

Rakino Ratepayers Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Thursday 26 Apr-2018 at 18:00

Location: 37 – 39 Ireland Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland 1011 (Alaska premises)

Present:

Rob Everall (RE)
Barry Bridgwater (BB)
Stephen Thomas (ST)
Jude MacLachlan (JM)
Steve McCrone (SMcC)

Apologies:

Adrian Townsend (AT)
Rod Inglis (RI)
Michael van Druten (MvD)

1. Welcome / Apologies / confirm Quorum

Apologies were recorded from AT, RI and MvD (new committee member).
Quorum confirmed.

2. Past Minutes

(a) Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting (21 Mar-2018) were circulated prior to this meeting.

Motion: the Minutes should be adopted

Proposed by JM Secoded SMcC.

Carried and Minutes will be posted to the RRA website.

3. Finances

a) **Financial Report** – none provided due to inactivity on the accounts.

b) RE confirmed **86** paid-up member households.

c) **Payments and Reimbursements** –

Reimbursement to William Denton for RRA website domain name renewal fee (annual)	\$ \$29.79 – approved for payment
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4. Correspondence:

See the summary, in Appendix 1 below.

Actions agreed or carried forward:

- Future participation in Waiheke Local Board to be considered
 - RRA details for Incorporated Society were reviewed and confirmed to remain unchanged
 - Update on funding for Rat Monitoring (John MacKenzie) at next meeting
- Other actions identified below as discussed.

5. Community Hall

No further developments on last report, action is ongoing with the sea wall funding approval pending as an initial step.

6. Strategy Development

In the absence of RI, a general discussion considered the status and perception of the investigative work in hand for a marine reserve, and feedback received to date.

It was agreed that The Noises environment is the obvious focal point for any future marine

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reserve, subject to appropriate scientific research and endorsement, and that investigations should examine how links between The Noises and Rakino environments would assist and support development of a marine sanctuary in this part of the Hauraki Gulf, acknowledging proposals for Motutapu as well.

This has bearing on the location of any future designated reserve areas and the pace of adoption and that any proposal should seek to move in 'baby steps', such that there was common understanding and agreement.

All information should be shared and presented in an open and impartial way, with RRA's duty to facilitate – but not to lead – discussion and dialogue with all stakeholders.

There was also discussion about new people arriving on the island with fresh and innovative ideas about improved recycling and better usage of renewable resources for the benefit of the community and island infrastructure. Whilst many of these are 'blue sky' today, they are becoming a reality as the pace of technological development accelerates, and so RRA should have some form of agreed approach within an overarching strategy as to how they might be harnessed and utilised.

Action: SMcC agreed to draft a plan to write a Strategy document, to be presented at the next meeting.

7. Review of Action Summary and Work in Progress:

See Action Summary following, with individual actions assigned, to be reported as indicated.

8. New Business:

■ **Next Newsletter:** see Action Summary below, per SMcC

■ **Potential use of Xero Cash Book** – ST to investigate with Xero and make a recommendation

■ **Committee Membership** – Michael van Druten to attend next meeting (as available) and Kay Oswin's offer to support the Strategy Sub-Committee to be taken up.

■ **Parker Conservation Paper:** now available and an excellent document for property owners to adopt (entirely voluntarily) for reference on ecological matters. It is hoped that the availability of this information will encourage a shared approach to optimise a positive impact on the Rakino environment and ecology.

RE to convey thanks to Kevin Wragge for his efforts to secure funding for this work to be done.

■ **Inorganic Waste:** RE to seek feedback on waste collected from the island.

9. Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 16-May-2018 at 18:00 (Parnell, c/o SMcC)

[No Meeting in June]

Wednesday 18-Jul-2018 at 18:00 (to be confirmed)

[No meeting in August]

Wednesday 19-Sep-2018 at 18:00 (to be confirmed)

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The meeting closed at 19:45

NB: Future Committee absences and apologies already notified:

- ST will be overseas in June, July and August – meeting venue in that period to be detailed above.

Meetings default to the third Wednesday each month, unless by prior change, starting promptly at 6:00 pm – please diarise.

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Appendix 1: Correspondence to Secretary - Summary since last meeting (key items only)

Various: Pre-Inorganic Collection

Exchange of correspondence with Hazel Durkin regarding Inorganic Collection arrangements, and response to an enquiry from on the island.

ACTION: DONE

23-Mar-2018: Waiheke Local Board

Minutes received and circulated to RRA Committee for the Waiheke Local Board Meeting on 22 March 2018.



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ACTION: Should we consider closer participation in future meetings, as there was no mention of Rakino and WLB holds budget that covers Rakino as well?

