

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



Minutes

July 16th, 2019

Venue – Paul Hopkins Residence

Present - Paul Hopkins, Chris Harris, Paulette Tainsh, Bruce Philpott, Kane Jones, Tom Riddle, Fletcher Hanscomb, Graeme Lomas, Cyndy Lomas

Absent – Kane Jones

Guest – Tom Riddle

Thanks to Paul for hosting the meeting at his residence and congratulations to Paulette for completing her degree.

Minutes from the last meeting approved

1) Chris Harris

2) Paulette Tainsh

Speed Camera Survey

Council will not provide funding for a Camera yet supposed financial assistance has been given to Whangamata and Onemana.

Points raised

- Installation \$20,000
- Who monitors it?
- Have to be very visible
- Privacy Issues
- Positioning at the One-Way Bridge coming into Cooks Beach
- The Footage can be viewed for a reason to help with a crime: evidence of misdemeanour that can be used in court
- Keep the information for 4-6 days
- Police to monitor for any criminal activity
- Funding. Benefactors could contribute
- A need to create a Plus Minus Chart

Fletch will work on the Privacy issues and Paulette will look at the Research: Contacting Matarangi, and Tairua, Graeme into costings

Road Safety

Speeding along Purangi Rd at the juncture between Lees Rd. and Purangi. Rd Police need to monitor it more frequently. Complete a Survey to gauge Public opinion.

Also, Whenuakite School signage that highlights the need for a 50 K area. This is a dangerous corner and there is already been one fatality there. Cyndy is to write a letter to the NZ. Transport Agency regarding Reduced Speed signs for Whenuakite and Purangi Rd. before the juncture of Rees Rd.

Financial Report

Financial Report Bank Balance 16th July

Subscriptions \$390

Donations \$80 for Tockify Software, Coffee For Combined meeting, Travel to Whitianga and Hahei

Less Expenditure (\$20)

Total Income Balance - \$5451

Fixed Term Deposit – Rolled Over

Financial Report

1) Paul

2)Chris

Donations should be notified to Paulette

Hall Committee

AGM held at the Fire station to be represented by Paulette and Graeme. Tina Ellis could be a possible Speaker at AGM

Conversations 250

Conversations held on 18th

Museum showing on the 19th

Possible unveiling of the Cairn on the 20th

Freedom Camping

Will co-ordinate meetings with the Council. A discussion ensued whether directives should be made from Government or Council. By Laws need to be made and implemented as soon as possible. The Serious Question is who will be policing it. Paulette will continue to liaise with Council regarding this.

Sand Sculpture Competition

You may want to include in future newsletters a reference to the Mercury Bay Sand Sculpture Competition that will be held in Cooks Beach on Saturday 25 January 2020 (Anniversary Weekend). The competition will form part of the Tuia - Encounters 250 commemoration, with a theme of "Ocean, Land and Sky."

The competition is organised by The Informer with on-the-ground support from Cooks Beach Richardsons. The Informer and Cooks Beach are also the two main sponsors (a total financial sponsorship in excess of \$15,000).

With a planned market, aerobatics air show, water fun park, professionally created mega sand sculpture and live on air broadcast by More FM, it may well be one of the biggest events Cooks Beach has ever seen.

We hope to engage the Cooks Beach Volunteer Fire Brigade to help with many of the practical things in the lead up to the competition and on the day, in return for raising funds for them during the event.

We will open entries and start to formally distribute information about the competition during the Goldrush Rally of Coromandel street party on Friday evening 16 August in Whitianga.

Tuia 250

Rhys Jones has filmed footage of Cooks Beach. Hopefully the Cairn will be completed by set date.

Flaxmill Bay

Work on Flaxmill Bridge

Work has been started and a big thankyou to Andrew Scobie who has made this possible.

CBD Walkway

It has been budgeted for and work will be underway on the 2nd of August. Paul will be consulting with Phil from Richardsons. Also, an inclusion of a rubbish bin and solar lamp was discussed.

Boat Pontoon

A big thanks to Heather Bruce and Sue Costello for realising a Solar Lamp for the Boaties. Much appreciated. We look forward to the tar sealing of the Ramp area.

A question was raised if the monies collected from the Pontoon levy gets reinvested back into the Community or goes into a Thames Coromandel District Council. Cyndy is to write a letter to Council.

Green Waste

Extreme disappointment at the amount of a lack of pro activity. There is support from the Councillors and the project is to be actioned upon with haste.

Signage update

Fletch and Paul have sent through a presentation through to Heather Bruce before the Community Council. Congratulations to Paul and Fletch on their work supporting better and more historically informative signage around the area of Mercury Bay South.

Petrol Station for Cooks Beach.

Letter received from Duder Family of Waitomo interest in a Petrol Station at Cooks Beach. To be followed up

Ferry Landing

Concern that the wharf would not be open to Tourist Operators. A point of discussion was why don't the boats in tour operators pay for moorage relative to usage.

Rubbish Disposal

Bags are being stripped of rubbish by seagulls and dogs. It is a serious Health and Safety Problem. Reference to the Leabourn's letter. Unfortunately, through contract legalities with Smart Environment our hands are tied. Suggestions Bach Owners transport Rubbish to Tairua Rubbish Disposal for free or take it home. Street Address for Tairua rubbish disposal: 3 Red Bridge Road, Tairua. For the interim period. We will continue to lobby TCDC over community concerns

Tockify Calendar app.

\$80 cost donated by Graeme Lomas

Park Reserve

The Park Reserve on the Beach Front needs a name for Reference. A motion by Paul Hopkins to canvas the Public for an appropriate name through the website.

Toilet Proposals

Bob suggested a toilet facility be installed at Front Beach. A discussion followed with the need for a toilet in the Children's playground by Longreach. Cyndy is to write a letter to Council.

Erosion remediation

For Cooks Beach need more detailed plans and a concern was raised these would not work. Cyndy to write for an update for remediation as these were promised to be completed by July and August is looming.

Next Meeting Date - 19th September at 4pm. Venue to be decided

Who does what?

Fletch	Privacy Act regarding Speed Cameras
Graeme	Graeme does costings of Speed Cameras
Paulette	Investigates Tairua and Matarangi Speed Cameras
Cyndy	Write a letter regarding dangerous speeds on Purangi Rd and Whenuakite Primary School on highway passing
CBD Walkway	Paul Hopkins. Ideas to be agreed on by the 4 th August
Cyndy	To write to council where Boat fees are directed back into the Community
Cyndy	Toilet Proposals. To write to Council regarding Toilet Facilities at Front Beach and Longreach playground.

Cyndy

Erosion Remediation Updates. Contact Alan
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