

Rakino Ratepayers Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 27 Feb 2019 at 18:00

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

Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)
Rob Everall (RE)
Rod Inglis (RI)

Apologies:

Adrian Townsend (AT) - overseas

1. Welcome / Apologies / confirm Quorum

Apologies were recorded from AT. SMcC was unavailable.
Quorum not achieved.

2. Past Minutes

(a) Minutes from the previous Committee Meeting (17-Oct-2018) were circulated prior to this meeting.

Article 11 of the Constitution states:

'QUORUM: No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Committee unless at least four members of the Committee are present

In order to get agreement to finalise the November 21st minutes, which were agreed by RE. ST and RI, RE to circulate to the absent Committee members to seek approval by email response.

For the remainder of the meeting, as no decisions could formally be made, there was a discussion of agenda items (see 7. 'New Business' below) but no outcomes could be ratified nor formally actioned on behalf of RRA.

If the agreed Quorum needs to be amended, it will require a formal change to the Constitution and a member vote.

3. Finances

a) **Financial Report** – ST confirmed the current and term deposit accounts, there had been little transactional activity. The Westpac donation of \$500 had been deposited (28-Nov-2018).

b) RE confirmed **90** paid-up member households

c) **Payments and Reimbursements** –

Nil

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

Pending a formal update from Chris Clews and Sue Plummer, although it is known that processes with WLB and Auckland Council are in train following recommendation made after the RRA AGM in October 2018.

6. Review of Action Summary and Work in Progress:

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

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indicated.

New Business:

■ RE reported on the disappointment expressed by several parties that the customary lolly scramble and sports events had not taken place after the NYE run. RE had confirmed to complainants he had encountered that volunteers to run these events had been requested at the October AGM but no one had stepped forward.

■ Actions arising from the fire event in December – pending further discussion regarding taking up the offer of a tanker donation. ST favours establishing a public water tank reservoir in a central location (with RRA \$'s support), together with the provision of a stock of fire equipment. Action plan to be determined in conjunction with Hank Postmaa.

■ Dylan Hinchey wrote in seeking an RRA donation of \$1000 in support of buying native plants from the nursery to plant out on public land. ST advised that Stacey Thomas had offered to donate suitable plants to Dylan for this project at no cost from nursery stock.

■ ST and RI reported on a review meeting with Auckland Transport representatives and Belaire Ferries regarding the Supergold Card ferry ticket subsidy.

On Friday 15th February, Stephen and Rod met 2 representatives of AT and Adam from Belaire to discuss the possibility of introducing the Goldcard to the Rakino service.

Auckland Transport informed them that Goldcard is not run by AT but in fact the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and the inclusion/exclusion of certain routes in the scheme is at their discretion. They pointed out that one of the purposes of the legislation was to bolster transport operators "off peak" numbers as well as offer pensioners free/subsidised travel .

The RRA would need a formal remit from their members to approach MSD for a deliberation (there is the possibility that the Rakino run is not deemed a commuter route and therefore excluded)

AT also pointed out the perverse effect (i.e. this has transpired on other routes) in that large numbers of retirees can joyride the service for a free harbour cruise, rather than genuine travel; as Belaire gets reimbursed up to a certain level, AT and Akl City may review their subsidies in light of the MSD contribution. At this point, they were unaware if it was possible to limit it to just Rakino Resident Goldcard holders

If declined, Adam pointed out as a backup that he was not averse to looking favourably on a Belaire discretionary discount for Goldcard holders on concession tickets.

■ The recent approach to host a large high price ticket event on Rakino was discussed, but it was agreed that the proposal was entirely unsuitable for the island facilities and would not be supported.

■ Auckland Transport Land (South Pacific Road) – has been mowed and cleared under a private initiative and looks fantastic – big thanks to those involved.

■ Council Waste Management tender – Council is launching a tender process for waste management on Rakino, and it is known that there is interest amongst islanders in making submissions to win the contract. RRA sits entirely outside of the process, but it was agreed that a general note to the community to ensure general awareness of the process being in hand would be appropriate.

■ Inorganic Collection 2019 – from Tuesday 23 April, with waste to be placed roadside from 19-22nd April only. RRA will circulate notice from Auckland Council (when made available) and encourage appropriate behaviour to avoid illegal tipping at the waste reception point in Home Bay beforehand.

■ RRA Committee seats – the Vice Chair position remains vacant.

RE also confirmed his decision to step down as Secretary from April for specific personal reasons. RI was aware of a couple of individuals who might be interested in serving on the Committee and it was agreed he should approach them and encourage them to come along to the next meeting.

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7. Next Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 20th March at 18:00 (Alaska premises in Freemans Bay)

The meeting closed at 19:15.

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)

23-26-Nov-2018

ST confirmed completion of arrangements for Term Deposit of RRA funds. RE second signed to complete establishment on line.

27-Nov-2018

Correspondence with Cherie Howie of NZ Herald over arrangements for her to visit the island on 12th December to do an article on long term permanent residents.

Supported by Kevin Hester and Dylan Hinchey.

