

Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting

Hahei Community Hall
11 April 2015 at 2pm

Minutes of Meeting

The meeting was opened at 2pm by Chairman Brian Keucke

Apologies:

Judy Russell, Sam Verran, Marc Osborne, Wendy Lawrence, Paul Kelly, Peter Hawley, Phil Costello

Minutes from the 2014 AGM

These were read by the Chairman Brian Keuke

Accepted as a true and correct record

Brian Keucke/Ray Lloyd

Financials

The financial report was prepared by Geoff Dalzell and summarised at the meeting by the Chairman.

Chairman's report

The Chairman opened his report by thanking outgoing secretary Wendy Lawrence for her services.

He also thanked Bill McLean for his input and his attendance at all Mercury Bay Community Board meetings.

The Chairman outlined the activities of the committees over the past year, much of which hinged on the consequences of TCDC Mayor Glenn Leach's drive for a proposed coastal walkway from Hot Water Beach through to Purangi and beyond. In December 2014 a Hahei Walkway Stakeholder's Group was formed by the Hahei and Lees Road communities. This was to enable the local people to have a "voice" in the proposals and planning of the walkway and to manage the impact on the area.

Stakeholders Group Chairman Bill Stead summarised that feedback was received from over 150 respondents from Hahei and Lee's road regarding the proposed coastal walkway. As a result, the council was told they would not have the support of the people from the Hahei area until the present concerns had been dealt with:

- Hahei to remain a village
- Parking problems were dealt with
- Concerns of Lees Road residents were heard
- Flow of visitors to Cathedral Cove was managed
- There is an appropriate plan put in place for the walkway to happen "one day".

The current status is:

- Council has agreed in principle to assist the community in the creation of a new Community Plan, and the walkway governance board is to have representatives from Hahei on it.
- TCDC has engaged experts to undertake a traffic management study to provide solutions for the traffic flow in the high season periods.

- DOC and TCDC are working together to enable TCDC to take over the management of the carpark at the top of Grange Road.
- The walkway funding application has been lodged by TCDC and a response is not expected until June or July 2015. If no funding is advanced then nothing will go ahead (ie: the Coastal walkway, Lees Road carpark proposals)
- The Community Plan will take several months to create so it needs to be started right now. It will be a living document which can be changed as the needs of the community develop and progress. The previous Community Plan will be utilised and built on to reflect what is needed today.

TCDC staff members Sam Marshall (Mercury Bay Area Manager for TCDC) and Len Whittaker (former Acting Area Manager) commented further.

- Len Whittaker confirmed that the new carpark at the former sewerage pond site behind Hahei village was separate from the funding application and council already had allocated funds to the completion of that by next summer.
- Alan Gregory of WRC was undertaking a traffic management plan for vehicular movements around Ferry Landing, Lees Road, Hot water Beach and Hahei.
- Sam Marshall confirmed that the new Hahei carpark would entail 139 parks in stage 1 and up to 200 in stage 2.
- The park and ride site is not where the new carpark is going – that area it will be the “overflow” area for parking.
- The sealing of Lees Road is in council’s long term plan.

Mercury Bay Community Board member Deli Connell stated that the Great Walk is in the TCDC district plan and those who disagreed with it would need to target the mayor Glenn Leach. She said nothing could be changed at a community board level.

Following the discussion it was agreed that the Hahei Walkway Stakeholders Group and the HBRA be amalgamated so that the community was working through the one group.

Election of officers

Chairman:

Bill Stead

Secretary:

Yet to be filled

Committee:

Brian Keucke, John North, Graham Harsant, Mike Wilkinson, Shelley Osborne, Jeremy Lomas, Ron Egan, Karen Blair, Anne Donovan, Zane Hansby.

Matters arising

Wigmore stream water test results from Waikato Regional Council would be available in “some months” with further testing to be carried out randomly over the winter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.15pm.