

Rakino Ratepayers Association

Minutes of Labour Weekend Public Meeting

Sunday 25th October 2020

Location: Rakino Community Hall

Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)
Chris Clews (CC)
David Mahon (DM)
Natasha Holland (NH)
Elisabeth Easther (EE)
Rod Inglis (RI)

Apologies:

Kevin Hester (KH)
Steve McCrone (SMcC)

1. Welcome / Apologies / confirm Quorum

CC Chaired the meeting starting with apologies of committee members unable to attend KH and SMcC.

2. Past Minutes

Minutes from the previous Labour Weekend Committee Meeting (**27 Oct 2019**) were read to the Residents. CC mentioned after a very strange year for all thanks for COVID, things have been moving slower than normal due to this and we are all hoping for a better 2021 and completion of some of the outstanding business.

- (a) The seat of remembrance for Rob Everall still needs to be sorted.
- (b) Hollands are still happy to organise NYE games
- (c) Picnic tables have been replaced thank you to CC for organising and the RRA for donating
- (d) Macrocarpa on Woody Bay still need sorting

**Proposed by CC for acceptance. Seconded ST & NH
Unanimously accepted.**

3. Finances

- 1. **Financial Report** – ST tabled the financial reports and were offered to community to look through.
- 2. There have been a few transactions to date.
We received a \$25K grant from Foundation North of which we have spent \$8,500 so far on the Marine Survey.
The batteries were replaced at the Phone Box by Troy Holland at a cost of \$600 approx.
We are wanting to do another donation to Westpac Helicopter of \$1000 (CC to get sign off from Jude McLachlan) for funds.
We had to pay a \$300 cancellation fee of the Jazz Festival consent due to not using and no point continuing the consent.
We have made around \$2,000 in interest and have around \$70-\$80k in the bank.
- 3. Subs are low and need to be addressed. NH has offered to take over Subs and get them back on track. A few of the community were unsure if paid or not and NH has had requests for bank details. NH will send email to committee members advising of subs due.

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4. Community Hall:

Deliberations continue at Council, they are still keen for the Community to take over the Hall and its maintenance due to costs of moving/fixing the hall. This is not something we are particularly keen on but we will organise a Community Survey to see what direction everyone wants to see the Hall go in.

5. Marine Protection Area

CC started the conversation making it clear to the Community that no decisions will be made on a Marine Reserve without the community consultation/buy in.

EE has done an great job of getting funding from Foundation North (\$25k) which has allowed us to get a Marine survey done of the surrounding Rakino. EE also reiterated to the Community that it was only a survey to see what is actually there to help make a decision on whether we can actually do a Marine Area. There is NO Marine Area going in at this stage contrary to the rumours people have been hearing.

EE went on to read the report that was prepared by Dr Tim Haggitt detailing what they found. The report will be made available to the community to read.

EE also mentioned that the Noises have been trying for years to get a protection area and they still have not managed to achieve this. It was also brought up by the community if there are any other ways we can help with protection eg Wetlands, more planting, more education.

There is a proposed Rakino Nature Day which would see the marine scientists come in the research vessel and give some talks, and bring their amazing microscopes and a few other tools and also have Kerry Lukies the seabird woman give some talks and walks.. and share some of the wonders that people live and swim among and perhaps don't know about.

The proposed dates are Saturday Jan 9 with back up date if weather not decent, Jan 16.

6. Fire Report

Bev gave the Community a Fire Report advising them that we had 3 Fire Lords serviced in July and only 2 were returned, the 3rd apparently could not be repaired. It was proposed that maybe \$\$ could be spent on education on fire. Fire and Permits only available until December. Bev mentioned that she receives notifications each week of what permits have been submitted. Since May this year there has been 20 fire permits to date. Bev asked if the Community can please ensure they notify Bev/Hank if you have fire permit. Conditions also need to be ok to have a fire regardless if you have a permit. Its recommended that you have a fire lord onsite or buckets of water and to also notify the Community to avoid any panic when people see smoke. There are also new updated Fire signs coming.

CC then went on to reiterate to the Community that Bev and Hank are Volunteers and to ensure they are respected.

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The Fire Officer attended the last RRA meeting and advised the issue is Health & Safety around the why we are not allowed any more fire lords on the Island. We are not meant to be fighting fires.

7. Helipad and utility shed.

The location of the Fire Shed/Water tank was discussed with the Community. There had been a complaint by someone in the community about the position of the water tank so it has now been moved off AT land and onto Ross Hawkins land with his approval. There was a general feeling from some of the community that there hasn't been enough communication around what was proposed. This was however discussed at the last Community Meeting. The Community were shown a map of the location of the Fire shed/water tank. ST has been given a generator for the Fire Shed. It was confirmed that this would only run in an emergency. There was some confusion on whether the water could be used for community use, however this was decided it would be too hard to control and the purpose of the tank is for putting out fires. We will need to power to the shed to power a proper fire siren that can be heard by the entire Island. We plan to move the Defib also. The Defib is also up to date.

It was mentioned in regard to the Heli Pad that they require a 10 x 10 concrete pad to land. There was concern from some of the Residents that they don't want this to be a landing spot for ALL Choppers, just emergency.

It was agreed that the RRA need to put together some more information for the Residents about the proposed move and look of the Fire Shed before anything further happened. CC mentioned that this would be a community build that we could all get involved in. CC will put together an email to send out.

8. Moorings:

RRA Committee are keen to get an updated contact list of all mooring owners with the proposal of putting name and number on their moorings (optional) with the thought if they were empty someone may be able to use them. Also look at getting some signs made up on how to tie up a boat properly. NH will compile updated list.

It was also pointed out that the RRA Committee are not responsible for managing the moorings this is the responsibility of the Harbour Master.

Residents were advised that John McCulloch has applied for 2 new moorings in Pohutukawa Bay.

9. New Business:

Les

Les wanted to let the community know about his recent dog bite and to remind people to keep their dogs under control. He also mentioned that there had been a couple of other incidents regarding other dogs and another resident. Les was advised that he should formally lay a complaint against the dog that bit him. Also a reminder for dog owners to please pick up their dog poo. It was made clear that the RRA Committee does not have enforcement authority.

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Inorganic

Sheryl reiterated that the Auckland Council policy for inorganic rubbish collection has changed. Sheryl had flyers on whats ok and whats not for the Residents and that you must book a collection or your rubbish will NOT be collected. ALL inorganic must stay on the owners property. Tom asked residents not to illegally dump rubbish anywhere on the Island.

Cars

Residents were concerned about the speed cars are driving around the island especially when the island is getting busier. It was discussed to change the 50km speed sign to 30km. CC offered to get sign/stickers to go on existing sign. Also concern around kids riding on outside of cars.

It was brought up that the committee need a Secretary. It appears that breaking the role into a few different roles could be the best way forward. NH has volunteered to do Subscriptions and after a few discussions amongst the room Sarah Webb offered to look at taking on the job of Minutes taker.

One of the residents also suggested there was a great software called Board Connect that could be good for the RRA Committee.

CC put to Residents if anyone would like to join the Committee and unfortunately there was no interest. All Committee members were asked if they were going to stay on the committee and all agreed they would.

The meeting closed at 12pm