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SANDSPIT RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting 7 Pm Tuesday October 2nd, 2018, at the Sandspit Yacht Club

Present: Warren Churches, Pam Eede, Bryan Taylor, Maya Foster, Greg Doherty, Nancy Doherty

1. Apologies

Margaret McCallum, Graham Kearney, David Astbury, Max Freeman, Pauline Franklyn

2. Minutes of Last meeting. Greg put forth a correction to the minutes from September 2018 put forth by Beth Houlbrooke. The minutes said there will be a bus stop at Sandspit and Sharp Roads – the correction is - Beth is working to have a stop at Sandspit and Sharp Roads. It will be a hail and ride – you will be able to be picked up or dropped off there.

That the minutes be accepted with the correction. Greg/ Warren

3. Matters arising

None

4. Correspondence



20180917 Lawrie Rd Transfer Station.pdf



20180926 Dinghies on reserve.pdf



20180927 Paul Duffy and others re Sandspit proposed planting.pdf

A conversation took place about the Lawrie Road Transfer Station. Greg asked if it used to be a tip. It was a tip for about 50 years. It was a gully that got filled with rubbish. The lease will run out the 30th of October but it has now been extended to June of 2019. Northland Waste has purchased a place which they plan to use as a Transfer Station.

Greg will ask Graham about the dinghies on the spit. Michael, the maintenance person from the Council does not like the dinghies on grass at the end of the spit. He doesn't want to see boats on the grass as they cannot mow the grass. Greg says there is a need for dinghy storage. He says the Marina is storing dinghies along the handrail in the public walkway by Lees Boatyard. The public

walkway is part of the marina resource consent – that people should be able to walk right around the waterway.

Greg asked about the dinghy storage building at the end of the spit. It was built in 1920. Greg will ask Graham what information he has on dinghy storage.

Regarding Sandspit proposed planting Paul Duffy will come to our next meeting on November 6 and explain the proposed planting for Sandspit.

Greg said he took a picture of a trailer that is parked at the beginning of Brick Bay Drive. It has been there for 2 weeks. There are big ruts in the grass.

Bryan brought up that Greg had said in an email that we want rocks at the beginning of Brick Bay Road. The committee had agreed previously that we want Gobi blocks at the beginning of Brick Bay Drive – and that we need the parking there otherwise people are going to be parking up Brick Bay Drive making it dangerous on the corners. We want to allow parking – and agreed to contact the Local Board to get this happening. Warren said that Greg Sayers and Beth Houlbrooke stated the Parks Department don't want parking on that area. Bryan said we need to have a go at them. Bryan said that at one time we were told the funds were available for the Gobi blocks.

Bryan clarified that we had agreed that bollards would be okay next to the planting – to protect the plants. The bollards would not be to stop people from parking. Greg was concerned at whom would pay for the Gobi blocks. Bryan said it has taken him 5 years to get the road markings changed on Brick Bay. Bryan said we go to the Local Board and ask what is happening about the funding for the Gobi blocks so that people can park legally.

Maya asked if Gobi blocks are put in will the area be long enough to hold a car and trailer. She says she walks along the beginning of Brick Bay Drive and often the footpath is blocked by trailers. The Gobi blocks could be put in where it is wide enough for a car and trailer to park. People who park on the footpath are parking illegally. She also commented that often the verge is full of cars and trailers, yet the carpark is almost empty. It was suggested that the Council needs to re-look at the pricing of the carpark. This would encourage people to use the carpark. Bryan also said that No Parking signs could be put up on the parts of Brick Bay Drive where it is unsafe to park.

Maya asked if yellow lines could be painted on the road to prevent parking. It was explained that people park on the verge, not on the road. She said the cars make a huge mess which local people

look at when the cars move. Bryan said something needs to be done so the people can park without causing damage.

Warren said AT said that putting “No Parking” signs on the road is a complicated process – more complicated than moving the centre line. Greg suggested large boulders on the corner. Warren agreed that something needs to be done from people parking on the corner which causes a dangerous situation. Greg asked if a guard rail would stop people parking on the corner.

Greg said something must be done as even in the summer the grass becomes a mess. People park there sometimes for 2 or 3 weeks – and the grass can’t be mowed. We need to look at the bigger picture. He said many people have no regard for residents of the Sandspit area.

Greg said our role and objective as the Residents and Ratepayers Association is to preserve the amenity of the area. Bryan said also is to look after the safety of the area and the problem with knocking out the parking at the bottom is it forces people to park up Brick Bay Drive and makes it more dangerous for people driving up and down the road. He said we need to curtail the number of people coming in to the area. There are boats which are too large being towed in, cars are speeding and there are near-misses. We can’t create more parking, but we shouldn’t take away the parking that is there. Last summer there were 200 vehicles parked up Brick Bay Drive.

Pam said the road into Sandspit is not conducive to big boats and trailers and big vehicles pulling them. Warren said it is much better than it was. The big corners are dangerous when you meet a boat there as they go over the centerline.

Greg said at the boardwalk down by Greg Lees boatyard the road is subsiding. There is a lot of heavy traffic going along the road.

It was agreed we need to come up with a plan for what we want. Maya said we should have a group of people walk there and make a plan. Greg said the whole section of grass shouldn’t be used for gobi blocks. Warren said make an area that can park one line of vehicle/trailer parking – not 2, and we could have some picnic tables on the grass. We need to come up with a compromise. We are not restricting all the parking – just some of it. Greg said at the beginning of the meeting we’ll go for a walk to the beginning of Brick Bay and come up with a plan.

