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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday August 4, 2020 at the Sandspit Yacht Club

Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, David Astbury, Margaret McCallum, Peter Deane, Warren Churches, Steven Channing Pierce, Tim Holdgate, Ross Sutherland

1. Apologies - Beth Houlbrooke, Jan Monk.
2. Introduction of incoming Committee 2020-21.

Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, David Astbury, Margaret McCallum, Peter Deane, Warren Churches and two new members Steven Channing Pierce and Ross Sutherland. Tim Holdgate is a member of the Rodney Local Board and comes to our monthly meetings.

Confirmation of Steven Channing-Pierce to the Committee. The SRRA committee was short one person after the AGM and Steven volunteered to join. Steven is enthusiastic at removing rabbits from our area. He found a gunman to eliminate rabbits. In one night, he got 51 rabbits. He removes them from the area. The gunman does not come out in the rain and only comes out on weekends. He does not charge but accepts donations. He uses live traps as an adjunct to shooting, which is very important. Steven is keen to get rid of rats too. He uses Good Nature traps, the A24. He says he gets one rat a night – that's on Kotare Place in Brick Bay area. He says you need to vary your bait. He says it's essential that all parties on the street are enrolled in eliminating the rabbits. The same goes for rats.

Ross Sutherland is enthusiastic at supporting the local community. He is the person who notified the SRRA committee about the plan to remove the slip turning road at Sandspit Road, Mahurangi East Road and Sharpe Road. He also organizes yachting in Auckland Secondary Schools.

Greg welcomed Ross Sutherland and Steven Chaning-Pierce. We appreciate their enthusiasm.

3. Minutes of Last meeting (July 7,2020) (attached) Moved Margaret McCallum, 2nd Warren Churches.
4. Minutes of 2020 AGM (attached) – moved Greg Doherty, 2nd Warren Churches. Greg said he had omitted a few points regarding the AGM. He had those sorted now and would update the 2020 AGM minutes.
5. Matters arising

Review of Subcommittees

-Pests and Weeds - Peter Deane and Steven Chaning-Pierce

-Treasurer – Margaret McCallum

- Tracks – David Astbury

-Mangroves – Greg Doherty

-Civil Defence – Jan Monk

-Social Functions and Membership – Margaret McCallum and Steven Channing Pierce

-Ross will fit in. He can be a digger operator.

Forward Planning, 2020-21

-Tim Holdgate will find out how the Kawau Island Rubbish tipping will function once the Moluk Bins are moved into the carpark. A conversation took place about what will happen to Kawau Island residents inorganic rubbish. Greg and Nancy had been told that the ferry brings over old stoves, fridges etc. that people want to dump, and they leave it at the Moluk Bins. David queried do the Kawau Islanders have the option for an inorganic rubbish pickup? Ross suggested we find a space where the inorganic rubbish from Kawau Island can be left and it will be picked up.

--Peter said in the next 6 months we need to make progress with the two substandard corners at Green Point and the corner near Lees Boatyard and the Marina. He said there needs to be some concrete laid so a driver can move to the side if someone is driving over the centre line. Peter said we need to talk to someone from AT.

Regarding the spraying of the Gorse on Brick Bay Drive. Some of it was dealt with but Peter says 99% of the plants were left untouched. Peter says that needs to be followed up.

Greg says we need to look at a footpath from Sharp Road to Beach Street on Sandspit Road. Ross says there is a paper road called Glance Road from Creek Street to Beach Street. It would be worth investigating that.

Margaret said it would be a steep walk. Greg and Nancy will do the walk and report back on it.

David wants the conversation about bollards to stop parking on the grass near the bottom of Brick Bay Drive to be taken off the agenda. We have spent a lot of time discussing it, and have never come to an agreement, and never gotten anywhere. Covid-19 stopped any forward activity. The Council has not taken any steps to stop people from parking on the grass. The Committee agreed we were not getting anywhere in efforts to stop people parking on the grass. Peter said if there are any wheel marks on the grass he will fill them in. He said the new mower person makes more wheel marks on the grass than the cars do.

