

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HR&RA

Saturday 10am, 20th April, 2019 at the Hahei Community Hall.

Attendance: HR&RPA Chair Bill Stead, Secretary John North, Deputy Chair Gilbert Bannan, Treasurer Cathie Baloghy, Committee Anna Bartlett and Karen Blair.

Guests: Councillor Murray McLean, Community Board member Bill McLean. TCDC Staff Ross Ashby and Heather Bruce.

Residents and Ratepayers as per attached Appendix

Welcome: The Chair welcomed residents, ratepayers and Thames Coromandel District Council and Waikato Regional representative guests.

Apologies: Allan Tiplady, Tony Fox, Rekha Giri-Percival, Deli Connell, Dot and Ian Collinson, Jane and Tom Parson, Ann Riley, Penne Clayton, Karen and Peter Stokes, Nick Cashmore and Paul Revell

Minutes of the 2018 AGM: the minutes being pre-circulated were taken as read and approved as a true and accurate record

Matters arising from previous minutes: Nil

Chairs Annual report: Pre-circulated. Update Village entry car park extension to commence 1st May and may be closed for a month. Lees Road car park private venture hoped it would be successful.

Matters arising from the Chairs Report: Nil

Treasurers Report and presentation of Financial Report: Pre-circulated

Matters arising from Financial Report: Nil

Appointment of the Honorary Financial reviewer: Geoff Dalzell was given a vote of thanks and be approached to act again as Honorary Financial reviewer.

Subscription fees 2019/20 financial year: Chair Stead moved that fees remain at \$20/seconded Alan Bradley

Election of Officers 2019/20: Nominations closed on the 30-03-19 and only 4 nominations for Committee members were received (Bill Stead, Anna Bartlett, Paul Revell and Alastair Sims)

Nominations were called from financial members attending the meeting and Diane Simson volunteered her service for the committee.

Secretary Moved that the afore mentioned be elected as committee members for the 2019/20 term
Seconded

General Business

Hahei Beach Road

Jackie Pope-unsightly cones surely something more in keeping with village?

Tourism Infrastructure Funding (TIF)

Ross Ashby TCDC – TIF feedback–wooden bollards permeant installation. Upgraded Toilet same position, Beach track through to DOC walkway-feedback leave as natural low impact. Note TIF feedback link in the last Newsletter.

Rhonda Hawley – suggested a 6-pan toilet was needed to meet the demand.

Councillor McClean – toilets are locally funded. Perspective of number of toilets Auckland, D.O.C. and then TCDC.

Beach front toilets

Lyn Kingsbury – odour problems and needs upgrading.

Ross Ashby – raise Request for service. Upgrade planned in TCDC LTP 2021/22

Village Entry Surveillance Camera

Brett Harries – Last summer increasing number of thefts in Hahei. Suggested we should revisit Village entry surveillance camera.

Al Sims and Barb Ritchie – said that an entrance security camera was investigated several years again. This investigation identified privacy issues. Also, they understood the Police were not in favour. So did not proceed.

Comments from the floor that Pauanui and Kuaotunu had installed security cameras. Dalmeny Corner would effectively cover South Mercury Bay.

Chair Stead suggested that the new Committee should investigate further and report back to members.

Freedom Camping Beach front car park

Diane Russell – most nights numerous overnight vehicles. Also, car park frequently full during winter days (not beach users – Cathedral Cove)

Chair responded that unfortunately portion of car park belonged to DOC and TCDC unable to ticket offenders. Eventually TCDC will have ownership and control. Submit to Reserve Management Plan later in the year.

Grange Road private car parks

Peter Sarhmann and David Benjamin spoke at length as to their concerns that paid vehicle parking on private properties. It was encroaching on the shared entrance way of a private road, unsightly, safety issues, road signage and was in conflict with the Park and Ride operation. Supposedly, the private car parks are a permitted activity within the District Plan as per communication via the Mayor.

Both TCDC Ross Ashby and Councillor McClean committed to investigating the issue. Councillor McClean would visit Grange Rd; after the meeting.

Lees Road Car Park

Jeremy Lomas – has an opportunity been lost with TCDC not being involved in the Lees Rd Car park. Visitor numbers to Cathedral Cove have increased significantly in past 3 to 5 years and will continue to increase – will have a huge negative impact on property owners in Hahei. Doesn't believe Lees Rd as main entrance to Cathedral Cove would impact on businesses in Hahei. Would the Community support Council involvement?

Councillor McClean – not appropriate to comment on an agreement between TCDC and a private operation. TCDC is committed to resolving Hahei Infrastructure issues, such as Sewage and Water, looking at the bigger picture. He agreed that visitor numbers will continue to grow, and felt that Park and Ride may be better options for Hot Water Beach and Hahei e.g. Dalmeny Corner. Affordability was very important to Ratepayers (28,000). We need find ways of paying for Visitor Infrastructure. For instance, we need to charge for parking – revenue Hot Water Beach \$200,000p.a.

Community Centre Car park.

