

Rakino Ratepayers Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17-Oct-2018 at 18:00

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

Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)
Rob Everall (RE)
Barry Bridgwater (BB)
Adrian Townsend
Michael van Druten (MvD)

Apologies:

Rod Inglis (RI)
Jude MacLachlan (JM)
Steve McCrone (SMcC)

1. Welcome / Apologies / confirm Quorum

Apologies were recorded from RI and JM and SMcC, who was available to call in by phone if required.

MvD attending as guest to assess future role on Committee.

Quorum confirmed.

2. Past Minutes

(a) Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting (19-Sep-2018) were circulated prior to this meeting.

Motion: the Minutes should be adopted

Moved by ST Seconded RE.

Motion carried and Minutes will be posted to the RRA website.

3. Finances

a) **Financial Report** – there was no monthly report as the main focus has been on preparing the year end financial statements

In the light of JM resigning from the Committee, it has yet to be confirmed if she will continue as a Trustee for the separate Trust held on behalf of the community. It is hoped she will agree, as the Trustees prefer a 'chinese wall' between the Trust and the Committee.

Action: JM to advise.

b) RE confirmed **82** paid-up member households which included several new registrations.

c) **Payments and Reimbursements** –

Presentation materials have been commissioned for the upcoming AGM at a cost of \$350+GST. **The expenditure was approved**

(Moved by: ST Seconded RE, and prior approval endorsed by SMcC earlier in the day by email).

4. Correspondence:

See Appendix 1 below.

Actions agreed or carried forward:

See Appendix 1: Correspondence as well as Appendix 2: Action Summary at the back of this document, sorted according to owner.

5. Community Hall

Chris Clews and ST had met to discuss a draft report commissioned by Auckland Council and prepared by Tonkin & Taylor and made available to CC as a draft for preliminary consideration. A key step in the process is to walk this information back to the community to test for views and preferences.

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CC will present a summary of the recommendations to the community at the AGM on 22-Oct-2018 for consideration and input of early feedback, to then progress the dialogue with Council representatives.

6. Review of Action Summary and Work in Progress:

See Action Summary following (Appendix 2), with individual actions assigned, to be reported as indicated.

7. New Business:

■ AGM to be convened on Monday 22nd October at 10:30 – Annual Report and Financial Summary to be issued electronically ahead of the meeting and presented to members for approval

■ Outline Agenda was confirmed, including the requirement to confirm re-election or replacement of current committee members.

- A new Vice Chair is required to replace JM.

- ST confirmed his willingness to continue as Treasurer

- RE confirmed his readiness to pass the Secretary role on to anyone wishing to take it up

■ RE advised of details of the next **Gulf Islands Trust** forum on 15-Nov-2018 at OBC premises. Details to be circulated to the committee by RE, an RSVP is requested to confirm attendance. It was agreed that RRA should have representation at each meeting and ST indicated he should be available for November, with others welcome to attend in addition.

■ AT tabled a concise positioning summary of existing/future community and social events and how they should ideally be 'owned' by the community with facilitation and communication channelled through RRA to support the organisers. **AT will present this at the AGM.**

■ AT tabled a notion of using some of the AT land for a community garden, with seating area and fruit trees, which dovetails with separate efforts to get the same land area cleared and mowed regularly. Idea to be developed with input from the community.

8. Next Meeting Dates:

[AGM] Monday 22-Oct-2018, 10:30

Wednesday 21-Nov-2018 at 18:00 (Outboard Boating Club, Tamaki Drive, Orakei)

The meeting closed at 19:50.

NB: Future Committee absences and apologies already notified:
Nil

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)

20-Sep-2018

One junk new member registration received from 'Fumupensogounny'

ACTION: First one received, monitor for recurrence.

Option to include 'I am not a Robot' checker on the website.

24-Sep-2018

Kevin Wragge wrote to advise of lodging an application for grant funding to clear the AT land of vegetation.

It was subsequently declined.

04-Oct-2018

KW in dialogue with Bridget Velvin to get the AT land incorporated within the Council mowing contract, if it can first be cleared down. BV advise that the DoC track into West Bay could not be included in the same way.

ACTION: Need initial mowing/clearance of land to enable Council mowing to take place. In the Committee meeting, the notion of using a flatter squarer section of land further along South Pacific Road was mooted for closer investigation.