David said as a committee we should be focusing more on the existing carpark and get it to be more accommodating. Greg said that regarding the carpark, the Council has done surveys pre-Covid, and they plan to do another survey on Labour Day. Council is planning on taking over the carpark from AT. They want to take it over on a reasonable level, they don't want to have lots of maintenance required. Greg said we have limited amounts of greenspace in Sandspit and we do not want that all taken over by parking. Margaret suggested dropping the fees for the carpark – but Greg said we don't know what the maintenance costs are. David said many people think the charges for the carpark are too high and they prefer to park up Brick Bay Drive and walk to their boat. Peter pointed out the major parking problem is from Boxing Day to mid February.

Greg said there is a paper road from James Street to McCallum Drive. At one time the committee looked at making that a trail but it seemed to

difficult with Council Consents. Tim said there is funding available for Walking Trails but we have to work with the Council.

David said that regarding the income from the Marina Launching Ramp with the barrier arm – 80% of the income is from non-marina members. Those people must park at the carpark or on the road.

6. Correspondence (attached). Greg said that regarding the Local Board Plan they mentioned more safety is required in small communities. Sandspit wasn't mentioned but Greg said the lack of footpath from Sharp Road to Beach Street, and the speed that people drive along Sandspit Road is of danger to local residents.



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7. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum

Margaret made an amendment to her report. David Astbury, 2nd Warren Churches

Margaret asked Greg if he can put the bank account details on every e-news. Steven suggested we use Zero as an accounting package. Margaret was concerned that there would be a monthly cost, Steven said he is an agent and as we are a non-profit organisation we could get it for free.

Steven will investigate it. A conversation took place about us having one or two signatures for online banking. Margaret said as the bookkeeper she prefers to have a 2nd signature. Moved Warren, 2nd David.

8. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum – David asked if Maharangi Matters interviewed Pam as leaving this area. Margaret said Pam has been interviewed and there will be a writeup in the newspaper.

9. Parks & Reserves Reports

- i. Tracks- David Astbury – They had a work session a few weeks ago. It was productive. Another day is to be done and the Morrisons have said the path can be accessed
- ii. Predators & Weeds- Peter Deane- Peter said he needs to follow up about the removal of the gorse up Brick Bay Drive. Some of it was removed but a lot of it was left behind. David said they removed a lot of the gorse, cut it off, and put some poison on the stumps. The gorse opposite the Marina has not been touched.
- iii. Mangrove Control – Greg is looking for a date in the middle of September when tides and weather are suitable. We need to concentrate on Green Point – both sides.

Nancy was riding her bike in the morning along the Spit and saw a man weeding the planter boxes along the roadside of the Parking Lot. He told her he works for a Horticultural Company that contracts to the Auckland Council. The boxes are weeded once a month.

10. Civil Defense Report—Jan Monk – no report available.

11. Social Functions/Membership Report – Margaret will organize a farewell function for Pam Eede and let us know when it is. Margaret will follow up residents that haven't paid their annual fee for ratepayers. Previously Pam Eede had done this.

12. General Business

---Tim mentioned that Northern Arena will be building a pool on the northern side of Warkworth.

- John Millum at the AGM raised the issue of noxious weeds on private property, referencing the property near the beginning of Brick Bay Drive. We agreed we cannot tell people how to keep their property. This was left off the notes for the AGM. Greg is adding these in now. Peter moved, Warren 2nd.
- Peter Deane said we need to get on to Auckland Transport about the 2 substandard corners at Green Point and at the Boatyard/Marina corner. Greg will do it.
- We are looking into a footpath from Sharpe Road to Beach Street.
- David Astbury motioned that an Enews be sent out within one week of the monthly meeting highlighting the key points brought up at the meeting.
- Stephen Channing Pierce will be the new communication person.
- David proposed a motion that within a week of the Ratepayers meeting an e-news will be sent out with the highlights of the meeting. He said we have been working in isolation and the community is not aware of what we are doing. He says we need to send out a summary of the meeting. If there is a something of interest to the community, people will be advised and a link can be included in the e-news. Members of the community want to be advised as to what is happening. Steven said one thing to say is "this is a new committee and we're getting things out faster. Moved by David. 2nd by Peter. All agreed.
- A conversation took place about a need for a Communications and Media Person. Steven has said he is happy to do that.

- David Astbury said he will send photos of the Brick Bay updates to be sent out in an e-news.
- The meeting closed at 8:42pm.