

Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.

Annual General Meeting 2016

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date & Time	26 th March 2016
Title of Meeting:	HBRPA AGM 2016
Meeting Location:	Community Hall, Hahei

Attendees:

HBRPA: Chair Bill Stead, John North, Ron Egan, Cathie Baloghy, Penne Clayton, Brian Keucke, Brian Green, Mike Wilkinson, Karen Blair, Anne Donovan.

Guests: Allan Tiplady, Deli Connell, Paul Kelly, Tony Fox, Bill McLean

Residents and Ratepayers: Approximately 100.
A quorum was achieved.

Distribution: Attendees and by posting on the HBRPA website for non-attendees.

1.	Welcome
	The Chair welcomed residents, ratepayers and Council representative guests.
2.	Apologies
	Ian Holmes, Gavin White, Sue Dorrington, Reihana Robinson, Graham Harsant, Leo Abbott, Dawn Elley, Lorne De Pape, Glenn Leach, Peter French, June Bennett, Shane Harnett, Murray McLean, Paul Hopkins.
3.	Minutes of the 2105 AGM
	Read to the meeting by The Chair, Bill Stead, approved as a true and accurate record. Moved. Bill Stead Second. Karen Blair

4.	Matters Arising from previous AGM Minutes
	Nil
5.	Annual Report
	<p>The Chair presented his annual report (a copy of which is available on the website), an overview as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 committee meetings were held in the last year • An average of 12 people attended each meeting • All meeting minutes are available on the website • The Great Walk has been the committee’s main focus and very early last year, the Walk Stakeholders Group and the HBRPA committee was combined into one group • Traffic management became, and continues to be, a priority. A traffic plan was completed and circulated then reviewed by ratepayer Brett Harries, a highly experienced traffic engineer. • The Committee organized a public meeting with the Mayor on 28 November 2016. More than 150 people attended the meeting, along with TV3 which ran a news item about the traffic management problems in Hahei. Residents and ratepayers heard the Mayors plan for the walk and were reassured that NO work would proceed on the Blowhole walk until the traffic issues in Hahei were sorted. • An online newsletter was introduced • Special thanks go to Ron Egan for his work on the website <p>There is still much work to be done with parking, relationships with groups in the area and the development of a new community plan for Hahei.</p> <p>The Chair’s report was moved by John North Seconded Ron Egan</p>
6.	Matters Arising from the Annual Report
	<p>A resolution was tabled to change the boundary of the HBRPA catchment area to include the</p> <p><i>‘Whenuakite Riding, extending from the corner of Hahei Beach Road and Purangi Road and inkling the corner Hahei Link Road and Hot Water Beach Road and Lees Road’.</i></p> <p><i>‘The objective of the Society is to Conserve, safeguard, promote and advance generally the interests and welfare (material, cultural and social) of the owners, occupiers and residents of, and properties in and near Hahei’ (as defined above).</i></p> <p>This change to the HBRPA Constitution was moved by Bill Stead Seconded Penne</p>

	Clayton – passed by a unanimous vote.
7.	Treasurers Report
	The Treasurer’s report was tabled by the Chair. The Association is currently financially strong. Moved. John North Seconded. Penne Clayton
8.	Matters arising from the report
	Nil
9.	Appointment of an honorary Financial Reviewer
	Geoff Dalzell reviewed the Treasurers report and audited the financial statements. Geoff not at the meeting to confirm if he will undertake the role again next year, so will be asked separately.
10.	Subscription Fees – 2016/17
	Membership subs are to remain at \$20pa. It was noted that although membership will again be on a voluntary basis, any ratepayer or resident wishing to vote at an AGM, or other instances requiring a vote, MUST be a financial member. The membership form is on the Website http://www.haheiratepayers.co.nz/documents/membershipform.pdf Moved. John North Seconded. Penne Clayton
11.	Election of Officers
	Chair: Bill Stead Deputy Chair: John North Treasurer: Anne Donovan Secretary/Newsletter: Penne Clayton Website: Ron Egan Committee: Karen Blair, Cathie Baloghy, Shelley Osborne, Brian Keucke, Mike Wilkinson, Peter Harrison.

12.	Great Walk Update
	<p>The Chair provided an update on the Great Walks Project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Council has obtained some funding for the project2. The Pa Road carpark is proceeding (access and egress from Hahei Beach Road) and it will be sealed. The HBRPA have requested the following from Council for this carpark:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the carpark is sealed• That screen plantings are undertaken in consultation with immediate neighbours• That a public toilet is onsite – Alan Tiplady said that there currently isn't funding for toilets but the meeting strongly felt that public toilets needed to be built. It was suggested that the Kotare Reserve toilets could be used but they are generally locked and are too far away from the new car park. TCDC agreed to include toilets, if possible.• The bus shelter be relocated from its current position and extended, possibly with sun shades, as it gets very full during the busy summer period.• That there is a visitor information board• That there is a council rubbish collection point<p><i>Council have confirmed that on capacity days there is an option for using the extended roading reserve and other grassed areas to handle the overflow.</i></p>3. The Lees Road carpark is proceeding – but it may not be finished for summer 2016/17. The Chair proposed it be called the Cathedral Cove carpark, this met with mixed opinions.4. Work on the Blowhole walk has been put on hold until all traffic issues in Hahei have been addressed.5. Disappointingly, TCDC, DOC and IWI have failed to reach agreement on the management of the Cathedral Cove/Grange Road Carpark. As a consequence, parking at the Grange Road Carpark is often chaotic and uncontrolled and no revenues are generated from parking fees. <i>Had a parking management system been installed this summer the toilets for the Pa Rd carpark could have easily been paid for.</i> <p>The Traffic survey over the summer interviewed 98 people, but has not yet been reported back. A snapshot of the answers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking length in Hahei is between 2 and 3 hours• 56% of respondents would use a shuttle bus

- 59% would use the carpark in Lees Road
- 93% said they would do the Great Walk.

