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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday Nov 3, 2020 at the Sandspit Yacht Club










Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Stephen Channing Pearce, Peter Deane, Jan Monk, Tim Holdgate from the Rodney Local Board.

1. Apologies Margaret McCallum, Beth Houlbrooke from the Local Board.
2. Minutes of Last meeting. Passed Greg, 2nd David
3. Matters arising
 - a. AT and Green Point Peter Deane following up. Peter is continuing to follow up. They have acknowledged his concern and said they'll be in touch and that they are looking into his complaint.
 - b. Paper Road Walks and Greenways Meeting (discuss under Walking and Cycleway Development). Everyone present is in favour of the Paper Road project.
4. Correspondence Regarding the SYC Grant we received \$2000, it is banked and they would like to know what we are going to spend it on. Greg reckons we should match it and look at whether we'll do a walkway project, historical signage or the bus shelter. Peter figures the bus shelter will cost next to nothing with Total Span, the issue will be getting approval. A site which would be favourable is on Sandspit Road just off McCallum Drive. There is an area where the bus can pull off the road. Tim said do your homework with AT as where they think the bus shelter should go may not be the safest place. Peter will price the Total Span Bus Shelter.
 - David will follow up the Historical Signage information this week.

Greg moved a motion that we match the donation from the Yacht Club of \$2000. And we earmark it for our projects. 2nd by David.
Agreed by all.

Peter suggested that we have a role in advocating for more ambulance support in the Warkworth area. And that we and Snell's Beach pay for one of these Fire Awareness Signs. It was agreed that around the Parsley Pot would be a good place for it. It was agreed that Peter will contact Auckland Transport about the placing of the Fire Sign.

A conversation took place about whether to use the posties to deliver the Fire Booklet or do it ourselves. Currently the posties are adapting to their new responsibilities and we think it would be better we do it ourselves.

-  20201006 SYC Grant
-  20201012 Thanks re Sandspit Rd Project
-  20201019 Attachment A Sandspit Carpark
-  20201019 Sandspit Carpark letter October 2020
-  20201022 MCTT COMM Fundraising(RF) presentation power point
-  20201022 MCTT Pledge Form AND MEETING REGISTRATION
-  20201028 Notes Meeting w Chris Charles
-  20201030 One WW - Memo on planning work for Warkworth 16 October 2020
-  20201030 Transport Forum Minutes. Oct 2020

Tim said that the Council is working at looking how to manage the Carpark. He said Community Services would probably manage the Carpark. A conversation took place about who would manage the carpark. Greg said currently Reuben is managing it. Tim said the timing for handing over of the Carpark is totally wrong as it is the busy season. Greg said Labour Weekend the Carpark was full

and there was no parking available near the Holiday Park. It could be there is a need for a Parking Warden to patrol the area in the busy season. He also said that people who park over with their trailer blocking the footpath, often don't have a Warrant Of Fitness or Registration for their trailer. We all agree we don't want the SRRA to manage the Carpark, but somebody needs to manage it. David says he thinks this is Auckland Council's responsibility, not the locals responsibility.

Tim mentioned that there was a complaint about the carpark due to the migratory birdlife.

Greg said the Matakana Trail Trust gave a presentation on Cycling, Walking, Equestrian Track from Puhoi to Mangawhai. They are a Greenways Group. A presentation was given. It is a longterm project. The meeting at Sandspit was one of 10 meetings. The purpose of the meeting was to get people to sign their support. David says up north there is a lot of private land and it may be challenging to get permission to cross their land. The track will be 2 ½ metres wide. The big issue once the track is completed is maintenance. The group say it is easier to raise \$10 million dollars than a lesser amount. Greg mentioned we could circulate the pledge form through our newsletter and get people to sign it and return it to us. This shows the government that people are keen to support the use of the tracks.

Greg had a meeting with Chris Charles, Shelly Trotter and Gary Heaven (these two have since joined the Ratepayers Association).and Ross Sutherland They are passionate about paths and trails. Shelly has a large block of land on Sandspit Road and is putting a trail through her property. MCTT may have some funding to help us with the James Street/McCallum Drive walkway. David thinks this is a good one for us to promote and it would link in with the

Snells Beach Trail. It's a difficult trail as its quite steep and a creek goes through it. It is a short run.

Greg said Ross Sutherland, Shelly, Gary and Greg walked from Beach Street up to Creek Street. It's about 90 metres – about 13% grade. It has mostly weeds, privet wattle and a minimum of native trees. Shelly has a digger with a mulching head. Chris Charles will do the groundwork and will request an encroachment from AT on what we want to do, and how it goes from there. On this walk some of the houses have encroached on the Paper Road. Chris Charles is finding out if the people who have encroached have written permission from AT. Greg says that 6 Glance Street, approximately 50 metres of his concrete driveway is on the Paper Road. This has merit for a pedestrian walkway. It would be a long, narrow walkway and would have to have raised paths to protect the trees, there are few young kauri. Greg says this would be the lowest of our priorities. Chris Charles is going to investigate the encroachments. Everyone at the meeting agreed with the Paper Road Priority.

