



## Minutes of Meeting

### August 27, 2017

**Meeting Date & Time:** 27 August 2017, 4pm

**Title of Meeting:** Committee Meeting

**Meeting Location:** Community Hall, Hahei

**Attendees: HBRPA:** Chair. Penne Clayton, John North, Steve Holehouse, Karen Blair, Alastair Sims

**Guests:** Barb Ritchie and Anna Bartlett (and Fleur)

**Apologies:** Bill Stead, Gilbert Bannan, Peter Harrison, Mike Wilkinson and Cathie Baloghy

**Distribution:** Email to Committee and Working Groups and by posting on the HBRPA website for non-attendees once ratified at next committee meeting.

#### 1. Section 1

##### 1.1 Previous Minutes

Taken as read.

Moved as a true and accurate record: John

Second: Karen

Matters Arising.

1. Questions for clarification from Steven
2. LTP Mailout sent and responses received – John to discuss in Tourism Report
3. Penne spoke to Barney Bowen re Freedom Camping/National's election promise announced today. Suggested Freedom camping be addressed either as part of the Tourism working group or as a separate working group.

##### 1.2 Correspondence

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In:

- NIL

**Out:**

- LTP survey
- Newsletter and Facebook updates

Moved: Penne

Second: John - Passed

**1.3 Treasurers Report**

NIL report

**1.4 Newsletter and Comms.**

1. Community Patrol update and volunteers required (Pen to talk to Barney)
2. LTP Survey update
3. Brief update on Welcome to Hahei sign options/outcomes
4. Freedom Camping – EOI for people who want to run a FC site out of the village – bearing in mind new rules around toilets etc.
5. St John Community First Aid Course – gauge interest

**2. [Section 2: Working Group Updates](#)**

**2.1 Sewage and Environment**

No meetings held.

- No further feedback from WRC regarding Stream management
- A letter received from Bruce Hinson (attached Appendix 1) regarding Councils plans for sewage reticulation

**2.2 Traffic and Tourism**

Gilbert's update attached:

- Meetings with TCDC and DoC re transfer of Grange Road car park to TCDC. Hopefully by Christmas. Freedom camping at car park could be revoked by Christmas too. Further meeting this coming week.
- TCDC management most likely to continue for 5 years. Seems that about that time parking here and at the beachfront will stop.
- Karen Blair has met with TCDC staff concerning planting on roadside at village entrance. Planting a bit more complicated than previously thought. TCDC coming back with funding options. Discussions ongoing.
- Disappointment with the new unreadable road signs, on road coming into the village has been expressed to TCDC. John North following up, also with poor signage in car park including wrong locations.
- Discussions with Joe Davis from Ngati Hei. Sees their future in tourism including park and ride option on land by Purangi golf club.

- Have to say that TCDC have disappointed a few times with lack of understanding our needs. We will need to be more vigilant when dealing with them in future. Seems to be finishing up jobs not being checked properly and not in tune with what tourism demands Lack of detail stands out.

#### Long Term Plan

- LTP 32 responses to Survey Monkey and input from Traffic & Tourism sub group, Reserves Group, Committee members and Cooks Beach Ratepayers assoc.

#### Reserves Group

- Before Xmas Pete from Treeworks will clear the sides of the road coming into Hahei of scrub and pest plants and the Reserves Group will look to planting the verges early Autumn.

### 2.3 Rules/Constitution Update

Feedback received from Bill, Gilbert and Steve – no further discussion due to small committee attendance.

Once agreed format/content with Committee will obtain community feedback then call Special Meeting to ratify.

### 2.4 Website Upgrade

Beta site online, but nothing further to report.

## 3. [Section 3: General Business](#)

### 3.1 Welcome to Hahei signage presentation from Barb and Anna. Refer Appendix 2.

Requesting RPA contribute to half of the costs once the final decision has been made on the sign and it is costed.

A survey was sent out with preliminary sketches for people to vote on or suggest alternatives. There has been vigorous social media discussion regarding additional proposed signage options, but at the end of the day the proposed designs need to be drawn up and priced and need to meet Council signage requirements (3M wide and 2.5M tall) so Council will maintain them and the HBA won't have to apply for resource consent (additional \$1,200 cost).

In addition, signage needs to be <6 words to meet NZTA standards.

Pricing so far is in the order of \$2,700 and that is for a digitally printed two-sided sign that is graffiti and fade proof.

### 3.2 First Aid Course

Penne tabled the proposal to run a community First Aid course, via St John. Will gauge interest via Newsletter and Facebook.

**Next meeting 24 Sept 2017 at 4pm**

Meeting closed 5.20pm



22 August 2017

To Hahei residents, ratepayers and businesses

## Hahei Wastewater and Water Supply Systems

Over the past two years Council has received an increasing number of queries in relation to the future of the existing Hahei wastewater and water supply systems. This letter provides an update on Council's proposed approach to investigating and planning the future of water supply and wastewater in Hahei.

### Water Supply

Council operates a water supply network derived from a single groundwater bore at Pa Road, Hahei which services around 23% of the Hahei community. Water abstracted from the bore is treated at the Hahei Water Treatment Plant before being pumped to the Grierson Close Reservoirs. The balance of water supply is provided by three locally owned and operated bore supply schemes (30%), rainwater (31%), and private groundwater bores.

As Council's water supply is exclusively groundwater sourced, water availability from a reticulated supply is not significantly affected by year to year rainfall or climatic variations as is the case with surface water. However, water consumption is affected by climatic variations in relation to watering lawns and gardens under drought conditions. Fluctuations in water availability are also influenced by seasonal holiday makers prompting increased demand on allocated water volumes during the summer period.

