

Rakino Ratepayers Association

Minutes of Thursday 18th March 2021 Meeting

Location: Auckland CBD

Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)
Chris Clews (CC)
David Mahon (DM)
Natasha Holland (NH)

Apologies:

Elisabeth Easter (EE)
Rod Inglis (RI)
Kevin Hester (KH)

Welcome / Apologies / confirm Quorum

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

SMcC announced his resignation from the committee in February. The RRA cannot discuss the circumstances of his departure but we would like to thank him for his service and continued support.

1. Past Minutes

Minutes from the previous Labour Weekend Committee Meeting (**27 Oct 2020**) were distributed prior to the meeting for review by members and copies were supplied. CC mentioned we had a few issues to get through with more updates on our main issues of the Fire Shed, Rakino Hall and the Marine Study.

3. Finances

1. **Financial Report** – ST tabled the financial reports
2. There have been few transactions to date, predominantly subscription fees and hall hire fee of \$100 from Lisa West for Anthonies gig at the Hall in January. We are currently figuring out the best way to handle the hire fees as this is a Council Asset.
3. There is still one final invoice to be paid for the Foundation North Survey which is half the quoted sum. EE will organise with Tim to get this invoiced once the report is complete.

4. Subscriptions

NH now has the Ratepayers database and will be sending an email to the community with a reminder about subs being due in July and payment methods. Thanks was made to those that have paid subs for July 2020 to June 2021. We are aware that things have got a bit off track with our subs/reminders but with a fresh year we will be back on track.

5. 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. One of the Council team who is assigned to this project was looking at some possible options that could be presented to the Board – 1. Leave as is (though there is concern that it cannot be left the

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way it is for a long term) 2. Pull down, 3. Shift Back as per the Tonkin Taylor Report or 4. Pull down and replace with a smaller facility. Clearly these options would be something that the community would need to be behind and there would be discussions on how everyone felt about the idea of the hall going. If the Hall was to be pulled down it could be repurposed into the Community where it can. We could not build something to the same size due to building costs, so within the discussions we need to discuss what the community would want from the Hall. DM has kindly offered to draw something up as a

starting discussion for the community. These draft ideas we will present at the Easter meeting for discussion.

The question was also raised as to whether a resource consent would be required should the option of removing the hall happen.

6. Marine Protection Area

EE updated the Committee that the report has taken longer to complete due to covid. EE was putting off writing the final report for Foundation North until after the information day. As we know Walks, Snorks and Talks day has been cancelled twice now due to covid and ferry timetable changes. This was where Tim was going to share the findings and also just get people invested in ocean appreciation, as well as some bird experts to complete the picture.

EE will be completing her report over the next few weeks and then we can get the report signed off and completed and the final bill paid.

EE is hopeful that the Walks, Snorks and Talks day will still happen.

It was also raised that there is also currently lots of interest from the broader public about protecting the Gulf and as a community should Rakino be getting behind it and showing our support.

EE will update the community at the Easter meeting on the progress and what is happening on the Marine Protection front.

7. Fire shed/Equipment

A meeting was held on the 10th March with the Waiheke District Board of which CC and Kevin Wragge were apart of. Discussions were had around preparing the Rakino Island community for fire through resilience planning and risk-reduction education.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand has been working with the Rakino Rate Payers Association (RRPA) to discuss the expectations of residents relating to fire and other emergency incidents on Rakino Island, and to review what expectations and delivery might look like from Fire and Emergency New Zealand. FENZ are happy to assist the Community in Fire Reduction and Education but cannot support any additional equipment to untrained and unqualified members of the public for Fire Response.

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AEM and FENZ would welcome the opportunity to engage with all residents and deliver for all residents various risk reduction and resilience building initiatives and activities that encourage hazard reduction actions (including for fire) and wider emergency preparedness planning to strengthen community resilience to both a fire, but any emergency.

A meeting needs to be set up with the Island Residents and Community with FENZ to discuss the practices and risks on the island. These meetings can be set up both on the Island and on the Mainland in order to capture the wider community.

An email will be sent out prior to Easter meeting to ascertain when would be the best time for the fire meeting with the Community, with the hope to have a date organised and confirmed at the Easter meeting.

8. Moorings

Auckland Yacht & Boating Association Inc (AYBA) have appealed the 2 new moorings that John McCulloch has applied for in Pohutukawa Bay.

NH has received updated lists from Harbour Master and will compile an updated contact sheet.

9. New Business

NH informed the committee that Hugo Gibbs has agreed to join the Committee which will be confirmed at the Easter meeting.

10. General

Two Police Officers will be visiting the Island over the Easter weekend either Saturday or Sunday and visiting as many houses/people as possible. Jim McIvor is co-ordinating with them.

11. Easter Entertainment

The Art Gallery will be open over Easter for people to go see the Art Exhibition referred to as ORCA. Opening Friday night at 5pm

Stacey and Jennie singing at the Pizzeria on Sunday 5-7pm

Next meeting will be Sunday 4th April at 10am in the Hall.