

Minutes of Ordinary Committee Meeting

Thursday 21 July 2016 at 18:00
2/15 Newell Street, Pt Chevalier, Auckland 1022

Members present:

John Denton (JD) Rob Everall (RE)
Bert Verduyssen (BV)

Apologies – Laura Sunderland (LS)

The meeting did not have a Quorum but it was decided to continue discussions in order to maintain the momentum of activity.

Approval for any decisions will be sought through circulation and ratification of these minutes via email.

Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting (09-June-2016) – approved by JD, RE and BV.
LS and WW requested to confirm approval through email.

Matters arising were reviewed through the ongoing action points detailed below.

Finances

Deposits:

Deposits recorded for annual subs.

As at 20-June, 29 subs paid for the current year comm. 01-July. There are still 39 who paid last year and have yet to pay this year (out of 117 rateable dwellings).

It was agreed that a push should be made to encourage timely payment, with regular updates in the Newsletter and *Rakino News*.

LS to be asked to draft a follow up reminder for timely payment of subs. We are seeking to maximise all subs payments by September and ahead of the October AGM to maximise potential voting numbers.

BV proposed that he liaise with the new arrivals (like himself) to encourage joining up to RRA.
RE to identify new arrivals from the last year or so to the database and provide copies (2 paid to date).

Proposal that RRA offers an incentive – pay by end of September and ALL names paid to date will go into a draw to be made at the AGM for a prize. For further discussion.

Expenditure:

\$69.99 reimbursed to James Azerrat (lease tenant, island resident and not an RRA member) for the purchase of Table Tennis kit to re-equip the table in the Community Hall.

JD reported that the bank had agreed to refund \$20 internet-charges for same day clearance of external payments that was invoked by accident. On-line banking parameters to be reset accordingly to inhibit this in future.

A one-off charge to have three on-line account users was approved.

Transfers:

BNZ account was closed by WW/JD as proposed, and the monies moved to ASB.

RE transferred \$30k to the ASB loyalty savings account, leaving a \$16k balance in the Cheque account, which was still considered to be excessive.

Further transfers to interest bearing accounts will be made to leave small Current Account balance. Formal motions for this are not required as a single authorised account user can make

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an internal transfer on line or over the phone (NB: two authorised users are jointly required to make an external payment).

Correspondence In and Out:

Chris Clews received an escalation reminder from the Auckland Council Grants team about terminal reporting on the grant issued for the phone box refurbishment. He referred this to the Committee. RE liaised with Council and agreed an extension on the reporting to week one August, given that the work has not yet been carried out by Hank Postmaa. Council has allowed an additional month as well and is sympathetic to the delays.

RE also met with Hank and Bev informally to review the work agree the deadline; Hank has additional support due to arrive on Rakino to assist in such work and has committed to the deadline, subject to weather.

Community Hall & Wharf: waiting on clearance of land title.

JD discussed with Doug Armstrong a proposed letter to the Waiheke Local Board and Council that requests open meetings to petition they maintain wharf public building amenity on Rakino and carry out such works as are required to the Wharf to repair and preserve it for the future. He concurs with RRA's proposals.

The draft proposed letter has been circulated amongst RRA Council and was agreed that this letter be sent to Council, subject to approval by WW and LS. At the same time, Ratepayers would be encouraged to write to Auckland Council in support of this proposition.

There was some discussion about the range of alternative ideas put forward (most notably from Stephen Thomas and Kevin Wragge) about the format and siting of the Hall, if not to remain entirely 'as is'. These include splitting up the buildings for a partial re-site of the 'wing' to somewhere else on the island, plus elevation of the current hall, through to total relocation of everything to a non-tidal/storm surge site.

It was agreed that ALL ideas and proposals needed to be aired and given full and due consideration by the community but that the first priority should be to have Council step up to its responsibilities to the community and all RRA efforts should push for that dialogue.

AT Land Lease – still pending receipt of draft lease for consideration – **RE to continue to chase.**

AT Roading Management - a meeting with AT's Anthony Lewis was held on 23-June to discuss AT policy on cars and proactive removal of wrecks. AL confirmed that AT was concentrating efforts on removing non-roadworthy units for reason of public safety and not on pursuing full mainland compliance with rego and WOF at this stage, nor quad bikes, although it reserves the right to do so in future whilst recognising the lack of appropriate facilities within easy reach of islanders operating vehicles.

A visit cycle would be initiated with a proposed advanced notice of one month, but equally unannounced visits would not be ruled out, depending on the community demonstrating its ongoing willingness to work within the tolerance being extended.

He confirmed that a 'rural' designation to the island roading would not be considered.

AL's contract ended 31-July, and Rick Bidgood will be confirming who will replace him in this liaison role.

Gulf Islands Trust Meeting, Auckland Zoo, 7th July – no Committee members were available to attend on behalf of Rakino. JD remains on the circulation list for future meetings.