Barbara Ritchie commented that the priority for the car park should be for Hall and Library users. Frequently the car park was full 9am onwards with Cathedral Cove visitors and Dive business patrons. Camper vans were also an issue.

Gilbert Bannan – local employees parked here too. Council looking at options to restrict Campervans. The issue could be one for the new Committee to investigate.

Village centre-parking/pedestrian crossing

Joe Pope – concerned that vehicles reverse from angle parks over pedestrian crossing at the Grange Rd notice board and in front of the shop.

Note: TCDC have removed on carpark in Grange Rd next to pedestrian crossing.

Appreciation

Chair Bill Stead thanked and presented John and Tina North with a voucher for outstanding Community service to the Hahei Community, particularly in relation to the HR&RA and the Hahei Library Market day fund raiser.

Guest speakers

Mayor Sandra Goudie – The Mayor was scheduled to attend the AGM as featured guest speaker, but unfortunately, she got her timing wrong. See attached letter of apology. In her place, Councillor, Murray McLean responded to questions/comments as recorded above.

Coromandel Waikato District Councillor Dal Minogue – Dal spoke on the cost pressures on WRC and the inquiry into local body rates initiated by the Coalition Government. He pointed out that CPI is not a good measure of the cost pressures that WRC faces as many of their costs are related to construction costs which are rising much faster than CPI. He highlighted the following additional cost WRC is facing

- New Government initiatives – there are several potentially costly initiatives which WRC will have to implement. These include National Water Policy standards for swimmable rivers which requires additional monitoring, national biodiversity guidelines, air cleanliness.
- Waihou/Piako Flood protection asset replacement – these assets were built about 30 years ago by central government and will require replacement soon. Central government will have to help pay for the replacement.
- Treaty Settlement – Approx. \$6m for Waikato River Settlement, \$5.3m for Hauraki Settlement.
- New standards for tāngata whenua engagement – Potential for multimillion dollar costs.

As a consequence, that will be increase in WRC rates of increase more than CPI. In Hahei, rate rises will be significantly more due to a 55% increase in rateable property values in Hahei.

Anna Bartlett asked how best to keep up to date with developments in WRC. Dal recommended that ratepayers check their website and subscribe their emailed newsletters.

Dal was questioned about WRC's role in paying for tourism infrastructure costs. He explained that this was the responsibility of TCDC. With regard to Freedom Camping, his understanding is that central government is looking at solutions.

Allan Bradley spoke in support of park and ride services for tourists. He also spoke in support of controlling residents using their gardens as car parks. He said that, taken to its logical conclusion, it would lead to a very unpleasant situation in Hahei.

Murray McClean supported park and ride service and promised investigate garden parking. He apologised for Mayor Sandra's absence. He explained that TCDC staff was negotiating with Smart Environmental to resolve issues related their solid waste collection services. He explained that Dalmeny Causeway/Bridge design work is proceeding and funding may be including the next Annual Plan. He confirmed that sorting out Wigmore Stream was a priority.

Chair Bill Stead explained that the water and wastewater design study would commence in June once consultants had been appointed. He explained that HR&RA had emphasised the need to appoint a TCDC Project Manager as soon as possible.

Andrew Watson asked Dal Minogue to arrange for WRC staff to take a more proactive role in advising visitors of the risks of coming into contact with the Wigmore and Tutaritari Stream water. Dal explained that signage was joint responsibility of WRC, TCDC and District Health Board. He acknowledged that this was serious issue and undertook to make sure WRC staff acted promptly to erect signage.

Chair Bill Stead explained that HR&PA had erected a warning sign at the Tutaritari stream and would continue to take samples. Results can be reviewed at the Hahei Community website. He also explained that WRC after prompting from HR&RA, had undertake performance review TCDC's Hahei Wastewater treatment Plant on Pa Road. It was determined to significantly non-compliant and TCDC are now required to bring it back into compliance.

Meeting Closed 11-20am

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Mel & Madeline Bekker
Jennifer Cook
ALASTAIR SIMS
Heather Bruce
MARION MCLEAN
Ross Ashby
NICK WEBSTER
Nick GLENFIELD
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Mike Ritchie
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Christine Bannan
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Jan + Mick Ahern
Brett + Pamela Harries
David + Wendy Gurnea
Michelle Saba
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Office of The Mayor

23 April 2019

Bill Stead
Chairman
Hahei Residents & Ratepayers Association

By email: chair@haheiratepayers.co.nz

Dear Bill,

My abject apologies to everyone.

I am mortified my timing was so out of kilter. Basically, I got it wrong.

The only 'saving grace' is that I was on my way. I wanted to be there. Leaving our off-the-grid spot on the Port Jackson Road early, I got as far as Whangapoua Road when the call came through that I was due to speak.

Hence, being devastated, and mortified by my error, not to be repeated.

You do such a great job as a Committee and Hahei is a terrific community.

Slowly we are managing to address the main issues that have beset Hahei as we work through them.

This success has been in no small measure due to the Committee and your preparedness to work with everyone, as well as having an engaged and lively community.

Well done, and thank you to you all.

Best regards,

Mayor Sandra Goudie
Thames-Coromandel District Council