The Chair posed the question to the group:

How do we manage the Tourists once they enter the area?

How do we ensure businesses don't miss out if the tourists visiting the Cove are just 'ticking the box' and have no intention of visiting Hahei?

Issues as the Committee sees it are:

- Sealing all of Lees Road – it is not a safe road for the average overseas visitor who may already struggle with our sealed roads
- Crossing the Purangi – How? Council are exploring several routes, boardwalk, suspension bridge or boat
- There is no overall cost or schedule available for this project
- Governance of the project is in the hands of TCDC, DOC and Iwi. It needs to include Ratepayer representation. In the meantime, the Chair or Deputy Chair attend all governance meetings.
- Council are still keen on charging for parking at the Village Entrance Car Park, but the overwhelming feeling of the HBRPA is that this will discourage people from parking there and we will be back to the same parking problems Hahei has currently.

Park and Ride Review

John North spoke to this years' Park and Ride.

27,000 people used the bus (one way), this was slightly down on the numbers for 2014/15 due to the inclement weather Hahei had over the peak.

In January 2016, 34,000 people walked the track to Cathedral Cove. This is the same numbers as Jan 2015, even with the poor weather.

The shoulder season is growing and leaving the Hahei Entrance carpark open for visitors was strongly supported by AGM attendees.

The view from the floor was 'let's get the Hahei entrance carpark (Pa Road) sorted properly as there is a real risk that the Lees Road carpark won't be completed in time for next summer and we'll be in the same situation we are in now come Christmas'.

It was questioned from the floor whether tourists would still come into Hahei regardless of where they park.

The Deputy Chair who has been heavily involved in Park and Ride for the last 7 years observed that *'a large percentage of visitors are simply ticking the Cathedral Cove/Hot Water Beach boxes and are here for day trips. They come back to the P&R carpark and turn left (e.g. out of town) It's important we encourage them to spend tourist dollars in Hahei before they leave, be it food, drink or tours'.*

	General Business
	<p>The Chair opened the meeting up to the floor for suggestions on what the Committee’s focus should be for the 2016/17 year. Suggestions were condensed into 5 key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visitor Management. This will cover the following issues.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. A strategy for promoting Hahei into a Walking villageb. Management of tourists so as to minimise disturbances to residentsc. Any traffic management plans should avoid paving the wide berms in Harsant, Dawn and John Spear.d. Freedom Camper controle. Control residents ‘Parking entrepreneurship’ businesses. Alan Tiplady stated that in response to letters from residents, TCDC was investigating if it is a permitted activity to turn residential properties into commercial parking sites.2. Environment Protection of Hahei<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protecting the beach/bay from pollution.• Develop a plan to collect sewage throughout Hahei Village. It was noted that the existing sewage treatment plant probably has significant spare capacity.• Restore health of Wigmore Stream. This could include fencing, tree planting on stream, replacing septic tanks with sewers.• Manage sediment to protect water quality in Marine Reserve and Hahei Bay• Protecting our listed trees from parking3. Pest Control<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with Waikato Regional Council, DoC and other authorities to develop a community-led plan to control<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Gorse and other noxious plants and trees.▪ Rats, Feral Cats, Stoats, Possums and other animal pests4. Updated Spatial Plan for Hahei<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with owners of the land at the entrance to Hahei, known as the “100 Acres”, to ensure achieve a community supported development is implemented• Develop walkways or cycle trails such as a trail to Donovan’s corner up the Wigmore Stream

- Extension to, or new commercial land
- New District Plan - Tony Fox spoke regarding the new District Plan. All hearings are complete and the document will be released to TCDC on Thursday. Then shortly thereafter to the public. There has been a very high standard of submission at the hearings, but it is unlikely the District Plan will be operative in the short term as there will undoubtedly be appeals to the plan

5. Updated Community Plan for Hahei

- Council has allocated resources and funding to assist Hahei with the updating of the Hahei Community Plan. Work is expected to commence once a Community Development officer is appointed in Whitianga, probably in May 2016. TCDC will then pay for a consultant to assist in producing an updated Community Plan.

Community Board

The Community Board Chair, Paul Kelly, spoke briefly and expressed a desire to deal with just the ratepayers association and not be inundated with individual emails.

This encouraged several comments from the floor regarding minority and youth views.

Community Board Member, Deli Connell spoke to the Youth strategy as she is the Youth Liaison person on the Community Board. The Youth Strategy for TCDC has been presented Council-wide and encompasses youth voice, education and employment.

Bill Maclean feels there is a place for the individual voice, so he will answer all emails sent to him.

Purpose of Hahei Ratepayers Association

The Chair requested meeting participants provide guidance on the overall purpose of the Hahei Ratepayers Association. He noted, that in the past, the Association had used member's contributions to make donations to Hahei community facilities, such as the Community Hall. Over the last year, the committee has focused exclusively on political lobbying to control Walk development and other major activities in Hahei. After some discussion it was decided that the Committee should continue to focus on the agreed key priorities, and leave fund raising to other organisations.

Off License Application

Barb Ritchie commented on the publicly notified application for an off-license in Hahei to go in shop 2/3 Cathedral Court (the shopping complex). Council have grouped submitters with similar comments together. If you have submitted, you will have received a letter from Council and she suggests you get in touch with the contact in the letter and they will provide a list of similar submitters so you can consolidate your response.

	<p><u>Community Involvement</u></p> <p>The Chair requested that Hahei residents make every effort to participate in the associations activities. Hahei is growing rapidly and we all need to work together to ensure that it remains pristine for our children.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 11.33am</p>