



Hahei Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.

## Minutes of Committee Meeting 1 May 2016

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**Meeting Date & Time** 1 May 2016, 4pm

**Title of Meeting:** Committee Meeting #1

**Meeting Location:** Community Hall, Hahei

#### Attendees:

**HBRPA:** Chair Bill Stead, John North, Ron Egan, Penne Clayton, Mike Wilkinson, Karen Blair, Anne Donovan, Peter Harrison, Peter Hawley, Shelley Osborne, Brian Green.

**Guests:** Tony Fox, Bill McLean, Kirstin Richmond, Gary Hinds

**Apologies:** Deli Connell, Paul Hopkins

**Distribution:** Attendees and by posting on the HBRPA website for non-attendees.

#### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed the new committee & Council representative guests.

#### 2. Surf Lifesaving

Gary Hinds spoke to the meeting re lifeguard funding changes in 2016. Funding would be now through the Regional Council, not via Local Authority.

- Gary had lifeguards at Hahei and Cathedral Cove Beaches over the summer because of the unusual weather.
- Going forward he would like to make the cover at Hahei and Cathedral Cove official, hoping for 3 weeks at the Cove over summer and 2 weeks at Hahei Beach.
- This requires additional funding and there is a shortfall of approximately \$3,500pa.
- He is not allowed to 'double dip' and apply to the Local Authority to make up the shortfall so is looking for local funding, be it the HBRPA or a private person/s or company/s.

Penne to put piece in Newsletter – Gary to supply.

#### 4. Matters Arising from previous AGM Minutes

##### *KAOS Kayaks*

- HBRPA wrote to community board expressing concern about this operation
- Council response is nothing can be done as it's a permitted activity – doesn't require a beach concession because it is not operating from the beach
- Safety still a concern – some local concessionaires are following up further

##### *Grange Road Parking Entrepreneurs*

- Some residents and the HBRPA had raised issue of Grange Road car-parking and have written to TCDC and the Walk Governance Board expressing concern about these operations
- Council response is nothing can be done as it's a permitted activity – however one particular property that has a driveway on the corner and is considered dangerous to access so Council investigating further. Council noted that the new District Plan made it easier for residents to set up businesses on their properties.

##### *Pa Road Carpark*

- Resource consent information has been sent to 14 affected parties in Pa Road
- Not all responses back in
- Key issue is that a toilet is not a part of the plan due to \$150K cost
- Council will provide portaloos in the short term

##### *Freedom Camping*

- TCDC working with DOC, however the unmanaged freedom camping site at the top of Grange Road is an issue.

##### *Grogan Subdivision*

- No HBRPA action – for individuals to respond.

#### 5. Governance Meeting

Recap from Meeting of 16 Mar 2016

- No meeting yet with Lees Road Residents
- Lees Road carpark to cover approx. 2Ha and include a kiosk, toilet and rubbish collection
- No solution for the Purangi Crossing

Following the meeting the Chair was called by the Mayor and asked to limit the time of HBRPA at subsequent meetings to 30 minutes at the start.

The Chair wrote to the Mayor outlining agenda for the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> April with HBRPA agenda items so the 30-minute limit could be met.

View the Chairs letter and presentation [here](#).

In Brief the Chair's commentary covered:

- The need for TCDC partnership with Local leadership – it works and costs less
- The carparks need to be considered as a separate project entirely from the Great Walk. TCDC should get the carparks built and leave DOC to focus on the walks.
- Grange Road carpark chaos, must be resolved before next holiday season.
- The management of the Hahei village entrance carpark must be finalized.

At the subsequent meeting of the 26 April 2016 the Mayor took umbrage at a presentation given by the Chair and Deputy Chair. In fact, he was so incensed by the presentation he offered to stop work on the Walk immediately!

He has subsequently decommissioned the Hahei stakeholders group and formed a new one, for details please view the Chair's Terms of reference email [here](#).

