

# Hahei Walkway Stakeholders Group & Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.

## Minutes of Meeting

<b>Meeting Date &amp; Time</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> May 2015, 4:30pm	<b>Meeting #:</b>	1
<b>Parties Involved:</b>	Walkway Stakeholders Group	<b>File Ref:</b>	
	HBRPA Committee	<b>Date Issued:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
<b>Title of Meeting:</b>	Walkway Stakeholder Meeting; HBRPA Meeting		
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Community Hall, Hahei		

Issued by: Penne Clayton

Signed:

Attendees:

**Hahei Walkway Stakeholders Group:** Brian Green, Mike Wilkinson, John Dallimore, Peter Hawley

**HBRPA:** Chair Bill Stead, John North, Graham Harsant, Ron Egan, Anne Donovan, Cathy Baloghy, Penne Clayton, Brian Keucke

**Mercury Bay Community Board:** Paul Hopkins

**Hahei Business Association:** Shane Harnett, Peter Harrison

**Apologies:** Jeremy Lomas, Zane Hansby, Shelley Osborne, Kirsten Russell, Alastair Sims, Karen Blair, Phil Costello, Ian Chalmers

Distribution: Attendees +

		Actions By
<b>1.</b>	<b>Review of Last meetings Minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014</b>	
	Confirmed as a true and accurate record Moved; Peter Hawley Seconded & Brian Keucke	
<b>1.1.</b>	<b>Matters Arising from previous minutes' General Business</b>	
	1.1.1 Discussion on the Walkway – Ongoing 1.1.2 Wigmore Stream testing – Testing completed, results expected mid year. John North to follow up and provide an update to Committee. 1.1.3 Park and Ride – Ongoing – John North to keep Committee updated 1.1.4 15 Cathedral Court Application – Was Limited Notified to (17) affected neighbours only. Ann to provide a brief overview for the Committee for the next meeting of the application status. <i>The RPA has a duty to keep ratepayers informed but cannot take a stance without fully canvassing the views of all ratepayers.</i> <i>The plan is to segment Hahei into areas, each with a representative from the HBRPA Committee to enable face to face contact with ratepayers in each area. Thus eliciting more feedback from ratepayers.</i> 1.1.5 Constitutional issues arising from the previous meeting are scheduled to be tabled and discussed at the next HBRPA committee meeting. 1.1.6 Website – Ron Egan to Manage – a report to follow. 1.1.7 DOPC Walking Track Repair – Ron Egan to Follow up on the status of the track with DoC 1.1.8 Slips in Snake Gully and puddles at the bottom of Grierson Close - Complete	John North John North Anne Donovan Bill Stead Ron Egan Ron Egan
<b>1.2.</b>	<b>Actions Arising from the AGM</b>	
	1.2.1 Financial Report – Moved Ron Egan; Seconded Penne Clayton Outstanding account to Geoff Dalzell + Koha 1.2.2 Subs to be set at \$20.00 pa but voluntary for the next 12 months – Moved Bill Stead, Passed unanimously 1.2.3 Projected Receipts and Expenditure – set at the same level as 2014 1.2.4 Appointment of Officers:	

	<p>Bill Stead – Chair</p> <p>Anne Donovan –Treasurer (with Geoff Dalzell as financial reviewer)</p> <p>1.2.5 Bank Signatories: Bill Stead – Chair; Anne Donovan – Treasurer;          Penne Clayton – Committee; John North – Committee.</p> <p>Moved Bill Stead, Passed unanimously</p>	
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>As attached.</p> <p>Lees Road consultation: Feedback indicates that the List of property owners used by Council is outdated and discussion with owners has been limited. Not really consultation.</p> <p>The Council has agreed to build a walkway from the Purangi up via Stella Evered to Lees Road, where there is an existing track.</p> <p>Letter from Phil Costello: DoC has closed the Blowhole track and erected a sign which is now missing.</p> <p>Background: The Coromandel Coastal Walkway Group created the track approximately 5 years ago for local walkers. They met with DoC and walked the track. DoC advised the standards that were to be met for the formation of the track and these were adhered to. However DoC not happy to carry any liability for the track or walkers on it.</p> <p>The Committee unanimously agreed that the community needs to step back from the track to the Blowhole until the Coastal Walkway details are fully agreed.</p> <p>Explain Community position to Phil Costello</p>	<b>Peter Hawley</b>
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Website</b>	
	<p>Ron Egan’s report attached.</p> <p>Recommends minimal changes, just update data and links.</p> <p>Ron to contact Business Association for a link on their website to HBRPA site, and contact admin for the <a href="http://www.hahei.co.nz">www.hahei.co.nz</a> website for the same.</p> <p>Penne to update the subscription form.</p>	<p><b>Ron Egan</b></p> <p><b>Ron Egan</b></p>
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Next meeting</b>	
	<p>TBC – Queens Birthday Sunday pm or the weekend following.</p> <p>Bill away from June 12<sup>th</sup> for 2-4 months. John North to be vice Chair in his absence. Moved Penne Clayton; seconded Ron Egan.</p>	<b>Bill Stead</b>