Council has considered the implications of the additional requirements placed by the Resource Management Act and National Standard provisions, the impact of future subdivision, and the longevity of the existing private water bore schemes. As a result we propose to provide for an investigation into the future of Hahei Water Supply as part of our Long Term Plan 2018-2028 consultation process. The scope of this would include evaluation of existing supply and long term options taking into account future development, seasonal capacity, water demand management, and ensuring the meeting of national standards around drinking water. At this stage it is anticipated that any investigation would occur over two financial years; 2018/19, 2019/20 with consultation on options then undertaken with the Hahei community. Council would then look at any capital works (building of the infrastructure) as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 process.

## Wastewater

Council currently provides a wastewater plant at Hahei. There are currently 140 connections. Wastewater is treated and discharged into the Wigmore Stream. Non-serviced properties have their own onsite wastewater provide by septic tanks and wastewater treatment systems.

We recognise that protecting Hahei Bay and its beaches is critical for tourists. Also given the freshwater standards implemented by the Ministry for the Environment, the age of septic tanks in the area (which may affect the health of the Wigmore Stream and other water bodies), future capacity issues and increased difficulty with obtaining future wastewater discharge consents; retaining the status quo is not likely to be viable in the medium term.

Over the 2016/17 summer period, there were a number of investigations undertaken across Hahei to better understand the community's priorities for infrastructure in the area, including parking as well as water and wastewater services. There had also previously been some direct communication with residents in a discrete area regarding the potential provision of wastewater services.

These investigations and inquiries were the first part of ascertaining the community's views and whether there was any support for potential expansion of the wastewater system. Since then a number of other property owners have contacted Council seeking advice on potential timing for a connection to an expanded wastewater system.

While Council is aware of an interest in parts of the community to connect to the wastewater system in the short term; Council is mindful of the need to consider the "economies of scale" aspect - i.e. a portion of the community could conceivably pay much higher dollar contributions than if the whole community (including future development) was included - or vice versa. Notwithstanding, the future of Council's wastewater plant in terms of capacity for the wider community would still need to be determined - including whether the plant needs to be shifted; which could attract additional cost. Council needs a comprehensive, long term, cost effective solution.

For these reasons, Council propose undertaking an investigation into connecting all Hahei properties into a Council owned wastewater plant as part of its Long Term Plan. While this would not satisfy short term demand of some residents; and delay wastewater scheme decisions by those with vacant sections; this option would mean that a wider investigation would be undertaken to look all of the options to satisfy the environmental risks; and most appropriate positioning of the plant to satisfy demand into the future. Council would need to allocate funding in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan over two years 2018/19 and 2019/20 years with community consultation in 2020; and any capital project allocation considered as part of the 2021-31 LTP process.

## In Summary

Taking into account the investigation and consultation phases of this work, and assuming there is support for a community-wide Council run water supply and wastewater system, together we will build cost effective water and wastewater systems for the benefit of all residents of Hahei and its environment.

Your thoughts on the proposal are very welcome as part of the Long Term Plan consultation process which will occur in January 2018. You will find more details on this closer to that time on our website [www.tcdc.govt.nz](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz)

In the meantime should you have any other feedback or questions please feel free to contact me on telephone (07) 868 0200.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Hinson". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a horizontal line above the "H".

Bruce Hinson  
Group Manger  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

## Appendix 2

In 2011 the Business Association looked at having a 'Welcome to Hahei' sign at the entrance to the village. It did not get a lot of support.

With all the new activity and new popularity of this area I raised the idea again. On one of the traffic surveys a ratepayer had mentioned it would be nice to have.

Most towns and villages in New Zealand have some kind of a sign. We do not even have the little transit green sign saying Hahei. We have one that says Hahei Beach – 1 k. But there is no such town as Hahei Beach.

Also, by having a sign near the entrance of Hahei it helps to slow down traffic. Visitors who have never been here before having been driving 100k. There is nothing to advise them they are entering a village where they really need to slow down. There are 50km signs but....

Placement would be at the top of the ridge where the new judder bars are. The weeds will be cleared and you will be able to see that there is some kind of a settlement come up. When the 100 acres are built on it will not have to be moved because the actual village does not start until Jackson.

I was asked to resurrect and drive the project. I went to council (Sue Costello) for advice with the new sign by laws out. Anna put up her hand to help drive it. THANK YOU!

Council advise that the sign should be no higher than 2.5 metre and no wider than 3 metre at the most. As long as it is on council land and within that size no resource consent is needed. And depending on what we choose council would install the sign for us.

A note: NZTA only approves signage with 6 words. We are not a NZTA road but their reasoning is that is all a driver can safely read. It should not be too busy again for safety.

Anna put together a Survey to go out to the community. At that point all we had to show was the 2011 Welcome to Hahei sign. Home of Cathedral Cove.

### Survey Monkey results

- Had 101 responses. Most just choosing a sign. See results
- Overall comments suggest we not use Cathedral Cove but Hahei beach with the Pa.
- Several wanted Te Whanganui a Hei on it.
- 2 did not want a sign at all

Had 15 that checked they were not Hahei residents. Some of those I think meant they did not live in the village.

Several wanted to see something else using local talent. And we got a few designs.

We now have a few designs that have been submitted. We have asked for size, pricing and who will build it. Show theses.

Want to do another survey - Anna

The sign that Sonia designed has been updated to just say Hahei and Te Whanganui A Hei - The great Bay of Hei. She can put any photo on it. So we thought we could give her the beach and Pa. Pricing and materials and size and she is council approved. All good.