A conversation took place about funds being available to make trails following proper channels. At the museum, resources are being put into protecting the kauri tree near there. The project there is to raise the trails to protect the tree. The purpose is not to lock people out. A lot of money is going into protecting the trees.

The Mayoral Conservation Award is for noteworthy projects. Greg asked everyone to think of something. It is required to be submitted early November.

Notes from the meeting with Chris Charles. Greg said the process for developing unformed roads is neighbour engagement; basic design of trail is prepared; planning assessment confirming no consent is required. Greg said James Street may require consent. If consent is required, necessary technical reports, commission report, consent application; AT written approval to construct; a community group to take responsibility for maintaining the trail. Construction phase Auckland Safety must be managed by a permanent team leader; Sign off by AT. Greg said we need to look at recommending and developing a basic vision for the Sandspit Area. A couple of sentences describing the goal is enough.

Auckland Festival November 28 and 29. The first day looks like a back-patting festival between Auckland Transport and Auckland Council. Its at Westhaven. Peter said he may go on Sunday.

Greg said he attended a One Warkworth meeting on October 16. They are looking at Private Plan use. Tim said what they are planning on doing is intensifying the land use. There are private lifestyle blocks and they are looking at changing it into residential space. Then what they're looking at is the effect on the Showgrounds, Where people start complaining later about the noise and wanting the lights off early.

Greg said there was a Notice of Requirement which NZTA lodged to enable the construction and operation of a new 4 lane state highway from Warkworth to north of Te Hana. Tim says they've done planning to protect the land and that is as far as they can go without money. It's a funding priority and Tim said roads are not in favour at the moment. Its good to know the land has been protected. The road will happen In the future. Tim said that wire ropes in the centreline will be put in all throughout the Dome. Greg said at the meeting Hill Street was talked about. It will get done. Martin Danby

was hot on the Sandspit Link Road. Tim said it is good that One Warkworth is lobbying for the roads. He said they do get the right sort of people up there. Greg Moved the correspondence be accepted. 2nd by Peter.

Richard Wilcox from the Fire Department came and spoke to us. He receives our Enews. He said they've been lucky regarding Fire Works and Guy Fawkes Celebrating. He said in this area we're lucky regarding idiots shooting Fire Works out the window. Richard said the biggest things regarding this area are access to property due to low hanging trees. The truck is 3 metres high and 3 metres wide. Signage on letterboxes is a big thing. At nighttime reflective numbers are easy to see. Numbers need to be a height that can be seen. Some places have no letterbox and no numbers. Richard said they get called by pager and on their phones. Smoke detectors are very important. The legal requirement is to be within 3 metres of a bedroom door. Wherever there is somebody sleeping there must be a smoke detector within 3 metres. They do save lives. If you have an alarm system in your house hardwire the smoke alarm and you don't have to think about batteries. Many properties have gates which cause issues for the fire engine getting in. Some gates have an override switch on them. If people want the Fire Service to have the code to your gate you can email it to him and he will put it in the system. People can advise them how to get into the property. Richard said the Fire Station must have something out the door within 5 minutes of the pager going off. They do about 230 calls a year. They do a lot of medical. They are co-responders and every year do a 2 days refresher course. About 70% of the callouts are First Aid. That has evolved. Warkworth only has one manned ambulance in the station. They are trained to do a trauma assessment. For every patient there has to be an ambulance. There are 2 ambulances in Warkworth but only one is manned. In Wellsford at night the ambulance is manned by volunteers.

There is no restriction on burning garden rubbish. About the end of November a call is made on how much moisture is in the soil. We have not yet recovered from last years drought. The ground is dry as we have had 2 droughts in a row. In December they will put out about the restriction on burning garden rubbish. A conversation took place about putting a sign up for the public about what the fire hazard is. Richard said you can get them from the Auckland Council. It was said that putting it up by the Parsley Pot would be a good place. Richard said the Council changes the position of the dial.

Richard said keep the undergrowth away from your house. And if you cut it down don't have it piled up. Sometimes piles will spontaneously combust. If anyone is staining don't have the rags in a pile. Lay the rags out so they can air out.

The Fire Department has a yearly fundraiser and they buy necessary items. Previously they purchased a water tanker, but it has worn out. They are looking at getting a new tanker truck. A question was asked 'should people put a fire department compatible fitting on their water tank?' Richard said they normally put a pump on top of the tank and remove the water that way. Swimming pools are easier to access water. Richard said it would be helpful if we provided him with a list in the area, of swimming pools.

Greg suggested that in our Enews every other month we could have Stephen sending out an aspect of Fire Safety. Richard can let Stephen know. David said there is a huge amount of combustible material in Sandspit.

Richard says regarding scrub fires kikuya is the worst as it lays on the ground like a mat and the fire wooshes through it. The soil hasn't got the moisture in it, and then there's the litter from the trees on top of it. He says most people aren't educated on the Local Bylaws and aren't aware of what they aren't

allowed to do. Both Holiday Camps have an active Fire Plan. Richard says put in our Enews that the Fire Department needs more Volunteers. They are always looking for Volunteers. Tell people to sign up. There are more houses out here than in the Warkworth area. Richard was thanked for coming. The Fire Department does 230 calls a year. He said there is a bigger population out here than in Warkworth. Richard said the Fire Service is happy to give out brochures to the community.