It was explained that the key issue for the people of Hahei was to **resolve parking and visitor congestion before any work starts on the walkway.**

Councillor Tony Fox said that he thought it would be at least 5 years before work on the Blowhole walk specifically could be started.

The Chair also expressed great concern that there was no overall budget or schedule for the project. Nether was there any concrete plan for crossing the Purangi, just ideas.

With the TCDC having committed \$2M to the project, someone should be asking is it a good use of Ratepayers' money when all that is being constructed is a footpath along Lees Road and an ungraded footpath in Cooks Beach.

## 6. Work Plan for 2016-2017

The Chair opened a discussion of forming groups for work on the HBRPA priority projects for this year.

These are:

- Hahei Bay Protection (incl. Wigmore Stream/sewage/water runoff)
- Pest and Weed Control
- Visitor Management
- Spatial Plan
- Community Plan

Tony Fox commented that Hahei needs a plan for what happens on all land in the area between SH25 and the sea. Suggested a structure plan for the area rather than a piecemeal approach.

- The committee agreed that it required a holistic collaborative approach incorporating Ratepayers, TCDC, Waikato Regional Council, Farmers etc, and need community awareness and support.
- Short term and long term plans were needed.

#### *Wigmore Stream*

The Deputy Chair through his involvement of the Waste Treatment plant upgrade (2006) and consent process was able to convince TCDC staff of the need to carry out a more comprehensive stream/drain bacto sampling programme during late December and early January. The consent sample points of the stream are 50m above and 50m below the Waste Treatment Plant discharge.

Additional sampling was undertaken at the Pa Road bridge, Kotare Reserve culvert, Wigmore Bridge and the stream/beach outlet. Plus, Grange/Tutataritari culvert and the culvert outlet to the beach.

There appear to be issues emanating from stock accessing the stream and a number of areas of suspicion through the Village requiring follow up. We will formulate a strategy with TCDC and WDC re Community awareness and reticulation options. See the results [here](#).

#### *Pest and Weed Control*

This is a Regional Council issue – Karen Blair and Brian Green to investigate pest control.

DOC lands the worst affected. There appears to be no pest control in DOC reserves, being done by locals privately. It was commented that the Kauri in the memorial forest are very overgrown with weeds.

Tony Fox suggested a list of reserves affected by Tobacco Weed and gorse to be sent to WRC.

Karen and Brian to attend WRC meeting later this month in Tairua.

### **7. District Plan**

Tony Fox:

- The interim structure plan for the 100 acres was the most complete one within the new District Plan but Council need to be satisfied that infrastructure can support it.
- Interim means it's not yet approved, but it meets the criteria to go to the next stage of consultation.
- Has a 'high probability of going ahead'
- Opinion was that a commercial area within these 100 acres would be good.

### **8. Fires Bylaw Submission**

The proposed Open Fires Bylaw (Urban Areas) allows for firework during periods of a Restricted fire season and Total fire ban providing due 'care and consideration' to both neighbours and prevailing conditions. Firework are not permitted during a 'prohibited fire restriction'.

On DOC and Rural land, including beach front reserve, fireworks and fires are not permitted at any time of the year.

Given Hahei's experience with fireworks setting fire to the Pa and Cathedral Cove bush area and water supply issues this bylaw is not sufficient.

Move *'that for the Health and safe well-being of the Community we oppose the bylaw to allow fireworks to be an approved activity unless controlled by permit'*.

Moved John/Second Bill

Approved

## 9. Heritage Vision

The Mayor invited the HBRPA to contribute. Will decline & leave to individual submitters.

## 10. General Business

### *BBQ Roofing on reserve*

- TCDC proposes the erection of roofs over the BBQ on the beach reserve. The reserves committee is in favour.
- Council (Allan Tiplady) wants it to be a HBRPA initiative.
- Council has the budget for it.

### *Reserves Group*

Gil & Christine Bannan and Margaret Ivory are preparing designs and cost estimates for a Memorial Garden to be established on the Kotare Reserve.

Details will be circulated to the Community at a later date.

Meeting Closed 6.14pm.