

**Mercury Bay South Residents and Ratepayers Association
Meeting Minutes**

Time / Date:	4pm Tuesday November 26 th , 2019	Venue:	5 Voyager Rd Cooks Beach	
Attendees:	<p>Committee <u>Bob Nicholls, Bruce Philpott,</u> <u>Kane Jones, Paulette Tainsh,</u> <u>Fletch Handscomb, Cyndy Lomas</u></p> <p>Guests <u>Vaughn, Alf Brockett (Proposed Skate Ramp)</u> <u>John Steele,</u></p>			
Apologies:	<p><u>Graeme Lomas, Paul Hopkins</u> <u>Chris Harris</u></p>			
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO	
Traffic Update	<p>Chairman: Bob Nicholls Minutes read from our last meeting read as true 1) Paulette 2) Kane Jones</p>			

<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p>	<p>It was discussed that Speed Bumps could be incorporated before the change in Speed reductions. A visual sign indicating to drivers to slow down before the proposed Longreach Exit. Letter to be sent to Roading Authority reiterating the need for Speed Bumps and Flush Medians.</p>	<p>Written Letter to Matt Busch – Roading Manager</p>	<p>Cyndy Lomas</p>
<p>Road Safety Maintenance</p>	<p>Re: Discussion Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Cameras can act as a preventative measure to deter crime as well as a tool in recording untoward criminal behaviour. Cameras can detect number plates as well as one camera being able to view in both directions giving an expansive view. Proposed location could be at the Vodafone tower or if the cost of installation could be divided between neighbouring Ratepayer Associations, it could be placed at Dalmeny Corner. A proposition to be considered is the installation of the cameras , which would be covered by donations from the Community and then discuss if community is willing to gift cameras to TCDC as to allow maintenance to be completed, wider gathering use of statistics and data for policy and road upgrades etc. Fletch Handscomb requested information from Option One. • Agreed that any external engagement (approach to councils, community, Police etc.) is approved by the committee as an action prior to commencing • Agreed to appoint committee members to be designated points of contact for project • Agreed to construct a project outline to schedule roles, responsibilities, actions and timeframes. • Agreed to approve Watcha Security as the preferred provider for the installation and maintenance of the CCTV should the project move to the implementation phase. • Agreed to seek further information from Whangamata Project Managers to review and adapt any information deemed useful for the progression of the Cooks Beach CCTV project. 	<p>A sub Committee has been formed to work through the process</p>	<p>Paulette Tainsh Cyndy Lomas Fletch Handscomb Kane Jones</p>
<p>Security Cameras</p>			

<p>Front Beach Toilets</p> <p>Water Testing on Soil Samples at the Purangi End of Cooks Beach</p> <p>General Business</p> <p>Council Ambassador</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to commence discussions with the Whitianga police to ascertain their ongoing relationship to the project. • Agreed to complete a draft CCTV policy which is acceptable to all committee members and ready for review with external stakeholders. Members of the Team to report back to the Committee includes: Fletch Handscomb, Kane Jones, Paulette Tainsh, and Cyndy Lomas. If an agreement on a matter is not reached it will be communicated to the committee for a resolution. A meeting of this sub committee is to be held at Paulettes on the 10th December at 8:30 am • Bob Nicholls discussed with the Community Board for the project (regarding Toilets at Front Beach,) to be put onto next year’s long-term plan. • Bob Nicholls will also liase with TCDC on the restriction of motorised vehicles on Front Beach. • Paulette Tainsh to test samples of soil and liase with TCDC. Bob Nicholls noted that WRC does testing. • The Council is recruiting an ambassador to educate Freedom Campers on their behaviour about pollution and the care of their environs. The By-law indicates that Campers can park anywhere they want to e.g. the side of a road. Areas need designated to Freedom Campers to be added onto the Long-Term Plan next year. 		<p>Bob Nicholls</p> <p>Paulette Tainsh</p>
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<p>Appendix One from TCDC Summer Focus - Freedom Camping, parking, compliance Combined Ratepayers mtg with TCDC</p>	<p>Brian Taylor gave an overview of monitoring and compliance in the Mercury Bay South area</p> <p>Compliance and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a compliance officer in Mercury Bay South over the whole summer period. Last year was a trial year and it worked well. The only reason a compliance officer would be called away would be for a serious dog attack incident. • Funding for Freedom camping pilot has enabled Council to employ 6 ambassadors for the peak period. One ambassador will be assigned to MB South. The ambassador role will be to educate. Ambassadors will be doing rounds in the evenings, handing out education information and; in the event of illegal camping being seen, will send them to an appropriate commercial campground or out of the District. • 60% recovery of infringements. Unpaid goes to the courts, for recovery, approx 20% remain unpaid. <p>Freedom Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still issues with smaller campers which are technically self-contained being on sold between visitors. • Council is aware that neighbours are not happy with the situation at Purangi. The numbers using the Purangi area are compounded by the lack of Freedom Camping at Hahei and Hot Water Beach. • Freedom Camping bylaw is up for review early new year. Government legislation does not allow a blanket ban. It was noted that the first Council bylaw was successfully appealed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time of the original bylaw, there would have been evidence of the impact to visitors to Hot Water Beach and Hahei, which would have supported the prohibition of freedom camping in those areas. 		
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Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs updating and revisiting on Historical points of interest 	Liaising with Council	Paul Hopkins																																																										
Correspondence	<p>Addition added Colin Trotter Privacy Commission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fletch Bruce 																																																												
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Subs	Drive to engage Ratepayers to pay their subs. This will be done through the Notice board at the Dairy, AGM. Newsletters and Local Newspaper: The Informer.			
AGM Speakers	Suggestions for Keynote Speakers at the AGM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Lomas: Community Board. Topic: To share his vision • Future of Tourism in Cooks Beach MP Scott Simpson • Joe Davis Relationship between Maori and European 			Graeme Lomas to organise
Review of Tuia 250 John Steele	Review of Tuia 250			
	Plus	Minus		
	The Cairn update was brilliant. A big thank-you to Sue Costello	Lack of Publicity with regards to Stella Everett Reserve. This is where Cook stood, gathered water, and anchored outside. Also, the Observation Tower is well worth a visit.		
	Local Cook Beach events were well received	Lack of Communication and Publicity		
	Powhiri at Wharekaho was brilliant	The Endeavour did not pass through Cooks		
Skatepark Ramp	Walkway from Stella Everett to Hahei is in good walking condition			
	Alf Brockett and Vaughn presented a Skateboard Ramp project as an adjunct regarding Recreational activities that are available in Cooks Beach. They are prepared to build it and using top grade materials.			
Meeting closed at 6 pm.				
Next Meeting – AGM held on Anniversary Weekend Sunday 26/01/2020				