

# Minutes

## Coromandel Walks Stakeholders Meeting

**Date:** 7 November 2016

**Venue:** TCDC - Whitianga Meeting Room

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### Present:

Ross Ashby (TCDC, Project Manager)  
Allan Tiplady (TCDC, Area Manager, Mercury Bay)  
Kirstin Richmond TCDC, Community Coordinator)  
Bob Nicholls (Chair MB South Resident and Ratepayers)  
Gary Fitzsimons (Chair, MB Business Association)

Barney Bowen (Secretary MB South Resident and Ratepayers)  
Karen Vowles (Hahei Business Association)  
Trevor Knight (HWB Ratepayers Association)  
Mike Wilkinson (Lees Rd Residents and Hahei Ratepayer Group)  
John North (Hahei Stakeholder Deputy Chairperson)  
Jacqui Thorby (TCDC, Programme Manager)

### Apologies:

Ben Day (TCDC, Deputy Chief Executive)  
Bill Stead (Chair Hahei Stakeholders)  
Phil Costello (Coromandel Walkways)

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Trevor Knight requested it to be noted that the Hot Water Beach Ratepayers fully support Gary Hinds with his concerns of the proposed new Hot Water Beach Toilet Facility.

### Signage

- Karen Vowles advised they Hahei Ratepayers Group have set up a sub-committee to work on signage - Ross Ashby will meet with the group and will also invite a representative from TCDC comms team, NZTA and destination Coromandel.
- Signage requests from Hahei Business Association include having artist input into the signage and having something which stands out and differs from the remainder of the Coromandel.
- Summer/Winter signage at Lees Road was mentioned.
- Hahei/Link Road signage to show what facilities are available in the village.
- Trevor Knight advised there are too many signs between the turn off to HWB and the 1 way bridge.
- TCDC and NZTA to look at ways to improve / rationalise signage and NZTA representative should attend the workshop (possibly Liam Ryan)
- Travel times and track grade i.e. easy/hard need to be included on walk signage as well as service times for shuttle and ferry.
- Gary Fitzsimons advised that signage in Village Entrance Carpark needs to be directional and also needs distance to travel times and gradient information.(e.g easy / moderate / steep)

## Project Update

- Preparation of consent to continue during November with proposed lodgement this side of Xmas - the Public notification period will be extended over Christmas and will allow non-resident ratepayers time to consider information, discuss with their neighbours and attend drop in session's if they wish. *POST meeting it was confirmed that lodgement will be in January 2017 not pre-xmas as discussed in the meeting.*
- Hahei Hall or library will be used for the drop in centre on some Thursdays throughout Dec and January. TCDC will also attend the Cooks Beach Gala and Hahei Gala will have a stand for the public to view and discuss the project Volunteers are required for the Lees Road track building - to register interest contact [Ross.Ashby@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:Ross.Ashby@tcdc.govt.nz)
- Doc/Iwi/TCDC joint management agreement for Grange Road is progressing very slowly. TCDC will continue with Ambassadors during the 2016/2017 summer period.
- Site specific information has been sent to landowners in Lees Road and to properties adjoining the 'Blow Hole' walk. This information about proposed landscaping for the walks in relation to the individual's property.

## Parking Strategy

- Submissions have been received from 4 parties.
- Report to go to the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- Recommendation will be to not make any decisions - TCDC will work all information through with stakeholders.
- Suggestions for deterring illegal parking - have a car parked and clamped at the entrance to the carpark - signage advising cars parked illegally will be clamped/towed at owners expense.
- John North advised that the Village Road Carpark needs to be opened ASAP.
- Allan Tiplady advised the contractor is aiming to have the carpark completed by 17 December.
- Allan Tiplady advised that Government Funding (Tourism Infrastructure Fund) has been applied for a toilet facility in the Village Entrance Carpark.
- The Pa Road carpark will have a gate that will allow people to exit but not enter after hours

## Lees Road Carpark

- Concerns regarding overnight parking at the Lees Road and Village Entrance Carparks - investigate gate/chain further.
- Cycle stands need to be provided at the Kiosk for cyclists that wish to do the walk.
- Street lighting / flag light to be installed at intersection of Lees Rd and the Carpark, suggestion made to look at street lighting at the intersection of Hahei Road and Lees Road also. Will need to have discussion with NZTA.
- Dust seal to Stella Everett scheduled for March 2017.
- Surveyors will be on site in Lees Road in December and February for the dust seal preparation works.

- Safety barriers may be required in this section and should be investigated by roading
- Signage on Lees Road is critical - examples for this would be - No Vehicle Access to Cathedral Cove, No parking on side road.
- WW1 and walks at Stella Evered will not be actively promoted until the Lees Road carpark has been completed
- Karen expressed her personal concern - she does not agree with the Lees Road Carpark and believes funds should have gone to the Village Entrance Carpark.
- Karen would like to see the Blowhole Walk promoted once completed
- John North asked if there was traffic monitoring proposed for this coming summer. Jacqui/Ross indicated that as there was no change in situation or infrastructure from last year so no plans to monitor this summer. However once infrastructure is in place a monitoring programme would be implemented in consultation with stakeholders.
- The question was asked whether enforcement around Hahei is good enough and whether there are any plans to improve it in the future.

### **Purangi Update**

- Formal proposal from preferred supplier for the Purangi punt crossing due end of November.
- Logistics of the crossing were discussed - it is proposed to be a continuous crossing over the peak period, with a 2-3 minute crossing time. A lesser frequency will be implemented in off peak times, still to be discussed once the proposal has been received.
- Bob Nicholls advised he supports the concept however has concerns regarding the location of the arrival onto the Purangi side - the area is currently heavily used by families, children, picnickers and the current extremely strong at that point.
- Barney Bowen advised provisions for overnight stays may be required in Stella Evered - what would happen to people walking who arrive after the punt has stopped for the day.

### **Flaxmill Bay Bridge**

- 1.2metres wide is not wide enough. Bob advised the bridge would need to be at least 2m wide to safely include cycles, the bridge should fit in with future developments. The area is subjected to conflicting uses - speed of motorists is also an issue, traffic calming is required.
- Bob also advised TCDC to look at the long-term view of replacing the ford with a bridge.

Paul Kelly gave a brief update on the Cook 250 initiative and advised a major announcement is due 7/12/16

### **Actions**

- Ross Ashby to meet with Hahei Business Association working group, NZTA, Destination Coromandel and TCDC Roothing and comms to workshop signage ideas.
- John North would appreciate a response to his email dated 17 March 2016. Allan to follow up.
- John North would appreciate response to email sent 16 August 2016. Ross to follow up.

- Volunteers to work on track are being called for - Stakeholders to feedback to their respective groups.
- Bob Nicholls will be presenting artwork ideas to the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting in November for the Ferry Landing wharf.
- Karen Vowles requested map of the walk (actioned).
- Mike Wilkinson arranging meeting with Lees Road Residents beginning of December (Saturday) - to be confirmed.
- Allan Tiplady advised that Bus Service EOI for 2016/2017 season is out - appointment to be made week of 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016.
- Next meeting to be held in January 2017.