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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday May 4th, 2021 at the Sandspit Yacht Club

Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty, Warren Churches, David Astbury, Stephen Channing Pearce, Beth Houlbrooke, Tim Holdgate. Guests from Friends of Awamatakanakana John Collins and Mark Foster.

1. Apologies - Margaret McCallum, Peter Deane.
2. Minutes of Last meeting (attached). Moved David, 2nd Stephen
3. Matters arising
 - 1) Progress on School Bus Shelter – We think later in May we'll hear from AT. Peter will check with Total Span that the Bus Shelter is available for us to have. Greg sent Pete a link from the Ministry of Education regarding School Bus Routes. We are requiring permission from AT. There is a position on Sandspit Road near Beach Street that has a pullover that would be perfect for the Bus Shelter. Beth requested that she be copied in on all the communications.
4. Correspondence (Attached) Moved Greg, 2nd David

Greg commented on the meeting re Sandspit Waste Management. Greg and Pete met with Waste Management Group. They did a staggered meeting with stakeholders and they discussed options that could happen re the carpark. . There is not much that can be changed re the carpark. The Council will do some resurfacing. It was discussed having another entrance/exit at the Carpark. Peter and Greg were against having another crossing.

David is concerned at the amount of space allocated to Kawau Islanders.


Greg said in the future there will be some automated system and it will be paid parking.


Greg said he and Pete brought up that there needs to be some co-ordination between AT buses and the ferries. Beth said a bus stop is needed on Maharangi East/Sandspit Road. There only needs to be 2 links a day to the ferry. More money is being invested in Public Transport. Beth will investigate.


Greg said there was mention of what to do with the caretaker's house. Greg wants it turned into public space. Beth says there is an interest in the house. David says it could have a multifunction purpose. She says if that building is removed there will never be another building put there. The Coast Guard needs an office. Some people think it could be used for education on pests and dogs on Kawau. It will be an ongoing discussion. Stephen said if the house is there it should be used. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Greg is concerned that Auckland Council has many buildings that are now in a poor state of repair.

Regarding RLTP (Regional Land Transport Plan). Beth explained that there is a 10 year plan for the RLTP and if its not on the Plan it doesn't happen.

 20210412 Summary of Meeting Re Sandspit Waste Management

 20210423 Beth re RLTP

 20210425 Update to community supporters Apr 2021

5. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum N/A
6. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum N/A
7. Landcare Volunteer groups
 - i. Walking Tracks Maintenance - David has ordered the metal to go from the top of Morrison's Drive down to Horseshoe Bay. And he is upgrading the track from the Right of way from Kotare down to Horseshoe Bay.

- ii. Predators and Trapping – Stephen said the rabbits have calice virus and are dying off. He organizes people who have volunteered to be involved in pest control.
David has a map which tells who is managing which bait station. He is updating it.
- iii. Weed Management – June Turner contacted Greg has is part of the trail which goes past the Parsley Pot. Peter has sent out a notice to his group as June's group is going to do a privet culling on the trail.
- iv. Mangrove Control – Greg to organize culling of the mangroves.
- v. Walking and Cycleway Development -Greg to contact the Walking Access Group. Stephen said he had a meeting with Shelly Trotter and Roger Burrill. They were looking at accessing Roger's property for the track – but he was recently burgled so maybe off the idea now. Stephen said Roger was wondering if a camera could be put up on Sharp Road. David said he could not see the point of a camera on Sharp Road. It is a major thoroughfare and is going to get busier. David does not want to see our camera getting moved.

The Sandspit Camera is in an excellent position as the cars have to slow down in order to go around the corner. The cost to install the current Sandspit Camera was \$5000. And there are regular maintenance costs. There is a much lower density of traffic on Sandspit Road compared to Sharp Road.

Shelly is keen to get a bridge across the Glen Eden River. Stephen says it is a good idea to help the Trail Society with their weed control.

Greg says he is going to contact Chris Charles about the Walking Cycleway.

Stephen said he is working on the invoicing for the SRRA. He said it is a political thing as people are not used to being invoiced.

A conversation took place about expanding the boundaries of Sandspit and it was agreed that we have decided not to do that. Greg said if anyone wants to join as an honorary member they will be welcome to do so.

Mark Foster and John Collins came to share with us and update of FOAM. Friends of AwaMatakanakana. Their talk is attached.

8. Civil Defense – N/A

9. Communication and Media- Stephen Chaning-Pierce

10. Social Functions/Membership Margaret McCallum Not any on at the present.

11. General Business Regarding the printing of the booklet Story of Sandspit.

Greg says he can scan to our Xerox printer, and then print the book from there. He will contract out to a printer we use to staple the booklet. The previous printer has now retired. Greg is getting prices. Greg said he can scan do the printer and it will be ready to print anytime.

1) Presentation from FOAM, Mark Foster will update us in regards to FOAM Activities

2) Presentation from local resident John Griffin with a briefing on his actions in controlling Wasps. He is certified as an applicator of targeted wasp poisons, using a product formulated for the huge numbers of wasps occurring in our South Island Beech Forests. He will be trialing the use of the poison around

6 neighboring properties in Sandspit this autumn...clearly the South Island situation is somewhat different to that of Sandspit, and trials will determine if the process is transferrable. John Griffin didn't show up for his presentation.

3) Report of Meeting with Council Re Sandspit Carpark

4) AGM Preparation- Nancy has organized the borrowing of the whiteboard from the Marina. She is setting up the tea/coffee and snacks. Margaret will be downstairs at the door with 2 other committee members.

Warren will not be standing. Nancy will not be standing as a secretary but would like to be on the Committee.

Nancy will bring a carrot cake, and tea, coffee, sugar and milk and biscuits.

Ann Smith and Margaret McCallum will bring sausage rolls.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm. Next meeting first Tuesday in June.