

SOUTH MERCURY BAY WORKING GROUP MANAGEMENT MEETING NOTES

Time / Date:	9:00am – Thursday 27 June 2019	Venue:	Mercury Bay Community Board Rooms	
Present:	<u>TCDC</u> - Allan Tiplady - District Manager North, Heather Bruce - Community Manager Mercury Bay <u>Council Elected Members</u> – Councillor Murray Mclean , Councillor Tony Fox <u>Combined South Mercury Bay Ratepayer Groups</u> Mercury Bay South Ratepayer Association – Graeme Lomas (Chairman) Hahei Beach Ratepayer Association – Alastair Sims (Chairman) Hot Water Beach Ratepayer Association – Steve LeFebvre (Chairman)			
Apologies				
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO	
	Allan Tiplady provided an overview of the purpose of the forum and confirmed that the Agenda was based on the previous meeting notes, with the inclusion of any additional items raised at the meeting.			
Operations	Traffic and Visitor Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dalmeny Bridge – Councillors McLean and Fox noted that they have spoken to TCDC CE about this issue and have been assured that if there are surplus funds they can be put to this project. The Councillors will follow up if nothing occurs. • Hahei Signage is “getting there”. The sentiment at Hahei appears to be that campervan signage would be sufficient to divert enough to the Visitor carpark to make the central area more manageable. • Planting is proposed along Hahei Beach Road to designate the walkway area. This is outlined in the Hahei Tourism Infrastructure Fund Projects Update, with work expected to be completed by summer. • Mr LeFebvre noted that campervans can be a health & safety issue at Hot Water Beach and as such could this allow for banning them? May be a police issue? • Mr LeFebvre queried progress on signage for Hot Water Beach. Ideas for signage have been circulated and appear to be a simple solution. Mr Tiplady has raised this with the Roding Manager and the Roding Contractor, Pinnacles Civil, has been tasked to review the previous proposals. • Concerns have been raised by Whenuakite locals around traffic safety particularly around the Whenuakite School and Day Care. Their concerns are supported by Mr Sims and Mr Lomas. Mr Tiplady tabled a letter received from NZTA in relation to this issue. • Lowering of speed limits at Hot Water Beach has been requested, with no outcome. • Mr Lomas notes that there are also speed concerns on Purangi Road and there is a need to make drivers more aware. 	Hahei Ratepayers to provide feedback to Allan Tiplady Escalate signage request	Alastair Sims Allan Tiplady	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of dumping greenwaste at Whitianga Transfer Station does not cover the cost of processing. • Councillor Fox detailed the Opito Bay system for greenwaste control. The disposal area has been cleaned up and the Opito Bay Ratepayers Association has taken over control of the process. The Association fund mulching once a year. This is a good example of a community recycling their own waste. • Mulched material from the Whitianga Transfer Station is available for the public to take, however it has been described as “revolting” and full of noxious materials, again highlighting the difficulty of getting a quality product due to contamination. • Mr Lomas has made other suggestions to Council such as compactors or Transfer Station vouchers. <p>Coastal Defence Structures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purangi Reserve is on schedule for completion by October 2019. The backstop wall will be done prior to October; however the planting may not be done by October due to it being outside of the planting season. • Flaxmill Bay construction is scheduled for completion by December 2019. 		
<p>Long Term Strategic Development</p>	<p>Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Long Term Plan review is coming up – need to identify any requirements for funding to enable improvements to visitor management. <p>Long Term/Annual Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan tabled and explained the Annual Plan Capex budgets for 2019/2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Lees Road seal extension is from the intersection of Hahei Road. Mr Sims believes that the projected budget of \$1,561,000 is “outrageous” and could be completed for a lot less. Councillor Fox noted that Council’s compliance costs are significant and suggested checking with the Roding Manager. ▫ Council is working with DOC on a Control & Management agreement for Hahei Beach front carpark area (DOC area) and propose to look at redevelopment of this and the TCDC area once the handover process is complete. ▫ Car park sealing at Hot Water Beach is included in the budget and TIF funding has been applied for. ▫ Hahei Tourist Walking Paths includes footpath from Visitor Carpark entrance along Hahei Beach Road (TIF Funding approved). Footpath to be completed by Christmas 	<p>Follow up on scope of work for Lees Road</p>	<p>Allan Tiplady</p>

	<p>2019. Mr Sims commented that most major issues and projects for Hahei have been completed and he is confident that once the footpath is done, the community will be satisfied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Hahei Central toilet will be replaced in the existing location (TIF Funding approved). • Mr Lomas noted that limited budget has been allocated to the Cooks Beach area. • A number of the projects budgeted for in the Annual Plan have been successful in gaining TIF funding. <p>Telecommunications/Broadband</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of service at Hot Water Beach is still an issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ High speed internet is not eligible for TIF funding. ▫ Cost to install fibre in Hot Water Beach is \$380,00 but is not on the Chorus list for installation. ▫ Struggle to be heard at Central Government level. ▫ There is a need for all parties to get behind this request including but not limited to Chorus, businesses, residents, Council ▫ Mr LeFebvre is meeting with Chorus on the week commencing 1 July 2019. 		
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of burglaries have occurred in Cooks Beach and residents are requesting security cameras. • Other communities have self-funded for security cameras (Matarangi example). • Do all communities want security cameras? • Mr Sims advised that the Police briefing paper states that a private group cannot install security cameras. He notes that cameras are not as effective as an observant community. Information from England is showing that cameras are not effective and are breaking down communities. Police do not support cameras as a way of identifying a person. 		
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr LeFebvre queried opportunities for additional parking on the Webster property at Hot Water Beach Road. • Councillor McLean states that there is a need for the visitor to pay more to lessen the impact on the Ratepayers. Request group think of how more charges can be implemented. • Mr LeFebvre thanked everyone for their valuable time. • Mr Lomas reiterated the need to have clear, factual and accurate information on websites, quoting misinformation about the Transit of Mercury. 	Provide link to incorrect information	Graeme Lomas
Meeting closed at 11:00am			

Next Meeting – To be confirmed

Attached: Hahei Walkways

NZTA Letter

Unconfirmed Minutes 28 May 2019 – Item 2.1 Hahei Water and wastewater extension targeted rate

Aerial Map – 50 Purangi Road