ACTION: Acknowledged – link to on line article – also print articles. <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/index.cfm?objectid=12180903&ref=twitter>

05-Dec-2018

Communication with Todd Elder, Area Planner with Waiheke Local Board – Council visit to Rakino on 10-December.

ACTION: RE not available – referred to Steve McCrone and Chris Clews – outcome?

11-Dec-2018

Correspondence with Blair Nicholson (started with John Macculloch, widened to include RRA) about organising a high-end paid event for 1000 guests on the island for March 2019.

John declined as the event outline was judged unsuitable for his property.

ACTION: RE advised it would be tabled for the Committee at next meeting.

11-12-Dec-2018

Note to full RRA circulation from SMc following the fire at Jim Mclvor's home (9th December), acknowledging the efforts of the first responders in minimising further damage.

ACTION: Issued

Dec-2018

There was a volume of correspondence regarding the ability to cope with the outbreak of fire on the island (9th December), and a number of suggestions put forward from a number of quarters about recommended actions and additional equipment (not summarised here).

Hank and Bev submitted a formal report on the event – 24 December.

Circulated to Committee 28-Dec.

RE debriefed with Hank and Bev and reported to the Committee for a review and recommendations to be considered.

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ACTION: Acknowledged

05-Jan-2019

Grainneog folk gig held on Rakino – poorly attended – AT waived the \$100 Hall fee as a consequence (email of 8th Jan refers).

ACTION: None

25-28-Jan-2019

Request from Kevin Hester for guidance on supplies of Rhamnus poison.
John Mackenzie confirmed this was in hand with the Council.

ACTION: pending confirmation that poison has been restocked

Feb-2019

Correspondence with Auckland Transport to convene a review with Belaire of the service and also to investigate the position on Super Gold Card fares.
Meeting planned for 15th Feb.
Attended by ST (RE unavailable), RI, and invited Kevin Wragge.

ACTION: ST to report

11-Feb-2019

RRA circulation bulletin seeking additional accommodation available for DoC contractors working on weed eradication.

ACTION: Completed

Feb-2019

Correspondence with Council team regarding arrangements for next Inorganic Collection.

Council is also putting the waste management contract out to tender and several parties on the island are expected to bid for it under the new procurement plan.

ACTION: awaiting Inorganic details to circulate, and assist in general communication process.

Member Registrations since last update:

90 paid-up households in this subscription year 2018-9.

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

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

<p>Investigate grant options for seating at viewpoints (carried forward)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Assemble calendar of annual community funding rounds and points of contact/reference.</p> <p>Consider any projects which might merit funding applications, for further discussion in Committee.</p>	ALL
<p>Social calendar to be developed.</p>	AT
<p>Review of Rakino Budget data sourced from AKL Council – this also fits with the formation of a Funding/Grant Sub-Committee.</p>	Committee
<p>Maintain ongoing engagement with Gulf Islands Trust</p>	Committee
<p>Role of Vice Chair vacant – appointment to be progressed and resolved</p>	Committee
<p>Role of Secretary will be vacant with effect from April – RE to be replaced</p>	Committee
<p>Determine potential relationship with Foundation North and the G.I.F.T. grants ongoing.</p>	Committee (ST and RI)
<p>Community Hall/Wharf Building options. Chris Clews to continue efforts to secure funding for remedial works as outlined in the Tonkin&Taylor report. ST to liaise.</p>	Community Hall Sub-Committee + ST
<p>Fire Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Hank and Bev regarding offer of donation of a replacement water tanker • Progress fire training • Progress renewal of rego on Fire Lords 	Hank & Bev Postmaa / Committee
<p>Advise if recent Licence payment to DoC might be refunded, based on their feedback?</p>	John Mackenzie
<p>Develop overview of Environmental priorities for Rakino, to include Rhamnus strategy (in conjunction with DOC). Update on alternative funding for Pest Monitoring.</p>	John MacKenzie
<p>Potential for weed and gorse intervention at Wharf?</p>	John Mackenzie
<p>Re-provision Rhamnus poison supplies via DoC, including dispenser (defective) and plastic bottles</p>	John Mackenzie
<p>Potential to create an “Idiot’s Guide” version of the Ecological Survey for general circulation to encourage take up. John asked to consider this.</p>	John Mackenzie / Committee
<p>Auckland Transport & Belaire Ferries Meeting to be convened with AT (Christine Herbert) and BF (Adam Tallentire) to review passenger services and validate current position regarding Super Gold Card fares.</p>	RE & SMcC
<p>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.</p>	SMcC

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Committee to liaise with Akl Transport's Jodee McKay to follow through and improve working dialogue and exchange.	RE and SMcC
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
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. 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.	SMcC / Strategy Sub-Committee
RRA sign on Community Hall Correspondence with John Macculloch refers. ST to respond with agreement to see the wording amended, but only when it is time to renew the sign, given potential works to the Hall. John has to option to pay for its amendment more immediately.	ST
Replacement of Sandy Bay seating (raised at AGM). Investigate use of donated materials and volunteers to make.	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
Develop dialogue with Council Grants Committee (ongoing). Jude has offered to continue to assist with liaison.	TBC (was JM)

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.