

Minutes

Coromandel Great Walks Governance Meeting

Date: 24 March 2016

Venue: TCDC - Whitianga Meeting Room

Present:

John Gaukrodger	Allan Tiplady (TCDC)
Gemma White (DOC)	Paul Kelly (TCDC - MB CB Chair)
Peter Johnson Jnr (Ngati Hei) - Iwi	Glenn Leach (TDCD - Mayor)
Ben Day (Acting CEO TCDC)	Bill Stead (Hahei Stakeholder Chair)
Garry Towler (TCDC)	John North (Hahei Stakeholder Deputy Chairperson)
Laurina White (TCDC)	

Apologies: Brent Page, Ross Ashby

Bill Stead provided Hahei Resident and Ratepayers current concerns on the walks

- Purangi - lack of consultation - residents at Cooks Beach concerned and uncertain exact route of walks. Glenn Leach would like meeting to be set up with TCDC and Cooks Beach Ratepayers Group.
- Clarification of route is required - will the walk be on dunes or footpath.
- A name to be created for Pa Road, Car park - suggestion - Village Car park. Lees Road Car park new name - suggestion - Cathedral Cove Entrance Car Park.
- John North would like to see review of summer traffic management plan. As he was involved with Park and Ride he believes this worked successfully, fares increased by 40% and this did not cause any concern. He advised more people are now prepared to walk from the car park through Hahei village.

Overview of Governance Structure. (Prince 2 Project)

- Ross Ashby is currently fulltime on the Great Walks Project
- Gary Towler to work on consultation with affected parties with Mayor Glenn Leach.
- Bill Stead requested a copy of the project monthly status report.

Project Updates

- Consents are required for Melsops, Stella Everad track and the car park at Lees Road - Anticipation that this will require notified consent.

- Anglinger Track - John Gaukrodger advised the temporary track has been completed and the upgrade to Carters completed. Engineer on site 26th March approved the platform for building. John is in the process of getting 3 quotes for construction. Sections 123 or stage 1b - this work is envisaged to be completed mid-April. Track can not lead to Cathedral Cove track until this is completed.
- A Celebration of the track opening will be held with interpretive signage installed.
- This portion of the track is on schedule to be 25-32% under budget.
- Concerns with trees on track, controlling gorse (ancillary establishment) all costs are included in budget.
- Lees Road – Roading project – LTP budget of 1.5 includes subsidy from NZTA. Confirmed that meeting will take place with Lees Road residents at end of April. Surveying on lees road – entrance way to car park Opus travelled up and down Lees Road to see what needs to be sealed – dust seal to Stella Everard – Mayor Glenn has asked for price to fully seal up to Stella Everard. Also looking at the narrow portions of the road, tree removal etc. Round about is the preferred option for Lees Rd intersection into the car park.
- Lees Rd Car park – 2 hectares – area defined. When walks are running – profit from car park will cover cost of walk – ongoing maintenance. First stage 150 – 500 in total. Bus parking included. Car park will include a kiosk – toilets and rubbish collection. Peter Johnson queried whether consent is required for kiosk – stipulations on standard of kiosk. Gary advised the agreement with Carter is that he will design kiosk and report back to Governance Group before he goes ahead and builds. Due to consenting process unlikely to be built by Christmas – publicly notified, environmental assessments, hazards assessments etc. WRC, and TCDC.
- Hereheretaura – Heritage NZ to come on board. The Giblin Group back on board to get heritage funding – track built and paid for – other funds for interpretive signage etc.
- Purangi Crossing – John Gaukrodger tabled letters and documentation regarding phone calls that have been made to affected residents – invite to group to go to Toby Morcoms to view how walk would look. Greg Nissan – only person not spoken to, information including a map has been sent to him in the mail. In addition to this John has been phoning them to advise when the governance group is meeting.

Purangi

- Punting or boating across estuary – or low tide crossing- another option – half moon bridge or full board walk. John noted on his walks a number of illegal structures – boardwalks, structures – even a house. By next meeting the 4 options will be costed and presented to the group.

- Gemma queried how this can be better managed – to avoid issues that we had at Hahei when we move the walk through into Cooks Beach – consultation, working with ratepayer groups. Get info out there as soon as we know what is happening. John North – suggests a road show for the next stage, get clarity out there to make process smoother.
- Gary Towler advised there is work to be done with Doc to get agreements in place – if TCDC is going to depreciate assets there needs to be an agreement in place – Gary met with Walking Access– commission is clearly focussed on opening gates and ensuring that public land is open to the public – they have offered their services with Residents and are happy to come and assist, very keen on this project – Gary to meet with local area representative.
- Gemma White advised – walking access act 2008 is designed to ensure long term access across land tenures. The Act allows for charging of certain services, not for charging for use of walk.
- Gemma requested a copy of the Terms of Reference for the Governance Group to be provided.