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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday Sept 1st, 2020 at the Sandspit Yacht Club

Present: Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty,
Margaret McCallum, Peter Deane, Jan Monk, Ross Sutherland, Stephen
Chaning-Pearce.

- Apologies David Astbury, Warren Churches
- Meeting began at 7:10pm
- Minutes of Last meeting (attached) Moved Nancy, 2nd Margaret
- Matters arising. Peter will follow up with Auckland Transport about dangerous corners along Sandspit Road at Green Point and near Lees Boat Yard. He said he's going to ask for a bit of concrete so that people have somewhere to move to if a car is driving over the centre-line

Stephen Chaning-Pearce presented information on the using of Xero for managing SRRA Cashbook and Database to the committee for discussion. Greg Doherty put forth a motion that the SRRA will trial Xero for 3 months. Stephen said the benefit of Xero is that it is a live system. It was agreed by the committee that in 3 months time we will review the system and see how it works for us.

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Greg asked if Xero does anything with payments. Stephen said if you make a payment through the bank, it will be in Xero the next day.

Stephen asked how we can encourage residents of Sandspit to want to join the SRRA. Stephen said we can offer them a 30% discount on Good Nature pest traps. He is a distributor of the product.

Greg talked about how dangerous it is to walk on Sandspit Road from Beach Street to Creek Street. The committee will walk on the paper road from Creek Street down to Beach Street to see if it is possible to have a walkway down that way. Greg to arrange. Margaret requested that before walking down Glance Street we notify the people who have their driveways on the paper road.


Ross asked if there are any walkways from Mahurangi East Road to McCallum Road or do the Didsbury's own all that land up there. Margaret said there are no walkways. She said there used to be a paper road on the Didsbury property but he got the council to remove it.

- Correspondence

Greg said that Beth has said that there will be education available for

Kawau Island residents when the Moluk Bins are moved into the carpark.

Beth Houlbrooke writes I thought you might be interested in the attached report that shows where the spend from your Natural Environment Targeted Rate goes in Rodney.

 [20200813 NETR Rodney Report](#)

- Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum Moved Margaret, 2nd Nancy
- Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum nothing to report. Greg recommended that Stephen manage the account.
- Parks & Reserves Reports
 - i. Tracks- David Astbury. There was one session distributing metal. There is a track near the Milne's which is dangerous as

it's steep. There is a fellow that will fix up the path with regards to managing the water. Work will be done early October. The work will be about \$1500. There will be a channel for the water to one side and it will be channelled over the side of the cliff. Ross said he has a little 4 wheel drive tractor with a digger on it. Ross said he thought it wouldn't be difficult to make a metal footpath from Beach Street up to Creek Street with a wooden frame. Greg said it's AT Road Reserve and we can talk to them when we discuss the corners

Ross said he thought the Absolums were going to develop something. We need to look into this more. David said he would like to get more involved with the Cycling Networks in our area.

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- i. Predators -Stephen Chaning-Pierce. In the last four weeks there were 40 rabbits en utero so he reduced the rabbit population immensely. Greg asked Stephen if he had received any emails from people requesting culling services of the rabbits.
- ii. Weeds- Peter Deane. The council took out a small amount of gorse on Brick Bay Drive. It was a drop in the bucket compared to the amount of gorse that is there.
- iii. Mangrove Control- Greg Doherty. Greg is going to find a date in September to arrange the pulling of mangroves in Green Point area. Greg will ask Ann Smith if she wants to put on the morning tea. If she doesn't Margaret will.

9.Civil Defense Report—Jan Monk. Nothing to Report. Lockdown.

10.Communication and Media- Stephen Chaning-Pierce

11.Social Functions/Membership Report Margaret McCallum – Margaret is working on arranging a Ratepayers Committee Social Function for Pam but she is currently not well and will let Margaret know when a date will work for her.

12.General Business – A conversation took place about what we can do to encourage residents of the community to join the SRRA. We can offer incentives to people if they join the Association. It appears that the majority of the residents do not know the good work that the SRRA does in the neighbourhood. Greg said we need to start working with technology.

Committee Discussion: re positive things we can do to increase membership this year:

A conversation came up about contacting Real Estate agents regarding new people moving into the area. Stephen has taken on the role of Media and Communication. Stephen can contact Real Estate Agents about giving out Welcome Packs when they sell a house.

Greg suggested we have the Good Nature trap people come and give workshops on how to use the trap. Stephen said it is so important that the whole community be involved in the ridding of pests. We can become more proactive in getting rid of pests.

Greg mentioned we have other groups in our area. We have Friends of Awa Matakanakana, and SOSSI. Greg mentioned SOSSI does pest control, and planting. Greg said we need a healing in the community and we need to let go of the hard feelings. We could form a Landcare Subgroup.

Greg mentioned that the retaining wall restoration project is going along nicely and will soon be finished. Ross Sutherland mentioned that the cones are not removed from the road at night which affects the width of the road.

A conversation took place about the camera and the benefits of it.

Ross Sutherland said that he was at Brick Bay Beach and saw a person net fishing and had more than 100 Kowhai in the net. He phoned Brownie and was told that the Kirabati people set their nets off of here. Ross said he will find the number of the Fisheries Officer for this area and where this person is. Greg recommended Ross find out what the regulations are regarding size and amount. We need to have the phone number available and publish it in the e-news when we see people net fishing illegally. Greg said at Omaha there is a sign at the beach stating "No set-netting". Ross said the net is not supposed to go all across the stream. Nancy said if we send out an e-news to the community stating what the rules are, and what the fisheries number is; the community will be able to follow this up.

Stephen needs to be able to split up the data base by road, and people will be able to look at the list and make some changes.

- Incentives,
- Communication
- Other Ideas

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.