

MERCURY BAY SOUTH RESIDENTS' & RATEPAYERS' ASSN. (INC.).



Meeting:

12:30

21<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Venue: The Vessel

Welcome: Graeme welcomed all members and thanked Paul for the use of The Vessel as our venue.

**Present** were Graeme Lomas, Cyndy Lomas, Paulette Tainsh, Fletcher Hanscom. Kane Jones, Bob Nicholls, Paul Hopkins

**Apologies:** Bruce Philpott, Graeme Morcom

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Taken as true and a correct record

- 1) Paul Hopkins
- 2) Fletch Hanscom

### Matters Arising

Tuia 250

Organization with John Steele and Jan Wright is on-going and plans are in place for the Celebration of Tuia 250 (Graeme, Paulette, Fletch )

List of TCDC Contacts

Creating a list of TCDC contacts has been collated by Paulette

Signage

Signage indicating noted areas and facilities around Mercury Bay South. Paul and Fletch will put pins on Google maps to mark areas of interest. Perhaps Road signs maybe a distraction and the use of an information Kiosk could be an option. Another viewpoint elaborated that Signage could be after the Brewery as present signage is hidden or disconnected. (Paul, Fletch, Bob)

Freedom Campers

Measures were discussed on how to control the Freedom Camping epidemic as it was putting a great strain on current resources which Ratepayers must bear. The Campervans Association position is not supporting them. Options were discussed from employing 2 officers to or as well the use of

Private land with minimal facilities with recompense going back to the owners. There needs to be a change to the Freedom Campers act as there is no accountability presently.

A combined letter representing all 3 beaches will be forwarded to the committee and sent to Council.

#### Rubbish Collection

Smart Environmental will not change its stance on collection of Rubbish bags from Crates as has been the practice for many years. A combined letter from the 3 beaches will cover confusing dates over the Public Holiday period, the fact that the removal methods is not consistent throughout the whole region. Graeme will forward the Combined letter to the committee and will be happy to pay for a copy of the contract.

#### The Cairn

The two options regarding two designs were discussed. All felt Option 2 with the seating was preferred. A big thanks for Sue Costello for organising the design. The public can now choose between the 2 options and remark on additional ideas that would enhance this area. The link to choose between the 2 designs can be found [here](#). Other ideas were discussed

- 1) Would the planting be of mature trees?
- 2) Will the Water tank be removed or relocated? (Paulette will discuss this with Ian about the concern: if there really is a need for a water tank.)
- 3) Rubbish Bins to be placed
- 4) Bus Entry

#### Rubbish Bin at Ferry Landing

Peoples' behaviour has improved as of late. The installation of an additional rubbish bin would not go amiss. Solar lights or electrical needs to be installed at the toilets.

#### Pontoon

The installation of a solar lamp and sealing the ramp has been highlighted on the to do list by Council. The chance of fees that are charged coming down to a reasonable level will be reviewed with Alan Tiplady by Kane at the next meeting reviewing boat ramp fees.

#### Walkway between Richardsons and The Vessel

Paul will liaise with Richardsons and the Council throughout the whole process. A landscaping plan was drawn up by Sel Currie. It was decided that mature trees was a preferred option.

#### Inward and Outward Correspondence

Moved that Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted

- 1) Cyndy Lomas
- 2) Paulette Tainsh

### Financial Report

Present signatures are Graeme, Barney and Bob. Both Cyndy and Paulette will combine to cover the responsibility of Treasurer. Signatures will change to adjust for this. It was raised that it was preferred that subs and donations will be done online. It was moved that Mr Bowen be removed as a signatory and that Cyndy Lomas and Paulette Tainsh be added as joint treasurers. Any 2 of the signatures could sign

### Financial Report

#### Income

Balance	4991.07	
Subs	\$170	
Total	\$5,161.07	<u>\$5,161.07</u>

#### Expenditure

Hall Hire	\$20	
Informer		
Ads	\$71	
Total	\$91	
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$5,069.77</u>

#### Westpac

##### Term

Deposit	\$6,309.27	<u>\$11,379.04</u>
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Financial Report was read as correct with the inclusion of \$6373 in a Westpac Term Account.

