

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



A warm welcome was extended to everyone including guest, Del Minogue.

Apologies : Barney, Bob, Graham

Matters arising from Minutes

There have been many meetings with Council regarding several Issues.

Green Waste

Green Waste Transfer Station is on the Year 10 plan. Still awaiting action. Alan Tiplady informed.

Disabled Parking at the CBD and Ferry Landing

Heather Bruce has forwarded this initiative to allocate 2 disabled Parking spaces at each area to the Transport Division.

Pontoon

Cyndy and Kane wrote a letter regarding excessive fees charged at the Pontoon. Our comments were noted by Council and as the fees are revised on an annual basis our concerns will be raised the next meeting reviewing the charges.

Tuia 250

Graeme is meeting with Council and John Steele with regards to this. One must note that Cooks Beach is an important part of Cooks journeys and so should be recognized as a place of importance. The Cairn will be outfitted with a sextant on the top to commemorate Captain Cook and the Maori people who lived here.

There is a lot of interest shown in forming a group to liaise with Jan Wright to investigate what is happening and provide help we can give regarding the Festivities. Joe Davis, Ngati Hei, is on the committee (Tuia 250) and is also a good starting point to find out what progress is being made. Fletch offered to organize this. A message needs to be sent to Stephan thanking him for the Sand Competition needs to be sent.

- 1) Fletcher
- 2) Kane

Communication with Council

A combined meeting including Mercury Bay South, Hahei, Hotwater Beach and Council is proposed to take place three times a year. It was discussed that we need to create a list of people who are responsible for portfolios to communicate directly to the person concerned. Paulette will collate a list.

Outward / Inward Correspondence

Inward

11/10/2018 Bob suggested a subcommittee be organized to support a Contender for the Local body elections

12/10/2018 Regarding [Pontoon Letter](#) discussing that the Residents and Ratepayers support the following conditions

- The present Fee Structure
- Implement boating trailer permit requirements

16/10/2018 Bill Stead communicated a mtg. on 17/10/2018 about Walkway proposal to Hahei from Whitianga [Proposal around Walkway](#)

Discussion revolved around getting Council representation as well as Community Boards. Bill Stead is interested in becoming more involved in Local Council Politics

16/10/2018 Alan Tiplady to meet on Wednesday 24th OCT at 9.00 am

24/10/2018 Meeting Kane Jones regarding a reply to letter from TCDC dated 12/10/2018

25/10/2018 Email from Heather Bruce regarding Disability Parking at Ferry Landing and Cooks Beach CBD

28/10/2018 Paul Hopkins sent [Email](#) to Community Board re Historical and Signage to celebrate Cooks Beach

9/11/2018 Received email from John List regarding alternative ideas to Erosion at Flaxmill Bay

14/11/2018 Received email from Donna Blick regarding meeting Council staff attending will be:

Jan van der Vliet - Coastal Engineer

Allan Tiplady - District Manager North

Heather Bruce - Community Manager

Sue Costello - Community Facilities Field Rep

Friday November 30th at 10.am.

28/11/2018 Reserve Management Plan review process Bob is willing to attend.

Outward

11/10/2018 Email to Heather Bruce for a meeting or letter regarding the pontoon and Solar lamp.

11/10/2018 Bob to find local fire chief's details and Cyndy to contact Bill Stead for Hahei's fire chief details

11/10/2018 email to Bill Stead regarding Fire Barometer

12/10/2018 Meeting with Hahei and Hotwaterbeach

15/10/2018 email to Alan Tiplady requesting a time to talk about issues relating to Mercury Bay South/ Hahei and Hotwaterbeach

16/10/2018 Email to Committee relating to representative on Local Body

16/10/2-018 Email to members regarding Dave Fowell's request that residents meet with Council on the 19th October at 12:30

22 /10/2018 Email all members the [minutes](#) of the meeting at Flaxmill bay .

22/10/2018 Email Committee [minutes](#) of Mtg with Alan Tiplady and Heather Bruce

8/11/2018 Email to Committee regarding Cairn Placement at Cooks Beach

11/11/2018 Forwarded John List's email to Committee, Heather, Allan and Dave.

15/11/2018 Sent [Agenda](#) to Committee for meeting on the 29th

that Inward and Outward be accepted

1.Paulette

2.Fletch

Financial Report

Bank Balance 1 December 2017	3696.69
Income	
Subscriptions	1360.00
Donations	60.00
Total Income	1420.00
Less Expenditure	(125.62)
Bank Balance 29 November 2018	4991.07

1) Kane

2) Fletch

A discussion followed that the monies should be spent on causes and projects that are transparent to the residents.