27-Sep-2018

General notice issued at the request of Sarah Lloyd to clear cars from roadside to permit wide load in the week after Labour Day.

ACTION: Done

01-October-2018

Mike Orton advised of the death of long-time Rakino resident, Albie McCabe, aged 88, who left the island about five years ago.

Mike published to the 'Friends of Rakino' Facebook page.

09-October-2018

John Macculloch requested a general note be circulated offering a half share in a Sealink charter.
DONE.

There was subsequent interest from at least two parties, only to then discover that the barge would not be able to land in Home Bay due to tides, and access was only available from the Hurakia lodge jetty and land block (with no easy land egress available for vehicles).

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11-October-2018

Advised of latest round of Waiheke Quick Response grant funding, notified to John MacKenzie.

“Good afternoon,

Waiheke Quick Response, Round Two is now open for submissions and will close at **10 pm Friday 2 November 2018**.

Waiheke Local Board have set the following limits for Quick Response:

- Projects must occur after 17 December 2018
- Minimum amount per grant \$500
- Maximum amount per grant \$4,000
- Priorities and exclusions for this fund can be found in the [grants programme](#)

Please click [here](#) to apply.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards,

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ACTION: information for any potential applications.

15-October-2018

- Notice of AGM issued to all RRA members.
- General Notice to members advising of Tim Hofmeister taking over Facilitator Barges services, and note sent by RE to William Denton to request the addition of the new web page to be linked to the RRA website. ('Transport' links).

Member Registrations since last update:

82 paid-up households (out of 117 potential = 70%) in this subscription year 2018-9.

This includes some first-time registrations; there are still numerous renewals outstanding.

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Appendix 2: Overall Action Summary and Work in Progress for monthly reporting and review

Review of Rakino Budget data sourced from AKL Council – this also fits with the formation of a Funding/Grant Sub-Committee.	Committee
Determine future engagement with Gulf Islands Trust – next half-yearly meeting is on 15-Nov-2018, ST has indicated he is likely to be able to attend.	Committee
Determine potential relationship with Foundation North and the G.I.F.T. grants ongoing.	Committee
Community Hall options. Chris Clews to report to membership at AGM on 22-Oct-2018.	Community Hall Sub-Committee
Social calendar positioning to be presented by AT to the AGM on 22-Oct. Also to include notion of a community garden on AT or other common land.	AT
Investigate grant options for seating at viewpoints (carried forward) plus replacement of Sandy Bay seating (raised at AGM). Also consider island public tracks in reserves which exist (and are mapped) but are not published and thus unknown to most people, and where work may be necessary to improve access, such as off Askew Avenue. Include consideration of bicycle track options. Assemble calendar of annual community funding rounds and points of contact/reference. Consider any projects which might merit funding applications, for further discussion in Committee.	ALL
Develop dialogue with Council Grants Committee (ongoing)	TBC – was JM
Discuss DOC licence with Chris Clews – renew next year or not?	JM to advise
Liaise with John Vague over Trusteeship and the current state of Trust Funds invested.	JM to advise
Advise if recent Licence payment to DoC might be refunded, based on their feedback?	John Mackenzie
Develop overview of Environmental priorities for Rakino, to include Rhamnus strategy (in conjunction with DOC). Update on alternative funding for Pest Monitoring.	John MacKenzie
Potential for weed and gorse intervention at Wharf?	John Mackenzie
Potential to create an “Idiot’s Guide” version of the Ecological Survey for general circulation to encourage take up. John asked to consider this.	John Mackenzie / Committee
Re-provision Rhamnus poison supplies via DoC, including dispenser (defective) and plastic bottles	John Mackenzie
Escalation of roading and drainage issues to Akl Transport, already instigated privately (see correspondence section appended). A fresh complaint lodged in July (Woody Bay Road) and acknowledged by Akl Transport - but still not repaired.	SMcC
Committee to liaise with Akl Transport’s Jodee McKay to follow through and improve working dialogue and exchange.	RE and SMcC
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.	SMcC / Strategy Sub-Committee
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.	

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Newsletter pending – Committee to contribute as requested by Steve.	SMcC
Investigate to improve participation of RRA in the workings and resources allocated of the Waiheke Local Board.	SMcC
RI to present initial slides on Marine Reserve to AGM on 22-Oct-2018.	RI
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.