

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



### Meeting Minutes

24/5/2018

#### Present:

Paul Hopkins, Graeme Lomas, Graham Morcom, Mel Bowen, Barney Bowen

#### Apologies:

Sue Warren, Bruce Philpott, Del Minogue

#### Minutes of Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018

Approved as read

1)Barney 2) Mel

#### Matters arising

##### Freedom Camping

This is not working nationwide. It was addressed there was a need to prepare a paper to Council as the Council provided no feedback and as it is escalating in areas it needs to be recognised. Purangi Reserve allows for 6 freedom campers in the Trailer overflow area. It needs to be sign posted of allowance of time and it needs to be monitored. The Community Patrol checked to see if vehicles had compliance stickers.

##### *Obstacles*

- No afterhours Phone no.
- Didn't operate on Sundays
- Some vehicles legally parked for 12 hours whilst others staying 24 hours parked illegally.

##### *Positives*

- Toilet Facilities available at Purangi Reserve

##### *Proposal*

Contact TCDC regarding signage and the standards that are set by Council relating to Freedom Campers. Graeme Lomas acknowledged he would do this.

Hahei, Hotwater Beach, and Mercury Bay South have put forward a submission to Council, regarding legislative change.

## Correspondence

Barney to do a suggested draft to Waikato Regional Council regarding a report.

## Treasurers Report

- We have an income of \$890
- Outstanding Donations are 11
- Sam Harsen signature to be replaced with Graeme Lomas 1) Barney 2) Mel

## General Business

### Road Safety Issues

There is a need to monitor the speed of vehicles on Purangi Rd and Flaxmill Bay. Opus Consultants need to look into the hazardous nature of roads and vehicles that exceed the speed limit. Counters and cameras could be employed to ascertain the speed and amount of traffic. The use of Rumbles could be a possibility to relieve problems.

### Footpaths

Contact TCDC regarding Geo Tech Netting to put on footpaths as at the moment they are a Health and Safety hazard. Smart Environmental is under contract to maintain the paths and roads. Growth of vegetation hampers visibility and passage of foot traffic. The Council is accountable.

### Green Waste Station

Negotiations with Council are being addressed to service the combined areas of Hahei, Hotwater Beach and Mercury Bay South. A compactor is sited at Coroglen but can't sustain the amount from the above combined areas.

### Options

- A Green Waste Station ( the most favoured option)
- Free Vouchers for residents and ratepayers
- A compactor ( least favoured) situated within close proximity to Hahei, Hotwater Beach and Mercury Bay South.)

### Solar Lighting at Purangi Ramp

CTV cameras are to be installed. A letter by the Secretary is to be sent regarding the employment of Solar Lights for Boaties.

### Flaxmill Bay / Cooks Beach Erosion

Coastal Engineer needs to be informed this is of top priority and needs to be addressed urgently. It was discussed that options need to be made available to our community and members felt clearly that definitive action need to be taken. The least favoured option was rock. Request was made to look at exposed cables in Flaxmill Bay.

### Cooks Beach Business area

### *Pedestrian Crossing and Landscaping*

This will be raised by Paul on the 30<sup>th</sup> May at the next Community Meeting. A reserve and path next to Richardsons access with Natives and seating. Paul is to address the need for a Pedestrian Crossing and curbs as well as adequate signage to alert people that this is a high density area for traffic and pedestrians. People should also be made aware of the Service area behind the shops. This is to be co-ordinated by Paul and an email will be sent to Matt Bush.

### **Signage**

Appropriate signage also needs to be used not only for the business area but at the Purangi Reserve, noting that this was an area of historical importance.

### **Fire Hazard Signage**

A thermometer showing the fire risk needs to be put in place by Council

## **General Business**

### **Acknowledgement**

Thanks to the outstanding service of Mel and Barney for their contribution to the Association. Barney's perseverance and unwavering dedication was acknowledged. Cyndy Lomas will take on the Secretary's role.

### **Newsletter**

- Digital
- Acknowledgement and congratulations to the Hall Committee for a job well done.
- Graeme Lomas will contact the Hall Committee regarding dates of social activities. This can be accessed through the website.

### **TCDC**

Cyndy Lomas will contact Larna White (TCDC communications) to relay correspondence from TCDC of upcoming events and notices.

### **Facebook**

Cooks Beach Facebook Page is a great vehicle for communication.

### **Local Authority Elections**

There is a need for a representative reflecting the Mercury Bay South area, promoting our needs on the Local Authority. Barney to check with Stefan (the Informer) to place a story regarding the above. There was a recognition to promote this area as we have startling and beautiful features we need to celebrate. A discussion on what matters to the East will be promoted by a letter from Barney and an item in the newsletter.

### **Meeting times**

A decision was made to meet bi monthly.

Closure. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4:45 pm.

## Actions Required

Who	What
Barney	Draft Letter Waikato Regional Council Stefan Letter to Editor
Graeme	Suggested changes to Newsletter and representation inclusions Contact Hahei and Hotwater Beach re.2019 representation
Bob / Graeme	Graeme and Bob Continue pursuing Erosion Issues
Paul	Liaison with Council Re Access Way, Safety and Signage
Cyndy Lomas	Liaison with Larna White Letter to TCDC regarding Solar Lighting at Purangi Ramp