- 1) Fletch Hanscom
- 2) Paul Hopkins

### Erosion

#### Report from Jan Van der Vliet

##### Cooks Beach

We have appointed a consultant, who is now well underway, to facilitate the design and resource consent application process.

The pre-liminary design will be based on a back-stop wall and the reinstatement of the dunes and high tide fore shore beach. This concept was discussed at the community meeting on site at the end of December.

Once we have some pre-liminary designs ready we will be going back to the community about their thoughts and inputs in relation to: beach access and the combination of a hard and soft engineering options and the transition design / philosophy from the "homeowners wall".

We have also instructed the consultant to analyse and review the potential of a trial groyne in the vicinity of the estuary entrance as part of the reinstatement of a high tide beach. If this is seen as potentially favourable (they do create negative affects) a separate consent would then be applied for. Under the RMA this is seen as a different "activity" and therefore needs to be a separate consent.

We have had early discussions with Waikato Regional Council on this and had a site meeting with them two weeks ago, i.e. having an early dialogue and "no surprises" approach.

We envisage that the Resource Consent will officially be lodged before April 2019 with the aim of having the construction works completed by October 2019. A 'back-up plan' is being worked on.

My reserve / parks colleague (sue Costello) has drafted, through a specialist, more detailed concept plans for the re-instatement of the Cairn. She would be able to give you a further update on this specifically.

### Flaxmill Bay

Currently we are finalising and updating the preliminary design drawings of the active Resource Consent application. This is in relation to a further information request from Waikato Regional Council.

The above is of course mainly in relation to the last community meeting we held at the Eggsentric Café.

The preliminary design drawings will include the beach access requirements, amenity enhancements as per the landscaping architect proposals and presented at the above meeting.

Once we have the pre-liminary design drawings together will be coming back to the community for an update on the project and process.

We have an allocated budget on our 2018/19 financial year to start, and hopefully complete, the construction works; this being our target as a date.

We have had further discussion with Waikato Regional Council on this and had a site meeting with them two weeks ago, i.e. having an early dialogue and "no surprises" approach.

Simultaneously we are working on the Resource Consent application for the trial groyne which is a separate application as described for the reason above.

Flaxmill Bridge

Cyndy to ask Alan Tiplady of what progress has been made.

### **Elected Officers**

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Graeme Lomas</b>
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Bob Nicholls
<b>Treasurer</b>	Combined Cyndy Lomas/ Paulette Tainsh

#### Development Community Focus Meeting

Graeme and Bob will represent us at this meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> /02/2019. 4pm to 6:00 on Development of Community Plans.

#### New Committee Meetings

Paulette will approach Chis Harris about joining the Committee

#### Meeting Times

Meetings will be held Bi – Monthly at 4 o'clock

#### A Council Community Board Representation

Advertising for members who want to represent us, as Council and Community Board representatives. This will be promoted through the Website and Facebook. Paulette Facebook and Cyndy Website.

#### Appreciation of the Contribution Barney Bowens made to the association

A present will be purchased for Barney for his contribution as a Member and Committee Member for many years. Cyndy will purchase an appropriate gift.

#### Possible Community Hall Donation

Paulette would contact Tina, to be a guest speaker at our next meeting, to explain future plans for the Hall

#### Who Does What?

<b>What</b>	<b>Who</b>
<b>Tuia 250 ( Ongoing)</b>	Graeme, Fletch, Paulette to liaise with Jan Wright and John Steele
<b>Signage</b>	Paul / Fletch Google Maps and Signage at Whenuakite
<b>Freedom Campers</b>	Paulette to communicate with Council and MBRR
<b>Rubbish Collection</b>	Combined letter from Hahei/ Hotwater Beach/Cooks Letter for a copy of existing contract
<b>Cairn Options</b>	Cyndy Website
<b>Pontoon</b>	Kane Jones
<b>Walkway between the Vessel and Richardsons</b>	Paul Hopkins
<b>Flaxmill Bridge</b>	Cyndy Lomas
<b>Representatives for Council and Community Board</b>	Paulette / Facebook Cyndy Website

**Contact Community**      Paulette Tainsh  
**Hall Speaker**

Meeting closed at 2:00pm

Next Meeting: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 4:00, The Vessel