

Minutes
Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Annual General Meeting
Saturday 23 April 10:00 am
Hahei Community Hall

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Brian Fotheringham welcomed those present and the invited guests, Alison Henry, Mercury Bay Community Board Chairperson; and Tony Fox – TCDC Councillor, Mercury Bay Ward.

2. Apologies

Barb Ritchie, Dawn Elley, David and Masey Benjamin, Murray McLean, Sheree Webster, Paul Hopkins, June Bennett, Leslie McCormick, Jane and Ian McFarlane, Penne Clayton, Sam Verran

Move that apologies are received

Mike Ritchie/Helen Russell

3. Previous Minutes

The Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting were taken as read and were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved to accept as true

Graham Harsant/DeanMantell

Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Nil.

4. Annual Report

Motion to accept the Annual Report

Graham Harsant/Peter Hawley

Matters Arising from the Annual Report:

- Ainslie Jury asked for clarification on the failure of the Park & Ride, the Chairman explained the history, describing the initial set-up and operation by the previous chairman, John North, for the first two years. It had then been passed on to TCDC for the final year of the three-year trial. The change of management had resulted in a change in the usage.
- Peter Sahrman asked for further clarification, the Chairman explained that the location of the parking and lack of adequate signage resulted in a significant drop in patronage and a loss for the council operation. The chairman encouraged the association to focus on the potential improvements for the future Park & Ride to encourage more utilization as well as local pedestrian use.
- Peter Sahrman suggested that Grange Rd should be closed to all visitor vehicles and that there should be a sign at the shop directing tourists to three options of accessing Cathedral Cove: along beach front/cliff track; along Grange Rd by foot or via the Park & Ride Bus.
- The Chairman stated that the responsibility for the Park & Ride should be a commercial venture and that the priority should be securing a permanent parking site, possibly leased annually if need be.
- Peter Hawley stated that DoC is putting a high permanent fence across the opening to the archway, which will reduce visitation to the archway anyway.
- Alison Henry responded stating that DoC has no knowledge of this. She explained the risk DoC feels it has with the number of tourists and that they have had a prosecution filed against them from a person injured while the track was being reinstated; DoC had several incidents when the track was officially closed.
- Ian Carter added that the claim was from an injury resulting from an accident on the track when it had been opened with a diversion down to the beach while the stairs were reinstated.

5. Treasurers Report and Presentation of the Audited Financial Statement:

Motion to accept the Financial Report

Peter Hawley /Brian Fotheringham

Matters arising from the Financial Report:

The chairman clarified that the report will be signed by himself and the treasurer, on her return from overseas.

6. Appointment of Honorary Financial Reviewer

The Chairman thanked Geoff Dalzell for the 2010 financial review and that Geoff Dalzell is appointed to carry out the review for the coming year.

Motion passed

Brian Fotheringham/Helen Russell

7. Subscription Fees 2011

To remain at \$20

Motion passed

Mike Ritchie/Neil Barr

8. Election of Officers

Under the Rules of the Association nominations have been called for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and the Committee. Nominations closed 2nd April. Elections were not necessary, as there was no contest for any position so the following were declared elected, forming the Association Committee for 2011/2012

Chairman	BRYAN FOTHERINGHAM
Secretary/Treasurer	BARB RITCHIE
Committee	GRAHAM HARSANT
	HELEN RUSSELL
	CLIVE RICHARDSON
	SAM VERRAN
	NEIL BARR
	ELIZABETH BARR
	PETER McADAM
Financial Reviewer	GEOFF DALZELL

9. General Business

- The Chairman explained that the role of the committee had been largely looking at local issues critically, which resulted in a fairly negative situation. He suggested that the future committee should be more proactive and would welcome suggestions and ideas from the association for projects or improvements for the community.
- Michelle Dalton asked what the committee submission referred to regarding the Hahei Holiday Resort Structure Plan. The chairperson listed the items submitted.
- Peter Sahrman stated that he would like to see more bench seats along walkways and scenic outlooks around Hahei. A short discussion took place regarding the extent of facilities at the Cathedral Cove car park.
- Ian Carter spoke about the bonfires on the beach being of concern over the summer period and the suggestion mooted from Brian Fotheringham to provide a designated area for a bonfire with a suitable pit to reduce the unnecessary callouts for the local volunteers over summer. Ian wanted to know public view on this idea but was interrupted by an emergency callout.
- Dean Mantell stated that the problem was not so much the bonfire as such but the drinking and related rubbish. A discussion ensued and Geoff Dalzell recalled an incident at Flaxmill Bay where a toddler was scalded after a bonfire was covered over from the previous night and that there was in-fact a total fire ban.

- Dean Mantell proposed that more signs were needed to clarify the areas for freedom camping. The Chairman responded stating that the consultation for this policy was underway and the committee would be preparing a submission in due course.
- The Chairman asked the invited Guests to speak. Alison Henry spoke about the District Plan and the current review process. Alison also spoke of the Park & Ride and ideas for improvements for next summer including the possible closure to Grange Rd. She stated that DoC was not going to proceed with the car park extension after deeming it to be too expensive. Robin McCormick asked where DoC's car park extension had been proposed to be located. Alison explained that it would have been beyond the current campervan parking over the ridge from the toilet block.
- Helen Russell asked Alison whether DoC was indeed spending \$250,000.00 on a fully sealed track upgrade. Alison stated that currently DoC spends an enormous amount each year on track maintenance, sealing the track was seen as a more cost-effective long-term solution.
- Peter Sahrman asked Alison about the situation with the arch stability, the Chairman responded that Geotec reports had been undertaken and a peer review was now being undertaken, the outcome is pending. Alison explained that the peer review was held-up due to the Christchurch Earthquake and that DoC was very cautious due to Cave Creek. Phil Costello stated that the arch differs in that it is a natural hazard rather than a man-made situation.
- Robin McCormick stated that Tourism NZ needs to be accountable through the marketing of such a landmark that has changed in appearance and accessibility.
- Michelle Dalton stated that she would like to see a fundraising initiative begun for the Hahei Emergency Services through an Outdoor Cinema over the summer period.

Meeting closed at 11.25am

Attendance: 37