Survey of AT Land – invitation received from Stephen Thomas to participate under umbrella of several surveys planned to get AT land surveyed and pegged (three points) at an estimated cost of

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\$300. It was agreed this represented good value for professional services and was recommended for approval. Work likely to be undertaken in August / September.

WW had previously written to RE to signal that he'd be in favour, but no subsequent discussion.

LS has subsequently confirmed her approval to proceed via email.

RRA Strategy – ongoing development, for review at next meeting.

In the meantime, JD to approach Auckland Council to determine if there is any survey expertise that is available or to borrow from in constructing a survey to Rakino ratepayers (delivered on Survey Monkey), with a view of auctioning a survey in August to identify and resolve key community priorities.

Key action areas will then be the basis for the longer-term strategic goals for each theme, whilst acknowledging the obvious priorities currently facing us currently.

External Funding Rounds: RE reported on Kevin Wragge's successful lodgement of two separate Expressions of Interest to DoC for community project funding on behalf of the Rakino Restoration Trust:

- EOI in funding for the development of a restoration plan specifically for the Rakino environment, which could serve as a 'tool kit' for anyone wishing to do works on their land, including planting, wetland and introduction of fauna (\$35k, mainly in first year)
[Dylan Hinchey has also identified another potential source of professional expertise for planting and species relocation to enhance the creation of the overall plan, with a cost of approx. \$15k].
- EOI in funding for ongoing conservation works on weed eradication and native planting (\$100k p.a. over three years).

RE will reaffirm to KW on behalf of RRA that the mandate of Association is to stand in support of these sorts of endeavours and to lend appropriate endorsement to assist in their delivery and ultimate success and not to seek leadership/ownership of them. RE to seek further guidance from KW on what endorsement or practical support would be desirable.

Working Bees – RE reported on successful working bees overseen by Kevin Wragge on 13th and 15th July which has seen all the plants delivered and planted in the West Bay corridor, extending the work initiated last year.

A Working Bee on further clearing the AT land is proposed for 30th July.

New Committee Members – it was agreed that we should inform membership earlier about the need for new Committee members (Newsletter and *Rakino News*) to be elected in October, inc. Chair, and invite wider participation.

RE reported that Perry Hutchinson had expressed an interest in serving for a year and would be invited to join the next Committee meeting in August to see what it's all about (same invitation to apply to anyone else who may be motivated to join) ahead of election in October.

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Work in progress (rolling review – completed actions have been removed):

Discuss and agree format of incentive to encourage subs payment by end-September 2016.	ALL
Create RRA Strategy for presentation to next General Meeting in October	ALL
Collate photos of Bokashi bins and of the Nursery composting and pass on to Jenny Chilcott re: WMIF Gulf Islands Waste Plan.	ALL – pass to RE
BV to contact all new arrivals to encourage joining up with RRA	BV
Investigate inclusion of RRA community communications material with Rate Demands issued quarterly by Council	BV
Welcome process – prepare draft to initiate thinking	BV
JD to liaise with Council to see if there is any public survey expertise we can learn from or borrow.	JD
Further monies to be transferred to interest bearing account from Cheque account	JD / RE / LS
Verify appointment of new Trustee, Jude MacLaughlan, with John Vague (actioned, awaiting update)	JD to liaise with JV and JMac
LS to write to RRA database to encourage payment of subs by end-September 2016	LS
Letter to Solicitor regarding the necessity of liability insurance	LS (c/fwd)
LS to issue draft 'Rakino News' item for Committee review before submitting to Colin McLaren.	LS / ALL (ongoing)
Approval of prior meeting Minutes, outstanding due to lack of Quorum.	LS / WW
JD to pass to William for listing on the RRA website once approved.	JD
Approve text of letter to Council regarding remedial work to repair and preserve Hall and Wharf	LS / WW
Send letter with supporting photos and pursue appropriate discussions	JD / ALL
RE to tag all new arrivals in the RRA database	RE
RE to liaise with KW and the Rakino Restoration Trust for guidance on the preferred support they would like from RRA ongoing.	RE
Follow up on AT Licence – actioned and carried forward again!	RE
Follow up provision of mail boxes – actioned and carried forward again!	RE
Liaise with Jeff Cook regarding West Bay beach signage and for upper end of the DOC track at the end of Askew Avenue - ongoing	RE
Progress production and installation of new RRA sign to replace the old one on the Community Hall – escalated and followed up	RE
RE to invite Perry Hutchinson to join eh August Committee meeting as guest for orientation	RE
Liaise with Auckland Harbour Master regarding moorings	RE (C/fwd)

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Investigate grant options for seating at viewpoints	WW (C/fwd)
Approval of proposed Survey expenditure \$300 plus GST pending. Recommended JD/RE/BV and OK in principal WW. Agreed LS by email.	DONE – by email
RE to confirm purchase order to Stephen Thomas who is liaising with the surveyor.	RE

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday 11th August commencing 18:00, Dilworth School, Epsom.

Meeting closed at 19:40