26-Mar-2018: Reply to RE enquiry from Bruce Goff, Auckland Harbour Master (also circulated by email). Re-affirmation of policy

Hello Rob,

As per our telephone conversation this morning regards moorings Rakino Island Sandy Bay.

I can advise that the Auckland Council is still waiting on the Minister of Conservation to sign off on the Auckland Unitary Plan.

Once operative, the Sandy Bay mooring zone (permitted mooring numbers set under the old Coastal Plan) is removed and as such allows the Harbourmaster to place further mooring sites into the bay, with no reference to a cap on mooring numbers.

This will see the Harbourmaster been able to allocate additional mooring sites by some 4 to 6 mooring sites.

With respect to the Rakino Island Sandy Bay Mooring Wait List, this is currently at 32.

The sale of moorings and the transfer of the mooring licence for Rakino Island Sandy Bay has not differed from our previous correspondence.

If a mooring site is no longer required by the mooring holder, then the mooring site must be offered to the next person on the wait list, subject to vessel type and size.

A mooring is not able to be transferred with the sale of a Rakino Island property.

Any mooring outside the Rakino Island Sandy Bay mooring zone will require a coastal consent within one year of the Unitary Plan becoming operative.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Bruce Goff | Maritime Officer

Harbourmaster's Office | Transport Operations

Marine Rescue Centre, 3 Solent Street, Mechanics Bay, Auckland

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27-Mar-2018:

RE - filed Companies & Societies Return (annual Financial Statement) for year ended June 2017 (reminder received). Apologies for the oversight!

RAKINO RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (223781) is required under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 to file an annual financial statement with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies every year.

Registry key **8904637**

Financial statements **must include** the following:

- ✓ statement of income and expenditure
- ✓ statement of financial position
- ✓ details of all mortgages, charges, and securities of any description affecting any of the society's property (where applicable)
- ✓ audit or review report (where applicable)
- ✓ certificate signed by an officer confirming that the statement has been submitted to and approved by the members at a general meeting.

ACTION: Filed on line, no further action

27-Mar-2018: Funding Support (Quick Response Round 3)

John MacKenzie sought RRA endorsement for a Community Grant via Waiheke Local Board for rat monitoring. Endorsed by Steve McCrone. Application lodgment confirmed 27-March. Decision from 26-April + 5-10 working days.

ACTION: JM to advise on funding being granted and proposals to roll out monitoring programme, as communicated to the Members General Meeting at Easter.

27-Mar-2018: Waste Minimization & Innovation Fund



Waste Minimisation
and Innovation Fund

Invitation received and circulated, closes to applications 30-April 2018. Reminder received 23-April.

ACTION: diarise for future funding calendar

03-Apr-2018: Use of Xero Cash Book

ST circulated details of potential to use Xero cash Book for RRA financial management at a cost of \$12+GST per month.

ACTION: for consideration

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29-Mar to 08-Apr-2018: Marine Reserve

Extensive exchange of correspondence, principally with John MacCullough, regarding concerns about the Marine Park 'proposals' briefly outlined in the Easter meeting.

Responses to John from RE, ST, SMcC and RI respectively.

ACTION: ongoing commitment to preserve openness of communication in all regards and an impartial position from RRA, whose obligation is to oversee a robust dialogue.

06-Apr-2018: RRA Bank Account

Confirmation received that John Denton is now removed as an RRA administrator on ASB on line banking platform.

ACTION: DONE

16-Apr-2018: Email letter from Kay Oswin regarding involvement in Strategy

Kay expressed an interest in supporting the strategy sub-committee as an on-island member. Had been trying to make contact since Feb via AT.



RRA letter re
strategy subcomm 16

ACTION: acknowledged and for discussion as to how her participation could work, as Kay is not going to be available to make meetings in town.

19-Apr-2018: Strategy

Rod Inglis probably unable to attend meeting on 26-April. He wrote with apologies and the following:

'Guys it looks like I will have to go to Sydney on Thursday

Please accept my apologies

I have had a quick chat to Rob and will do the same with Stephen, and if any of you want to call about next steps that is great.

First major step is still to prepare a presentation broadly along the lines we have discussed.

We need to decide what we want to include in it re a marine reserve;

1. Do we want to include map showing a possible Marine reserve corridor from the Noises to Motutapu in the presentation. Stating it is a possibility only subject to scientific support that it will improve marine life and fishing in the area and from the rest of the island that is not included in the reserve
2. Or just say we are considering the advantages of PARTIAL marine reserve will get a marine scientists to explore the benefits and best position for a PARTIAL marine reserve at Rakino and produce a report for consideration by committee and residence and potential interest parties as laid out in the presentation.

