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## SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of** Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Peter Deane's 17 Kotare Place  
Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Margaret McCallum, Peter Deane, Stephen Channing Pearce

1. Apologies Warren Churches. Beth Houlbrooke. Missing Ross.....
2. Minutes of Last meeting. Moved Greg Doherty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret McCallum
3. Matters arising – See Below.

### **Sandspit Waste Facility**

Greg had a phone meeting with Chair of Kirra. Andrew Fife

Greg stated that our objective was to find a solution that worked for both Kawau and Sandspit. Due to the lockdowns no face to face meeting eventuated.

See the correspondence regarding ownership of the caretaker's house and other buildings on the spit, all are under council control. The house is owned by the Council under Community Facilities; and the Café, Ticket Office are all Leased.

20210308 Meeting Re Sandspit Waste Management  
March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

#### **Attending:**

Greg Doherty Chair of SRRA, Peter Deane, SRRA and David Astbury, SRRA, representing the Sandspit Residents and Ratepayers Association.

Delma O'Kane, Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust, Jemma Ngati Manuhiri Settlement Trust.

Geoff Pitman, Jenny Chilcott and Kara Burn representing Auckland Council

We met on site and council staff summarised what the situation is.

The former proposed site within the Carpark was no longer acceptable, due to possibility of inundation and that Iwi had rejected that site due to proximity to the estuary.

The proposal is to use the hard surface inside the fenced grounds of the former caretaker's house, to house a selection of wheeled bins that can be used by Kawau Island residents for household rubbish and recycling.

The gates will be locked, and access will be by some method such as a coded pin pad or swipe card. The question was raised as to the security of these methods and perhaps fingerprint terminals to prevent abuse.

Council staff stated that emptying of the bins would be by wheeling the bins out the double gates. The actual process was not defined.

CCTV cameras and new signage would be in place to control illegal dumping on and around the site. The Moluk Bins would be removed, Grass restored, and Bollards continued around the reserve space.

The intent will be to prosecute any illegal dumping. The spot fine will be \$400 and it can go up to \$30,000 for illegal dumping.

It was stated that this was a temporary solution for a period of 2-3 years, and development of a bespoke solution for Waste management for Kawau Islanders, that did not include land use on the Sandpit.

Ngati Manahiri representative and SRRA agreed to accept the “temporary” solution as described by Council staff, provided the definition of “temporary” as discussed is for 2-3 years. At which time a permanent solution would be implemented to the satisfaction of all stakeholders.

SRRA expressed disappointment that these decisions had been made without considering our input; our strong opposition to trimming or removing the trees; and our concerns that the temporary facility is still not likely to resolve the issues with managing the waste and eliminating Illegal dumping.

Jeff apologised for their oversight of not consulting with us.

*Recommended that the report be incorporated into a letter to the council team to Beth Houlbrooke and Greg Sayer.*

*Peter Deane expressed that he was surprised at the meeting, as he thought SRRA were meeting to discuss something but they were presented with Fait Accompli. He said he was disappointed in the outcome. Greg said in the Kookaburra Magazine it was said there would be a temporary solution of 3 – 5 years; but Delma of the Ngati Manahiri had said 2-3 years.*

*Kawau Islanders have to put their rubbish somewhere. David said we don’t want to make it difficult for Kawau Islanders to dump their rubbish. There must be a clear mandate about where they can put their rubbish. There’s no use SRRA wasting time discussing the rubbish as the Council is going to do what they want to do.*

*A discussion took place about the house at the end of the spit where the Carpark Custodian had lived. There is no point in us deciding the fate of the house as the Council will do as it pleases.*

Discussion re a Motion to amend Constitution re Boundary. Greg was promoting the extension of the Ratepayers Association Boundary to take in areas that don't have a Ratepayers Association. There are some rural properties that are not represented by any association. There is a local Landowners Group that is composed of 3 large landowners.

Greg said that expanding the boundaries for the Ratepayers Organization is about representing people who do not have a group to represent them. It was said that we are not trying to 'take over' an area. We have a big area we are trying to manage and we have to be careful about expanding ourselves into too big an area.

Margaret suggested that before the next meeting which is just before the AGM we think about what we want the boundary for Sandspit. David said the needs of this community of Sandspit should be our priority. David said survey the community and see what the community thinks our boundary should be. What is our sphere of influence as a resident.

Greg said one thing we can look at is working with other groups and sending out emails about working bees which people may be interested in serving.


It was said that we don't need to expand our boundaries. If we have good communication with nearby groups we can support each other. Some groups who live near Sandspit may want to be a part of it. David suggested we have a survey at the AGM and ask them what they think about changing our boundaries. Stephen said expanding our boundaries would assist in the pest control.

There doesn't seem to be a downside to expanding the boundaries. Greg and Stephen were in favour of people outside the Sandspit Boundary could be allowed to join the Sandspit Residents and Ratepayers Association.


