February.

9. Social Functions/Membership Report-- Pam Eede. Pam talked about the Christmas Barbecue at the Holiday Park. She said the raffle went off very well. There was thunder and lightning and torrential rain when the event was about to start.

Mark Foster of Unchained composed a song called The 12 Days of Sandspit. It was a great song and was well received

10. General Business

1. Discuss Date for AGM Nancy to make Booking
2. Greg says 8 vehicles parked on Brick Bay Drive were broken into on New Years eve. They were ransacked with their belongings being strewn along the road.
3. Greg asked who would like to help him with the newsletter.
4. Work needs to be done on the planter boxes along the parking lot side of the spit. Old soil needs to be removed, boxes need to be repositioned, boxes require a light waterblast and new potting mix needs to be put in the boxes. Some of the plants need to be replaced. Please see Greg if you are interested. We will require a gas powered water blaster to waterblast the boxes. Greg said the plants that have survived are succulents as they don't get water. Jan Monk said she will be in charge. Greg said she doesn't have to do the work just organize it. Greg said he'll send something will go out in the E-news. Amazingly enough the snapdragons survived for many years. We could ask Ken McLean about equipment he has that we could borrow. Greg commented on the Lord of the Rings site grew algae on the letterboxes and fences. It could be we could do that with the boxes.

Warren asked about the status of the Moluk Bins. Beth said April.

Apparently at that time there will be a new enclosed facility for rubbish in the Sandspit Parking lot. The rubbish bins will be primarily for Kawau Islanders and will have a key card access. The Moluk bins will be taken

away. The end of the Sandspit will be a pleasant reserve where people can sit on the grass with no garbage near them. There are small rubbish bins at the end of the Sandspit that people can use for day rubbish.

Day trippers can pack in and pack out their rubbish.

A concern is that people will illegally dump rubbish once the Moluk Bins are removed. This is something we will have to prepare for.

Jan requested that Greg put into the E-news that people with dogs are required to pick up their dog feces.

Greg inquired if Kawau Islanders will be able to access the new rubbish bins with the swipe card. Beth says the answer is yes. They will have a swipe card to access the bins. Beth says there has been a lot of communication with Kawau Islanders regarding the rubbish bins moving.

Greg says that people will be illegally dumping their inorganic rubbish.

Greg says he looks forward to the update of the rubbish bins and the education that goes along with it.

5. A conversation took place about the survey regarding the Sandspit Parking Lot. A fellow was out taking pictures of cars parked illegally. Greg said he was required to park on the verge as all the short term parking sites were taken. Many by people who were out in their boats for the day. Beth said Auckland Transport aims to make a profit out of car parks. Parks does not have that for their aim. Greg said we need to be aware that it costs money to run the car park and to take care of it. We need to be aware of that when the council is taking over the car park.
6. Beth Houlbrooke said that people are phoning her and complaining that the Council should be involved in people's water supplies. Beth's attitude is if you choose to live where you are on tank water, you have charge of your water supply. People need to learn how to conserve water and manage their water.

7. Greg received an email about the status of Freedom Camping at Brick Bay. He was told some people had been Freedom Camping there. Apparently Freedom Camping on Council Land is not permitted until the end of 2020. Greg said people who Freedom Camp at Brick Bay aren't parking on the reserve. They are parking on Auckland Transport land. People can look up the status of reserves.
- Beth commented there is nobody supervising the reserve and who is parking there.
- It was also said that Brick Bay Reserve is a community made reserve and is not an official reserve. Greg will investigate the status of Brick Bay Reserve by going on the geo-planning website. Beth said it doesn't have a Reserve Management Plan set up, but many parks don't. It needs to be looked at does it have the balance set up for the community's needs. That is active/passive recreation/ scenic reserve; are they classified correctly – or has the use changed and does the classification need to change. Sometimes reserves are used for activities that they have not been classified for. Do we force them to follow the classification or do we realize the classification has changed and the reserves are being used differently. The 2nd stage of the classification might be which type of classification do we want on it. Due to the growth of Warkworth more reserve land is required. We need to know what type of reserve land is required in our area. Is it flat or scenic.
- Margaret said a family staying at the Holiday Park had set a net across the channel and strung it across to the mangroves. Warren said it is illegal and she should have called fisheries.
- A conversation took place about nets being strung across the channel. They are not allowed to block off the channel.
- Greg apologized for not having a date set up for Mangrove Pulling. He will do it and send out the information in an E-news.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday March 3rd 7:00 pm.