Greg said he’ll push for Paul Duffey to come in November as he seems to be in charge of the Parks and Reserves. He’s not AT. Paul Duffey is more the team leader, volunteering and programs

community parks. He's not the engineering person. Greg will go to Paul Duffey and say this is what we are discussing and we need to look at an overall plan which is much more than what the volunteers are doing. He said that Warren's plan of ripping out the mangroves and creating a wetland is a great idea. But that will have to go through another process.

In summary – we'll leave this and approach Paul Duffey and whoever else is involved and settle it next meeting.

Bryan said that we as a committee did decide that gobi blocks are the answer.

Moved by Greg that the correspondence be accepted. 2nd by Warren.

5. Treasurer's Report- Margaret McCallum

No Report for September as treasurer away.

6. Social Media Report- Margaret McCallum

No Report as away.

7. CCTV Subcommittee Report

The SRRR CCTV camera has been helpful to police to locate male to locate a criminal. Andrew Sanderson reports: I'd like to report to the SSRA that the Sandspit security camera lead to the capture of a criminal on Friday. The man met a 16 year old woman on the internet and took her from West Auckland to Brick Bay. He abandoned her there and drove off with all her belongings - including her phone.

I took her to the police station to report the theft, but it had closed at 4pm - about 15 minutes before we got there - so we visited Insite Security and told them what happened. The young woman wasn't sure if he'd given her his real name or if she could track him down, but she did know what kind of car he drove. Insite checked their video, found the car and reported the incident to the police.

A few hours later I received a phone call from her parents. They said the police had located the man and were at his house. The parents were driving there, presumably to recover the stolen property. I'm not sure what happened after that.

I just wanted to say thanks for having the camera. It is a great asset for this community and I was really happy when I learnt that it lead to the capture of this criminal.

David asked if there is insurance on the CCTV camera. Greg will investigate.

Greg commented that the Insite people said that the Sandspit situation with the CCTV camera is quite unique as we only have one road in and out.

Greg moved that the CCTV subcommittee report be accepted. 2nd by Warren

8. Parks, Reserves and Roothing Reports

i. Tracks- David Astbury

Brick Bay Structures

David has received the following from:

Peter Bilton Senior Project Manager Community Facilities Auckland Council

We held a contract prestart meeting on site this morning with the contractor, archaeologist, Ngati Manuhiri, and Hutchinson project engineer to discuss the works. Brackebush Civil is looking to start on site in a couple of weeks' time but will confirm a start date which I will pass onto you. The lower tracks will need to be temporarily closed while the work is in progress. Signage and safety fencing will be erected for this. Their attached 9-week program gives the order in which they will be doing the retaining walls and bridges. Machine access will be from the private driveway over Morrisons property. I will contact Morrisons to let them know of the works and associated construction access.

We will have to hold a further prestart meeting within the next fortnight with the arborist as I forgot to invite him along to today's meeting. If you or others from the R & R Assn would like to be part of that meeting I can let you know when it happens.

- ii. Predators & Weeds- Warren Churches. Warren found a spray that will kill agapanthas. This weekend he will spray some that are coming up on Brick Bay Drive. Nancy will contact the person from the Council who we did a walkby with regarding the weeds. The jasmine are in full bloom now.
- iii. Mangrove Control – Greg will look up tides on Sundays and organize a mangrove pulling event for after 9am on a suitable tide. Greg will ensure the sign gets put up in ample time.
- iv. Roads – Greg will contact the engineers about the retaining wall at the foot of Kanuka Road on Sandspit Road about when they will be starting work on the project.

Greg moved the Parks and Roothing report be accepted. 2nd by Warren.

- 9. Foreshore Enhancement – Graham Kearney, Warren Churches – Greg will ask Graham. Greg asked Warren if he would take over. Warren stated it is out of his field of expertise.
- 10. Liaison with Sandspit Harbour Catchment Group—Bryan Taylor Greg has written to John Collins asking him for input for the newsletter on the Harbour Catchment Group.
- 11. Civil Defense Report-- Max Freeman. No report.
- 12. Social Functions/Membership Report-- Pam Eede. A pleasant dinner was had by the SRRA committee at the home of Margaret and Bruce McCalllum.
Set the Date for the Xmas BBQ. It will be the 9th of December.

13. General Business

Greg to find out when the decking on the wharf will be done and when work on the retaining wall at the bottom of Kanuka Road will begin.

Maya said the big chunky seats and Picnic Table from Brick Bay have been removed and replaced with lighter ones. Pam said SRRRA paid for the seats and Table. Greg is to enquire why they were replaced.

Maya enquired about who looks after the planters along the Sandspit. It was suggested that we may put out in the newsletter about “adopting a planter” by residents of Sandspit.

Bryan suggested we ask the yacht club for a stop sign at the entrance to the parking lot. There have been a few near misses brought to our attention by the locals. Peter Southey is the commodore.

Bryan also suggested at the November meeting we go for a walk with Paul Duffey and Sinead. Greg is to say to Paul Duffey that we need an overall plan.

Greg said that we now have 90 paid up members of the Ratepayers Association.

Greg is to find out when the decking will get done on the Sandspit wharf.

Greg said there was a picture in the newspaper of the damaged turf and a letter expressing how people are parking on the verge in wet weather. A reply came back saying people are not allowed to damage the grass when they are parking. So therefore the people are parking illegally.

Meeting ended 8 14pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday Nov 6th