Richard said this is a good area and they appreciate the support they get from the community.

Richard gave us some “Make your Home and Family Fire Safe” Booklets. Stephen will get more booklets and we’ll deliver them in the area.

Greg had an idea of building a library stand in which we could give away free books. It would have a glass stand. People would drop books off. They have one in Countdown in Warkworth and in Grey Lynn in Auckland.

Treasurer’s Report- Margaret McCallum. Margaret asked to be reimbursed for the Website Subscription which she already paid. Greg moved, Peter 2nd.

Greg said looking at Xero it makes everything so much quicker and easier. With regards to the contact list and Xero it is up to date.

Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum. Margaret posted a picture of the rubbish at the Moluk Bins. There was good feedback from the community. Greg said he saw a fellow with a ute pass him with a mattress and he dumped the mattress. The education of people will continue.

5. Landcare Volunteer groups

- i. Walking Tracks Maintenance - David
- ii. Predators and Trapping - Stephen
- iii. Weed Management – Peter.

Peter said he'd be happy to have somebody come on board with him. It doesn't have to be a committee person.

iv. Mangrove Control - Greg

1. Low tide Nov 8th, 9 am. Signpost is up. Sent out on E-News and will send again. A conversation took place about having the need for the measuring stick so new people understand how big the mangroves can be that are removed. Greg said that in 1983 there were no mangroves in the area around the Sandspit. Paddling up the river to Matakana, the river is chocked with mangroves and at some places it is difficult to paddle. David said we look at keeping the beaches clear of new mangroves from Green Point down to the Spit.

v. Walking and Cycleway Development

1. Paper road walks and meetings with Walking access Liaison and Matakana Trail trust

Greg said we need to set up a couple of coordinators of each group, and notifications be sent out. This is already happening with the track maintenance and the weeds.

The Walking Cycling Tracks are an ongoing project and we will set something up with this.

Steven said it is already running in Xero. We have 27 people interested in pest maintenance, 29 in safety and security, 29 in track maintenance, 28 in weed control and because we

never surveyed about the Cycle Path we have 1 interested in that. Steven said we are missing 110 email addresses. To be effective in our e-news we need to get these. The consensus seems to be that we may not get these email addresses due to the aged population on Sandspit. We have done well, having 100 at the end of August, to 380 currently. Mobile numbers have gone from 17 to 187. Tim commented that if something is going on in the community ie; a fire, if it concerns you, wouldn't you want to know. However, we are a democracy and we can't force people.

Civil Defense —Jan Monk. Jan didn't get to the meeting but has the minutes from the Civil Defense meeting. Greg said it is good to have communication with these groups.

6. Communication and Media- Stephen Chaning-Pierce. Stephen said the challenge is to get the email addresses of the people so that we can communicate with the people. A conversation took place about asking people if they are receiving email newsletters.
7. Social Functions/Membership- Margaret McCallum
 - a. BBQ Date Set Dec 6th, 5-8pm. Unchained has agreed to play.
 - b. Discuss incentives and prizes, raffles best dressed table etc. It was decided everyone will receive a free raffle ticket and there will be one winner who will receive a bottle of wine. The group was not in favour of having a best dressed table competition. David said we as the committee, must make an effort to meet new people and make them feel welcome. Jan will look after raffle tickets.
 - c. Update on Membership and E-News Subscribers
8. General Business
 - a. Waste Management Facility in the carpark
 - b. Sandspit Carpark Options
 - c. Xero Trial Report

d. SRRRA Projects Feasibility and budgeting.

We do have an idea that the James Street Track may cost \$25,000 to \$30,000. Fundraising would need to be done for that project. We need to get more information on the cost of projects listed below. Tim said the Healthy Harbours Fund is looking at giving people grants. Friends of Awa Matakanakana are applying for funding.

SRRRA Projects

(1) Rural Bus Shelter/s Peter Deane following up

(2) Extend walking network loops

(3) Historical Signage

e. Chairman's report on One WW Forum Meeting

1. Refer to attached Notes in the agenda

- David said he would have expected to have done the Kotare-Sandspit to Horseshoe Bay Track, but nothing has happened.
- Tim said that the hearing for the Landfill starts on the 9th of November. There are 5 on the Hearing Panel. It's at the Warkworth Town Hall.
- Greg asked what the position is of the Rodney Local Board on the Landfill. Tim said they came out with a list of mitigations. If you do this, and this and this. Tim said he came out against it, but that compromises his position on commenting on behalf of the board.
- Stephen said a person asked him about putting benches on the walking tracks, they love the view and they'd like to sit and enjoy the view. Jan asked if we could have a bench for Max there.
- Greg will go and see Ken about the bench on the edge of the Marina Parking lot and the grass reserve next to the Parking lot.

- David suggested we fix up the benches on the walkway. All agreed.
- He said that the Milnes fixed up the fencing between the walkway and their driveway. They did an excellent job.
- Greg said we need to start looking at strategies, vision and action plans for various activities.

Meeting ended 9:12pm.