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| **Mercury Bay South Residents and Ratepayers Association**  **AGM Minutes** | | | | | | |
| **Time / Date:** | | 4pm Sunday 2020 | **Venue:** | Cooks Beach Hall | | |
| **Attendees:** | | Residents and Ratepayers  **Guests**  Sandra Goudie, Jeremy Lomas | | | | |
| **Apologies:** | | Alan Tiplady  Rekha Giri Percival  Stuart & Paula Abbot  Tony Fox  Paulette Tainsh  Paul Hopkins  Jean and Phil McCaul  Gilbert Ban | | | | |
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| **ITEM** | | **DISCUSSION** | | | **ACTION** | **WHO** |
| **Jeremy Lomas** | | **Chairman: Graeme Lomas**  Represents the Community on the Southern side ( Mercury Bay South, Hahei, Hotwater Beach) He is motivated to complete tasks for this and future generations. Jeremy noted that the Council works very hard for our interests.  We have issues:   * Growing Community * Tourism   This is bringing a changing demographic to our area. Tourism brings both a positive and negative impact to our community. The Council must consider the Stakeholders namely the stakeholders: Tourists, Ratepayers and permanent residents. The Tourist Market is going to expand, and we must have in place strategies that can address this impact.   * Rubbish   Rubbish is a contentious issue that is affecting the community both permanent and ratepayers who frequent weekends and holidays. To address this Gullinators and to work with neighbours who can help with putting rubbish out. | | |  |  |
| **Sandra Goudie** |  | Sandra initiated a Question and Answer scenario addressing issues from the audience.  **Rubbish**  She enlarged upon the Rubbish debacle noting that the Council is in a contentious situation where the contractors are operating strictly to their contract. It was noted that their was no limit to the number of bags but bags in cages and hanging on tree branches are not collected. The process going forward was to consult with ratepayers’ options that are supported such as wheelie bins or to allow for hanging Rubbish bags on poles, tree branches to circumvent the problems that are presently experienced. Wheelie Bins may not be the answer for Ratepayers that use their bach intermittently. (Who would bring the Wheelie bin in )  **Macadamia Orchard**  A concerned ratepayer bought up the issue of allowing a Macadamia Orchard, a commercial entity within a coastal zone. There was no consultation regarding tree height and the usage of sprays. To allay it happening in the future a plan addressing this loophole needs to be put in place for future coastal living zones where semi commercial operations can co-exist. Sandra responded by asking the resident to email her.  [sandra.goudie@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:sandra.goudie@tcdc.govt.nz)  **Traffic Management**  The Council needs to investigate traffic plans as there is an increased volume based on growth. The stretch along Purangi is most at risk with a speed of 70Km, is too high for a populated area and is dangerous.  Possible Solutions   * Speed bumps * Double Yellow lines * Reduction of Speed * Traffic monitoring by Law enforcement   The Ratepayers were to send Sandra the original request associated traffic calming measures.  Sandra will investigate this.  **Wildfire**  The threat of wildfire needs to be treated more seriously with a strict ban on Chinese lanterns and fireworks. It was discussed there was a need to create a fire ban around buildings and we are becoming increasingly complacent.  **Freedom Campers**  It was discussed why Freedom Campers have a holiday at our expense.  The government is investigating present bylaws regarding Freedom Campers. Sandra discussed a solution maybe is to put Campers in a remote Camp or paddock where they must pay. There will be a review on the clampdown on Freedom Campers.  **One way Bridges**  Murray Mclean and Tony Fox will represent TCDC in negotiations wit NZTA regarding 4 One way bridges including Dalmaney Corner. | | |  |  |
| **Graeme Lomas**  **President’s Report**  **Purangi Boat Ramp**  **Minutes from last AGM**  **Financial Report**  **Subs** |  | Ladies and Gentlemen I would like to present the Chairman’s Annual report for the 2019 Financial year. Overall, it has been a mix of positive, negative and sometimes frustrating.  To start on the positive, the following projects were either achieved or commenced:   * Completion of footpaths from Hall to Mussel Bed and from the new Flaxmill Bridge to the already completed path. * The completion of Flaxmill Bridge to a high standard * The clearing of several windling Pines on Purangi Rd * The completion of stage 1 of the Erosion Work at Cooks Beach . Stage 2 or sand pushup will start within the next few months * The resiting and upgrade of the Captain Cook plinth. A special thanks to John Steele and all involved * The Public pathway between Richardsons and The Vessel. Looks great with perhaps a little more landscaping to be done   **Projects still to be completed**   * **Flaxmill Erosion.**   As I speak, the next set of plans have been completed and forwarded to your committee. The consultants will now inform all Flaxmill residents and interested parties.  I believe that the whole process for Flaxmill has been excellent. Informed and knowledgeable locals working with consultants and Council who actually listened and were willing to change plans and directions   * **Boat Ramp / Pontoon**   It was disappointing that the sealing work was not completed before the busy season. In this case TCDC was not to blame, rather than Heritage NZ flexing their muscles.  All sealing work should once again be completed shortly. Perhaps the Council may look at widening the access road during the process and including side walls on the pontoon area a feature I am told by a local dignitary, was always suppose to happen.   * **Second Entrance / Exit at Longreach**   After informing everyone that this was to be completed in August. I am now told that it will be done when all the titles are provided in the last stage.   * **Parking in CBD**   Nothing concrete has happened yet, but if the traffic chaos of the Xmas/ New Year period is recognized, something must be done as soon as possible.   * **Greenwaste Transfer Station**   I have been informed in the last couple of days that the suggested site in Purangi Rd has been rejected. It is so disappointing that the powers to be could not have done their exploration work 2 years ago.  Of all the open projects ( on the Council’s 10 year plan)) I find this one to be unbelievable showing a lack of understanding and proactivity for a large and highly revenue rich area. ( Ferry Landing, Cooks Beach, Hahei, Hotwater Beach and Whenuakite)   * **Surveillance Cameras**   A member of the Cooks Beach Community approached the rates payer’s association regarding the possibility of the installation of a CCTV camera to provide a deterrent to potential burglars and also as a resource for apprehending criminal offenders.  A draft privacy policy is being worked on and is available at the website.  We are now embarking on the consultative phase  to garner public opinion. Policy includes that footage would be accessed by the NZ police in case of an incident in our area.  Clear signage would be in place to provide awareness of the location of the camera in our area. Footage would only be stored for a set period. From 118 responses to our Survey 98% are in approval of the idea.  It is also proposed that the CCTV camera could be used as a resource by the Thames Coromandel District council to help with traffic calming solutions.   The Rate Payers association will not be paying for the camera, a separate group will fundraise to secure finances for the project. The council has offered to install a pole and provide power.  Suggested position for the camera is by the Vodafone tower on Purangi Road. The next step is to analyse survey results, revisit quotes that will meet the criteria suggested by the police and establish donors for funding.   * **Signage**   During 2019, Paul contacted TCDC about improving the signage leading into Cooks Beach, particularly that relating to historical sites and facilities. To date his requests, seem to have fallen on deaf ears.   * **Road Safety on Purangi Rd**.   Cyndy Lomas and myself delivered a detailed report to TCDC ( Matt Busch) on safety on Purangi Rd.  In a nutshell, we asked for   * A more consistent speed zone in the area * A reduction in speed allowable from Cooks Beach turn off to Flaxmill Bay. * Greater policing of local roads   Despite being submitted in May, no official reply has been received.  <https://mercurybaysouthratepayers.weebly.com/road-safety.html>  As can be seen, still a lot of projects to be both acknowledged and completed  In various surveys across the community we have asked for any ideas that might improve our community, and eventually be added for revised 10 year plans.  To date the following have been submitted   * Toilets for Front Beach * Cycleway / Walkway on Southern Purangi Rd * Toilets at Longreach Playground to cater for the increasing number of families using the area. (the distance to the Purangi Toilets is far too great for those in need * Greater restriction of vehicles driving onto the beach and dunes * Poo bag dispenser (regarding dogs) at Front Beach, Flaxmill Bay and Cooks Beach stream reserve. * Reassessment of our Sewage system as a result of the increased quantity in our area. * Presentation Sound System for Cooks Beach Hall   In conclusion  I would like to thank both the committee and Residents and Ratepayers for your ongoing support.  Congratulations to Jeremy Lomas for his election as a community Councillor and for being here tonight, in what is a very busy time for his business.  Thanks to Councillors Murray Mclean, Tony Fox and to Rekha Giri Percival and her team. Mayor Goudie, as always , we really appreciate you giving up your time for us and for the interest you take in Mercury Bay South. We would be grateful if you could look at some of our wishes and aspirations, and maybe give them their rightful push.  A special thanks on behalf of our organisation to all of those who support our area, including, Beach Care, Hall committee, and the various sports and recreational groups who work so hard.  Finally, could I please acknowledge the passing of Cooks Beach icon, Toby Morcom. As you will know, Toby was instrumental in establishing this organisation and worked tirelessly for Mercury Bay South and beyond.  No reira  Tena Koutou  Tena Koutou  Tena Tatou Katoa  The possibility of a Groyne to be positioned at the Purangi which will alleviate Low tide access. Also, it was raised of the possibility of a 2 lane Pontoon to help deal with congestion. It was decided that Boaties need to meet to sort out issues  It was moved that the minutes of the last AGM was a true record   1. Alan Henry 2. Bruce Cameron   Financial Report audited by John Hamilton   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2019** | | | | |  | Creditors Tui Fund | **Current Liabilities** | 425 | |  |  | **Current Assets** |  | | 5001 | West Pac Operating Account |  | 6028 | | 6309 | Westpac Term Deposit Matures |  | 6496 | | 11310 | **Net Assets** |  | 12099 | | 11310 | **Total Accumulated Funds** |  |  |  1. Cyndy Lomas 2. Al Okeefe   It was discussed how best to contribute to the Community with various projects investing some of the accrued funds. Survey on Website of Community Wishlist.  To remain at $10  Meeting Closed at 5:25  **Related links**  [sandra.goudie@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:sandra.goudie@tcdc.govt.nz)  **Road Safety**  <https://mercurybaysouthratepayers.weebly.com/road-safety.html> | | |  |  |