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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting

7 Pm Tuesday July 7th 2020 at the Sandspit Yacht Club

Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Peter Deane, David Astbury Ross
Sutherland

1. Apologies Margaret McCallum, Jan Monk, Pam Eede.
2. Minutes of Last meeting. Moved Peter Deane, 2nd Warren Churches
3. Matters arising

Submissions re Sandspit/Sharp Rd Mahurangi East Rd I believe that a lot of people put submissions in judging from feedback, and Mahurangi Matters ran an article. Currently waiting to hear back from AT Regarding submissions. Greg said he has been calling AT and is being told “somebody will call you”, but to date nobody has called.

Greg said he went to a local business in Snells Beach and they saw the article in Mahurangi Matters and agreed with everything Greg said. Most people are agreeing that the slip road for turning into Sandspit needs to be kept.


Regarding Correspondence. Greg said that UMS went into the Kanuka Road Reserve and cleaned up the palm fronds that had fallen around the drain that goes under the road. Greg said the UMS mandate is to go in only 1 meter from the boundary. They’re not to go in further. Greg says if the palm fronds are removed that will allow the weeds to grow easier. Greg says Beth emailed him and said she is trying to get volunteers being more readily accepted into the process.

Greg said that regarding the new Waste Facility location replacing the Moluk bins, it is quite a ways into the carpark and hopefully will stop the illegal dumping. David said that a person could walk along the beach to dump rubbish. He says people are not going to carry a fridge or sink bench along the beach to dump at the new bins. Greg says a person could pull up at high tide to dump rubbish. Nancy figures illegal dumpers will dump where the Moluk bins are located. The old area will be sign posted and hopefully, though it may take a while, people will stop dumping rubbish.

Correspondence Moved Greg, 2nd Peter.

4. Correspondence

 20200612 Kanuka Rd Reserve

 202006013 Waste Facility Sandspit

5. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum

Greg said as of July 7 there are 56 paid up people for this financial year. Greg said he should ask Spark if we could get a Fibre connection. David agreed.

Treasurers report moved Greg, 2nd Peter.

6. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum – Greg said Margaret said she would like more involvement from the community.

7. Parks & Reserves Reports

- i. Tracks- David Astbury-- - David says he can't get hold of the fellow he normally gets the metal from. The track down the Kaipari Place the digger driver isn't well right now so he won't be available until springtime. More people are using this track now. Nancy complemented David on the great job he has done supervising the work on the tracks.
- ii. Predators & Weeds – David asked Peter what is happening with regards to the gorse on Brick Bay Drive. Peter said he

phoned AT and they gave him a number. He said he needs to follow it up. Nancy suggested he call before the AGM. Greg did comment that bees love gorse.

iii. Mangrove Control – Greg says the mangroves by the first bridge past the Marina Carpark are filling in. He said that area would be a good area for our next mangrove culling. David said we need to be vigilante with regards to the tidal foreshore.

iv. Brick Bay Reserve -the pohutakawas have had a tough summer with the serious drought. There is nothing we can do about it. David said we have to keep an eye on the trees as there are some people who are actively killing trees on Coastal Reserves.

8. Civil Defense Report- Jan was unable to go to the last Civil Defense meeting.

9. Social Functions/Membership Report nothing to report.

10. General Business --A conversation took place about who will be on the door and who will be on the door taking names. Nancy said she will look after tea, coffee and supplies.

Ross Sutherland agreed to come on to the committee.

Meeting ended at 7:29pm. Next meeting is August 4 at 7pm.