

Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Inc

Minutes of the May meeting

Location: Hahei Community Centre

Date: 31 May 2020

Time: 3:00 pm

Facilitator: The Chair

Attendees

Cathie Baloghy (Chair), Penne Clayton (Sec), Paul Revell (Treasurer), Jennifer Cook, Bill Stead, Mark Cederman, Anna Bartlett, Diane Simson (Via Mobile).

Guest: Mike Grogan

Apologies

Sharon Callaghan, Jeremy Lomas

Previous Minutes

Taken as read. Moved P Clayton | Seconded A Bartlett - Carried.

Inwards Correspondence

Letter from Len Salt, Chair of the Whitianga Residents and Ratepayers Association, providing an update of the proposed \$150,000 of funding from the Mercury Bay Community Board for potable water investigation in Whitianga.

Outwards Correspondence

Nil

Financials

\$8,279.47 - Cheque Account

\$15,306.44 Term Investment (includes \$211.90 compounded interest from previous TI)

\$23,585.91 Total position

\$660.00 raised from Loud Shirt Day in Hahei during lockdown. \$330.00 paid to Bellyful Whitianga and \$330 to the Coromandel Food Bank.

Moved P Revell | Seconded B Stead - Carried

Membership

200 paid up members.

General Business

- 1) **Mercury Bay Community Board Meeting 28 May** – Jeremy Lomas was unable to join the Committee Meeting to discuss the Community Board Meeting in detail. A video of the meeting is available here: <https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Your-Council/Agendas-Reports-and-Minutes/>

Key areas of interest to the Committee were:

- a) **Concessions** – the decision on concessions was postponed by the MBCB. In the interim, the current concessionaires have been re-awarded their concessions, but the Community Board plans to hold a workshop to review the ongoing strategy in this area. **Action:** We need to keep across this workshop and need to be represented on it when it occurs.

The MBCB has felt for some time that the concessions need reviewing, particularly around fee. The existing Hahei concessionaires have indicated they are happy to negotiate towards a mutually beneficial arrangement with Council. There has been limited clarity around concessions and workshop will be a good idea.

Information on the concession applications are here:

<https://tcdc.civicclerk.com.au/Web/GenFile.aspx?ad=1655>

- b) **Draft Community Plan** – The draft community plan documents were reviewed at the meeting and are attached here:

<https://tcdc.civicclerk.com.au/Web/GenFile.aspx?ad=1257>

There was concern expressed by the Committee where the list of Key Projects for the Hahei Community (page 13) had come from as some were already completed, and others had some strenuous objections in the community.

Action: The Committee will review the key projects list and make recommendations of more appropriate projects for Hahei.

- c) **Work Programmes** – \$190,000 has been budgeted for Hahei Beachfront Reserve development – no specifics around what is planned. \$97,000 budgeted for the development of Hahei's reserves, more detail is required around this too.

Action: The Secretary was tasked with emailing Jeremy Lomas for some clarity around: the compliance report from Veolia for the wastewater plant, more details about the planned development of the beachfront carparking/reserves and the Stella Evered track.

In addition, the 'surfers' carpark at Hot Water Beach is being sealed, there is concern that this will also be pay and display and remove the last free carparks for Mercury Bay residents from Hot Water Beach. **Action:** The Chair to raise with the HWB Ratepayers Association Chair.

- 2) **Better Community Engagement** – A question was asked ‘was there a place for a Residents and Ratepayers Association in Hahei’? The Committee felt there still was a need for an advocate/lobbying group for the Hahei community, but also felt it was important for us to raise our profile with more communication to encourage community resident and ratepayer involvement.

Action: B Stead and P Clayton to produce more frequent newsletters and include: the story of the HBRRA, Profiles of committee members, community news and information.

We also need to re-engage with other RRPA's in the area. **Action:** B Stead and the Chair to attend next Cooks Beach/Hot Water Beach Chair meeting.

- 3) **AGM** – The AGM will be held at Labour weekend as we were unable to hold it at Easter due to COVID, and we need to hold an AGM this year to ratify the accounts.

It was decided to retain the existing committee through to Easter next year, with the option of co-opting any interested parties from the AGM this year on to the committee.

Moved C Baloghy | Seconded P Clayton - Carried

Action: Planning for AGM to commence next month.

- 4) **Charitable Donations/Community Welfare Programmes** – The HBRRA have made a donation of 3 car seats, at a value of \$1,500 for Whenuakite Country Kids a self-funded NPO Early Childhood Education Centre that many local children attend. **Action:** A Bartlett to supply bank details for WCK

The Committee feels it is important that the Residents and Ratepayers of Hahei support community groups such as Country Kids and will in future be allocating a percentage of annual subs to support groups like this.

- 5) **Reserves Management Plan** – Has not yet been released.

Meeting closed 4.35pm