A conversation took place about the congestion on Matakana Road on Saturday mornings. On Sandspit Road there was a que back to the deer farm leading to Warkworth.


Council has money to give out regarding Waste Minimization.


Background see the attached file

 20210225 Discussion reProposed Bounda...

4. Correspondence Regarding the decking, the current decking needs to be replaced but there is planking underneath that needs replacing.

 20210308 Re Caretaker house and other properties

 20210309 Sandspit Wharf Renewal Karin Turnage

 20210331 Waste minimisation grants

5. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum Greg commented that Margaret's report exactly balances with Zero. Moved by Margaret, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy
6. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum. Margaret said Facebook is not very active for the SRRA. Greg says all Enews get put on Facebook.
7. Landcare Volunteer groups
  - i. Walking Tracks Maintenance David said a person fell down on a track and he wants to hire a digger, and level the track. The cost will be approximately \$500 or \$600.00. Peter says the first part of the track is extremely steep. Margaret suggested putting in a rope where it's very steep. David said once the path is upgraded he may approach Council and say handrails would be beneficial. The SRRA approve a payment of \$500 to \$600 for David to hire a digger. David will approach the Council to upgrade the Handrails on the tracks as necessary for safety.
  - ii. Predators and Trapping
  - iii. Weed Management Nancy said she had phoned the Council 6 weeks ago about the morning glory and gorse. Two weeks ago a contractor came and was

spraying along the foreshore. Stephen spoke to the Council about a moth plant that is about to burst. Council said it is not Council Domain.

- iv. Mangrove Control – Greg hasn't booked a date. There are young mangroves coming up to the West of Greg Lees Boatyard Building. Greg will book a date before the AGM.
  - v. Walking and Cycleway Development – The Council and Government will allocate \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years. Greg said would be a good idea to contract Chris Charles about James Street as funding will be available.
8. Communication and Media- Stephen Chaning-Pierce Invoices for the SRRA will be sent out. Stephen updated the welcome pack. Stephen asked everyone go through the welcome letters and get back to Stephen so we can have an updated by the AGM. Greg commended Stephen on the new pack. Nancy inquired about The Story of Sandspit Book. It was written by Maurice Copeland. A conversation took place about the picture of the Moluk bins in the Welcome to Sandspit Pack. Nancy will phone Pam and enquire about how we would get more copies printed.
- Greg recommended Stephen coming up with a calendar of newsletters and then the members can help to fill what to send out about.
9. A conversation took place about how we would invoice for the SRRA people who don't have email and aren't receiving the emails. Nancy and Margaret will 'snail mail' invoice
10. David is working on a map of bait stations that are being serviced.
11. Social Functions/Membership Margaret McCallum
12. General Business AGM is confirmed. 12<sup>th</sup> May, 7:30 pm. Upstairs Yacht Club.

Brainstorming about SRRA Achievements As we approach the AGM we go there actually knowing what we have achieved.

The benefits of the SRRA are weed busting; pest control, involvement in the building and maintenance of walking tracks and cycle ways. Monitoring and maintaining the camera, maintenance of the defibrillator, Christmas Barbecue and other social activities. Any information which comes to our attention with regards to Sandspit Residents.

At this time of year as we approach the AGM it is timely to look and see what we have actually achieved.

Here are the objects of the constitution.

The objects for which the Association is established are:

- (a) To promote, protect and draw attention to the interests of the residents and ratepayers of the Sandspit and Brick Bay areas.
- (b) To make contact with and establish relations with any lawfully constituted organ of government either through the duly appointed employees or agents of such government, or through the duly elected representatives.
- (c) To publicise the objects of the Association and to do whatever the membership or committee of the Association considers appropriate for the promotion of the objects of the Association.
- (d) To promote, support or oppose, as may be deemed expedient, any proposed legislative or other measures affecting the interests of the members.



(e) To use every legitimate means to induce all eligible persons and corporate bodies to become members of the Association.

(f) To act in co-operation with any other local community organisation whether incorporated or otherwise which has as one of its objects the promotion and protection of the residents and ratepayers of its community.

(g) To join as a member any other organisation that may promote the interests of the Association.

(h) To do all such things as are reasonably connected with or incidental to any of the above objects.

Starting list:

1. Advancing development of Unformed legal Roads in to walking trails and cycleways
2. Liaison with council regarding matters affecting Sandspit such as
3. Road slipping repair on Sandspit rd
4. Wharf repairs
5. Waste Facility management
6. Council services and maintenance issues
7. Brick Bay Track Maintenance volunteers
8. Weed control Volunteers
9. Pest control Volunteers
10. Mangrove Control
11. Maintaining CCTV camera

Also we need to be aware that we have made no progress on projects with the grant from SYC. We will spend the money on a School Bus Shelter for the Sandspit Students. We need to get a hurryup on this.

Meeting closed 8:45pm. Next meeting is Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>.