1.6	Last HBRPA/Walkway Meeting Minutes	
	A true and accurate record. Moved Bill Stead; Seconded Penne Clayton	
2	Coastal Walkway Position	
	<p>Hahei’s overriding position is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix Hahei’s current traffic congestion, THEN</li> <li>• if successful, build a walk or other tourist attractions</li> </ul> <p>As proposed in the position paper submitted by the Chair, the following issues were tabled and opinions were solicited from all Committee and Walkway Stakeholders present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the concept of a ‘Coastal Milford Track’ that would run from Whitianga to Tairua</li> <li>• Build the Lees Road car park and upgrade Lees Road</li> <li>• Defer construction of the Pa Road car park</li> <li>• Grange Road car park drop-off only</li> <li>• Oppose a return single walk to the Blowhole</li> <li>• Oppose the Lees Road Footpath</li> <li>• Purangi to Cathedral Cove COASTAL walkway</li> </ul> <p>Feedback as follows:</p> <p><b>Osborne:</b> Support Lees Road car park, with it located well onto the property, making it a shorter walk to the Cove so people will use it. Make it the main access to the Cove. A car park in Pa Road of 150 will not solve the problem. Defer this and look at land on the outskirts of Hahei for more parking. Need a tourist/commercial hub on the outskirts of the village. Grange Road a shuttle drop off only. Make Hahei a walking only village over the peak. Oppose Lees Road Walkway, postpone track development.</p> <p><b>Clayton:</b> Support the concept of a Great Coastal Walk, not two little return walks. Support Lees Road car park, with it located well onto the property, making it a shorter walk to the Cove so people will use it. Pa Road car park to proceed but with access via Hahei Beach Road not Pa Road. Grange Road drop off or pricy pay and display, need parking for emergency services up there, Oppose Lees Road walk, Oppose Blowhole walk – need a holistic view that will solve problems of Hot Water Beach as well.</p> <p><b>Baloghy:</b> No to Lees Road car park, yes to Pa Road car park, but need a holistic view – maybe parking centre at the Purangi with kiosks for local tourist businesses where they can book and then catch shuttle. Oppose Lees</p>	

