

# Rakino Ratepayers Association

## Minutes of Easter Weekend Public Meeting

Sunday 4 April 2021

Location: Rakino Community Hall

### Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)  
Chris Clews (CC)  
David Mahon (DM)  
Natasha Holland (NH)  
Elisabeth Easther (EE)  
Hank and Bev (Fire Representatives)  
Sheryl Donaldson (Island Representative)

### Apologies:

Rod Inglis (RI)  
John Mackenzie (Environmental Officer)  
Kevin Hester (Island Representative)

## 1. Welcome / Apologies

CC opened the meeting with welcome and apologies. CC also reiterated the desire to improve communication via the website and encouraged all to provide updated email addresses etc.

## 2. Past Minutes

Minutes from the previous Labour Weekend Committee Meeting were circulated

## 3. Finances

1. A donation to Westpac Helicopter of \$1000 was made.
2. A very small amount of subs have been received during the year. Given the difficult past year it was agreed that until a new request for subs was emailed, subs were no longer expected for this financial year.
3. Kevin Wragge raised the issue that under the constitution only members were entitled to speak. The question was put to the floor 'should everyone have the ability to speak until the next request for subs?', with the ayes having it.

## 4. Community Hall:

DM circulated an Options Discussion for the Community Hall

Key points were discussed as follows

1. The Hall cannot stay in the current position
2. A sea wall is not an option
3. A new build, low maintenance single story building would be the most palatable option for Council, with a potential cost of around \$300k. A new build would give a degree of certainty of cost vs. moving the existing building and renovating to code. The footprint would be smaller than the existing two storey hall and would be integrated with the Council's proposed wharf toilet replacement. The location would be closer to the current site of the wharf toilets and therefore further away from the sea.
4. A request was made that council reports please be sourced under the OIA.
5. Feedback was invited from all ratepayers within the next 4 weeks.
6. A call was made for volunteers from a wide range of disciplines whereby the volunteer contributions could be presented to council as potential savings and an illustration of community support.
7. A show of hands indicated widespread support for the newbuild
8. A point of order was raised by KW alleging that meetings are having discussions without supporting data being provided. This was refuted by CC, and an offer to provide any supporting documentation was made.

## 5. Marine Survey Report

EE advised the survey was almost completed, and the proposed related activities that were cancelled due to Covid and other factors would be rescheduled for the warmer months to come.

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## 6. Fire Capability

Current legislation does not allow for the provision of fire fighting equipment to untrained personnel.

Projections are that Rakino would need over 20 fully trained volunteers to have an effective fire fighting unit and training would take in excess of 3 years to complete, which is not feasible.

Rakino needs to develop a Community Resilience Plan in association with Auckland Emergency Management and Auckland Council with a focus on fire containment/training on how to stop fire spread.

CC circulated the Community Resilience Planning Overview from Auckland Emergency Management and Auckland Council.

There will be two meetings held- a weekday meeting in Auckland, and a weekend meeting at Rakino. Ratepayers were strongly encouraged to be present at one or both meetings in order to represent the depth of community support and concern.

An email will be sent via RRA, and Bev and Hank will put up notices on the Island once dates and venues have been confirmed.

## 7. General Business

Les raised the outcome of his dog attack, concerns about teenagers on motorbikes, car safety, the derelict paddles, dragon boats, and the future of the fishing competition.

Bev raised the new no parking signs along the on the seaward side of Sth.Pacific Rd.

This road verge has been designated No Parking in the interest of;

- Pedestrian Safety to and from the Ferry Terminal
- Erosion risk to the seaward bank from sea surges.
- Potential environmental hazard of vehicles falling onto the beach.

**The meeting closed at 12 noon.**