Donations should be targeted to a Community Cause. It was decided to discuss this at the AGM.

General Business

Signage

There is a need for signage about noted areas and facilities. We need to decide as a Ratepayer Group to decide what signs will be about and placement.

Signs could communicate

- Historical Points of interest
- Accommodation
- Food

Placement would be on the Turn off at Hot Water Beach Rd. It was noted that signs would have to be a certain dimension and a discussion needed to be held with Council regarding this. Ratepayers organization could contribute to funding.

Fletch / Paul would create Significant areas on Google Maps. This can be completed by January.

Paul and Fletch will approach Council the Council regarding signage and will keep us informed of their progress.

Erosion

Graeme is meeting with the Council on the 30th November and will talk to Jan about it.

Flaxmill Bay Bridge

This has been put to tender and things are in motion.

Relocation of Rubbish Bin at Ferry Landing

It was raised there was a need to relocate the Rubbish Bin at Ferry Landing due to the fact it was hidden by vegetation and cannot be easily found. Rubbish was being deposited in the Shed.

Paul offered to deal with this.

Freedom Camping

This has got out of control. There were 27 vehicles camped at the Purangi while it can accommodate only 5 and some were not self-contained. There is little consistency over the whole country It needs to be policed at night and a large infringement notice need to be issued for those who are not adhering to the laws. The by law needs to be reviewed as it is outdated and is not accommodating the need. Paulette will write a draft resolution for the AGM, as what is happening now is unsustainable.

AGM

We need to invite Speakers representing the Council and speaking to the issues.

Hahei Ambulance

Graeme represented us at the opening of the Hahei / Mercury Bay South / Hotwater Beach ambulance opening.

TCDC Elections

We are looking for representation on the Community Elections. All ratepayers can vote but non-residential property owners can allocate only one person to vote. For more information can be found [here](#).

Kerbside Collection

On Tuesday the 20th we awoke to find that the Council was not going to collect from Cages. This caused a big Community upheaval. Health and Safety laws are being violated It is fine for permanent residents but for outer townies this creates a dilemma. We need a unified voice with Hot water Beach and Hahei to firstly look at the conditions through the Information Act of the contract with Smart Environment . Graeme to write a letter on behalf of the Mercury Bay.

Could be an item for the AGM.

Our solid waste contractor Smart Environmental has for several years collected rubbish bags that were not left on the kerbside, even though the contracted service is for a kerbside collection.

Smart staff are finding that increasing numbers of bags are being left in cages or hung from trees or poles. Smart staff will no longer be collecting these bags and are instead placing stickers on them to notify residents and property owners that rubbish bags must be left on the kerbside to be collected.

Smart is committed to removing all bags left on the kerbside in areas scheduled for collection within the specified time. Removal of bags hung on trees or poles, or left in a cage at the edge of the property, adds to this collection time and thus not all bags get collected as planned during a particular day.

Check the Kerbside schedule for your area at www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside.

We have been communicating this change since the beginning of November, but we apologise for not explicitly stating that rubbish bags should not be placed in cages.

Smart staff will collect any rubbish from bags that are ripped open by gulls or stray dogs. If they are unable to pick up this scattered rubbish then they will notify our Council and we will send staff to collect it.

If you see any rubbish strewn on the street, please notify us on [07 868 0200](tel:078680200) and we'll clean it up as soon as we can.

Rubbish bags should be placed on the kerbside on the morning of the collection day. If you are leaving town before the collection day, our Council's blue, pre-paid rubbish bags and recycling can left free of charge at any of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations. Locations and hours of our transfer stations are on our website: www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts.

Four of our transfer stations have after-hours drop-off facilities and we also have several portable rubbish compactors available. Check www.tcdc.govt.nz/rubbishcompactors for locations of the

Next Meeting

AGM

27th Sunday Anniversary Weekend at 4 pm. Cooks Beach Hall

Possible Topics to be raised?

- How we spend our Money raised and concentrating on donations rather than subscriptions
- Freedom Camping
- Kerbside Collection
- Overview of council expenditure and activities

Possible Guests?

- Mayor, Sandra Goudie
- Allan Tiplady
- Councillors
- Community Board

Who does What?

Organize a meeting and liaise with John Steele on what is happening with Tuia 250	Graeme, Paulette and Fletch
Create a list of people in TCDC , about their responsibilities and contact details	Paulette
Signage indicating noted areas and facilities around Mercury Bay South	Fletch and Paul
Relocation of Rubbish Bin at Ferry Landing	Paul
Draft Resolution on Environmental Assessment with regard to Freedom Campers	Paulette
Kerbside Campers and the use of Cages to Council	Graeme