<p>Road walk, oppose vigorously Blowhole walk.</p> <p><b>Hawley:</b> Saw the walkway as a sort of Cinque Terre – walking past Hahei not starting and ending in Hahei. Think it's become a mess. Lees Road unlikely to solve the problem – do the Pa Road car park first but make it so it can extend into the rural land if possible. Solve the congestion problems before the walk.</p> <p><b>Donovan:</b> Pa Road car park first then if we need an alternative consider lees Road. Support walk as a concept. But needs more control over visitor numbers – ticketing/booking system. Not free. No walk to Blowhole due to liability on us as a community as a whole. No lees Road car park, no need for a lees road walkway. Do Purangi to the Cove as a coastal walkway.</p> <p><b>Hopkins:</b> Not sure Lees Road car park is the best idea. If a good job is done with Pa Road it's the preferred option. Traffic management and parking staff needed in Hahei. No to lees Road walkway. The Coastal walkway can be done in stages but it has to be done well. Oppose Blowhole walkway.</p> <p><b>Wilkinson:</b> Supports the concept of an all the way through walkway. Tairua to Whitianga. Doesn't support the Lees Road walkway or car park. Sees it as moving the Grange Road problem to Lees Road. Purangi Road would be better, run a shuttle service to Hahei, Hot Water Beach and Cooks. Has concerns about the design of the Pa Road car park – oppose the design of the Pa Road car park with access/egress into Pa Road. Supports Grange Road as a drop off only.</p> <p><b>Green:</b> Mostly support the submission. Needs a big picture solution – the congestion needs fixing.</p> <p><b>Harrison:</b> Supports a full coastal walkway in concept. Logistics of the walkway aren't clear so making a decision on details is tricky. Not sure Lees Road car park is the right place and Pa Road car park needs to be big enough to solve the problem. Needs to be revenue earning. Where will further commercial development be in Hahei?</p> <p><b>Harnett:</b> The Business Association supports the Great Walk as a concept. But it must be slowed down and done properly. Supports the Pa Road car park but 150 spaces is not enough. Don't support the Lees Road car park. Dec-April use Park and Ride. Pay and Display is good but needs strict policing. No Lees Road footpath or Blowhole walk.</p> <p><b>Keucke:</b> Congestion caused by existing traffic is the first issue that needs addressing. No to lees Road car park. Pa Road, already a given but cannot be pay and display. Initial walk plan was Whangamata to Thames unfortunately there is no plan on how to get tourists to the walk and manouvre them around it. Oppose walk to the Blowhole but agree with Purangi to Cathedral Cove coastal walkway.</p> <p><b>Egan:</b> Opposed to putting in any attraction that we can't support and/or</p>	
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	<p>increases visitor numbers. Support the Lees Road car park and Pa Road car park but not 130-150 parks only and not pay and display. Supports Grange Road as drop-off only. Is in support in principle for a Lees Rd car park and a one track walk (not loop via Lees Rd) to the Cove because with the right setup /promotion it could take a good percentage of the traffic out of Hahei.</p> <p>Also concur with seeing if there is a more holistic approach that can be taken to traffic management in the whole area that could find a better option. At present no other options (apart from Pa Rd) have been investigated either in Lees Rd or the wider area. A wider range of options must be considered before any final decision is made.</p> <p><b>Harsant:</b> Oppose Lees Road car park – maybe at Dalmeny or Purangi Road? Car park at Pa Road then maybe move out utilizing part of the 100 acres land as a commercial hub. Needs a full holistic approach. Opposes walkway as it stands – needs long term planning.</p> <p><b>North:</b> Supports walkway in its entirety, not adulterated version. It needs to be World Class! It needs to be got right for future generations. John has been involved in park and ride for 7 years, we may have recovered Grange Road to a certain extent but have shifted the problem to Hahei Beach Road and Harsant Avenue. Defer car park in Pa Road, let's keep using the paper road it has capacity, refine Park and ride and have better signage. Pay and display not feasible, people won't pay. Educate rather than spend more money on car parks. Not convinced about Grange Road being drop off only – make it a hefty pay and display cost.</p> <p><b>Dallimore:</b> Opposed to Lees Road car park and walkway. Fully support 'World Class Coastal Walkway'. Supports a holistic view.</p> <p><b>Consensus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A holistic transport plan for the ENTIRE area</li><li>• No Lees Road car park pending traffic study</li><li>• Don't rush the walk, get it right for future generations</li><li>• Support a coastal walk from Purangi to the Cove</li><li>• Continue Park and Ride and make the Grange Road car park a hefty pay and display cost</li><li>• Everyone supports the concept of a Great Coastal Walk – just don't want it done properly. Something we can all be proud.</li></ul> <p>Agreed that the Chairman would update the Hahei position paper to reflect the meetings consensus, circulate final version for comment, and then send final version to TCDC and the Hahei Community.</p>	
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3	<b>District Plan 100 Acres</b>	
	<p>Of particular interest to Hahei residents is the potential rezoning of the entrance to Hahei from Rural to Rural Lifestyle.</p> <p>TCDC received a number of submissions including John North who led a group of 365 people representing 176 Hahei properties. Their proposal was that a moratorium be called on any changes until Hahei has completed a Community Plan.</p> <p>There is going to be a meeting in approximately 2 weeks between submitters and the Harsant sisters to discuss a community centric approach.</p> <p>The meeting agree the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to support John North’s as this represents the majority of the Hahei Community</li> <li>• Oppose rezoning from Rural to Rural Lifestyle</li> <li>• Work with Planners and current owners to develop a long term solution that probably includes a parking/commercial area adjacent to The Church/Sewage Treatment plant.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Summary and Conclusion of Meeting - Bill Stead</b>	
	<p>Bill thanked everyone for their participation. The Hahei community now has an active group that protect our beautiful environment and manage the development sensitively. The community should feel very proud of the work we are doing.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 6:45pm.</p>	