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3. Or just say at this stage we are considering the pros and cons and seeking scientific feedback based on the benefits achieved elsewhere. The presentation will spell out the benefits
4. We state whatever happens Rakino can still be a Marine Gateway or EccoHub for the inner Hauraki Gulf and especially a gateway to the Noises and Motutapu.

I think I prefer the first option but would like to hear other points of view and other suggested approaches.

The more people I have talked to including Raewyn Peart the more I am realising the complexity involved and the time this will take

Best regards

Rod'

ACTION: For discussion on 26-April

23-Apr-2018: Ecological Survey

John MacKenzie confirmed availability of the report done by Kevin Parker, which is published on <https://www.rakinoisland.org/resources> . Circulated to Committee for review.

ACTION: Pending recommendations from John MacKenzie, given that this is an entirely optional document for use by individual landowners at their discretion and specific to the island. John will make available through Facebook page and RRA can reference it from the RRA web site as well.

Member Registrations since last update:

- **No new registrations in period**

86 paid-up households (out of 117 potential = 73%) in this subscription year 2017-8

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Appendix 2: Action Summary and Work in progress

<p>Assemble calendar of annual community funding rounds and points of contact/reference (summary in March 2017 minutes).</p> <p>ACTION: ST provided BB with key contact details on Auckland Council (Frances Hayton Frances.Hayton@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) to enable BB to assemble an annual funding calendar for ongoing reference against projects needing finances. Also check with Google search for other sources of funding outside of Auckland Council.</p> <p>BB to report to Committee in May meeting.</p>	<p>BB</p> <p>(ST)</p>
<p>Review of Rakino Budget data sourced from AKL Council – this also fits with the formation of a Funding/Grant Sub-Committee.</p>	<p>Committee</p>
<p>Investigate grant options for seating at viewpoints (carried forward) plus replacement of Sandy Bay seating (raised at AGM) – carried forward for inclusion under Funding/Grant Sub-Committee focus</p>	<p>Committee</p>
<p>Determine initiatives to increase membership</p>	<p>Committee (ALL)</p>
<p>Review data and progress discussions regarding Community Hall options. Report to RRA Committee.</p>	<p>Community Hall Sub-Committee</p>
<p>Develop overview of Environmental priorities for Rakino, to include Rhamnus strategy (in conjunction with DOC).</p> <p>Share outcome of Environmental Survey (Apr 2018) and determine best communication method to share with the broader community (also has implications and inputs for development of overall strategy).</p> <p>JMac to join future Committee meetings as necessary.</p>	<p>John MacKenzie</p> <p>(Strategy sub-committee)</p>
<p>RE to contact Michael van Druuten who expressed an interest in joining the Committee, and who has financial expertise.</p>	<p>RE</p>
<p>Liaison with Hazel Durkin (AKL Council) – feedback on inorganic collection. Develop dialogue with Jodee McKay and Bridget Velvin.</p>	<p>RE</p>
<p>Grant Reporting (Bokashi Bins Project) Action: RE to draft and submit completion report to Auckland Council</p>	<p>RE</p>
<p>RE to contact Kevin Wragge regarding thank you for funding efforts</p>	<p>RE</p>
<p>Escalation of roading and drainage issues to Akl Transport, already instigated privately (see correspondence section appended). Committee to liaise with Akl Transport's Jodee McKay to follow through and improve working dialogue and exchange.</p>	<p>SMcC</p> <p>RE</p>
<p>Development of overall strategic plan (inc. items raised in the AGM) and key strategic threads (e.g. Environmental; conservation; weed eradication; etc.) and major focal areas from Survey.</p> <p>Combined with prev. action to Resolve Rakino community participation in Gulf Islands Trust Forum, which is a key component of any way forward for the island in the context of the Hauraki Gulf.</p>	<p>SMcC / Strategy Sub-Committee</p>
<p>Newsletter content (ongoing) – next issue: see Minutes for March plus: Easter events update inc. Raft Race photos from AT; update on Hall; Action on Rats and Rhamnus; Marine Reserve; Ecological Report from parker Conservation; Pukeko cull proposals; Plants to purchase from the Nursery.</p>	<p>SMcC + Committee</p>

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Potential to use Xero Cash Book to be investigated	ST
Committee to progress formation of Funding/Grant Sub-Committee to underpin RRA Strategy and improve leverage from available funding sources.	ST / Committee
Action the recommendations of the Financial Reviewer for 2015-6 accounts. Effective from January 2017 – ongoing .	ST / Committee

Committee members are reminded to review and print your own copies of all materials circulated prior to the meeting, forwarding amendments / corrections where necessary in advance to the Secretary, in order to optimize the discussion time available in meetings.