

Rakino Ratepayers Association

Minutes of AGM Labour Weekend Meeting

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Location: Rakino Community Hall

Present:

Stephen Thomas (ST)
Chris Clews (CC)
Natasha Holland (NH)
Hugo Gibbs (HG)

Apologies:

Rod Inglis (RI)
Bev and Hank
Sarah Webb
Kevin Wragge

1. Welcome / Apologies

CC opened the meeting with welcome.

2. Past Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting had been distributed via email to all RRA members, CC put motion for minutes to be approved, John Denton approved and Mark McNeil seconded.

3. Finances/Correspondence

ST distributed financials for those wanting to read them.

1. Not much activity to report, 3 payments had been made – PO Box, Westpac and Grant payment for Marine Reserve which is done in instalments.
2. Subs have double from last year. AT noted that sometimes people are paying double which ST confirmed. He has looked into other ways of running this but as it's a voluntary donation it is not quite straightforward. NH mentioned the easiest way to avoid double payments is to set up an Automatic payment to go out on the 1st July every year.
3. We have \$23k in the Trust which we have been gifted \$15k to put towards the Fire Shed.
4. PW asked if approval was required for the finances, a motion was requested for approval and the community approved.
5. NH reported the only correspondence received was motions for the meeting.

4. Election/Voting on the RRA Committee Members

CC advised that the existing Committee had all been nominated to stand again

Chris Clews – Chairman, Stephen Thomas – Treasurer, Natasha Holland – Secretary, Rod Inglis – Committee Member, Hugo Gibbs – Committee Member

He advised that there were a few nominations put forward for a new Chairman, however all those nominations were declined by the individuals. NH contacted those nominated to confirm if they were wanting to stand which they didn't. NH advised that the nomination forms were available up the front if anyone wanted to see them.

The RRA members that were present agreed the committee should restand and took a vote and all were in agreement.

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CC advised he needs to confirm with John MacKenzie that he is happy to continue to be the Environmental Officer.

We are still in need of finding a Fire Officer.

5. General Business

Community Hall

CC gave an update on the Hall and shared the presentation that was presented to the Waiheke Local Board. The presentation covered all the options/pricing that was required by the Board. There were 5 options that were put forward 1. Do nothing, 2. Lift, shift and re pile, 3. New Build (preferred option) 4. Prefab Build 5. Container Build. All pricing was relatively similar apart from the "Do nothing" which still would cost \$790k. We were very fortunate to have Pip Cheshire present his design at the presentation. His input has been extremely valuable to this project.

After a lot of meetings and hard work by all those involved CC had pleasure in reading the email he had received from Shane Hogg at Auckland Council (see below) advising that the new build option has been accepted and the Funds have been captured in the Financial Year 2023. This is a great outcome and excellent to see some progress. CC advised that the build wouldn't start for at least 1 ½ to 2 years as there is still a lot of work to do behind the scenes. It was advised that there is likely to be shortfall, but ST noted that we need to let Council drive the project and if we need to do some fundraising at the end we will do so.

We will be asking the community for any support they can offer to the build from funding, accommodation, building, electrical and doing a working bee. We have been fortunate to already have offers of help which is great.

Email from Shane Hogg, Auckland Council

From our joint Waiheke Local Board presentation on the 22nd of September 2022, it was clear from the local board member feedback on the options assessment that we are proceeding into site investigations and resource consenting based on the new build option that you and the Rakino Ratepayers Association and worked so hard on.

We have captured this outcome in the Financial Year 2023 Quartey One project update which will become public in the coming month, this is to confirm the direction formally. As per the presentation we agreed with the local board that we will be working on the Financial year 2024/2025 work programme with the first draft due in March 2023, this will include the updated project budgets to the new build option.

Our team is currently in procurement of site investigation services and we are just awaiting a project management resource internally to replace Isabella Wang and we will keep you updated as we progress.

We can also confirm resource consenting can be done internally with Council staff in our department to save on these costs.

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Marine Environment update

EE gave an update on what was happening in relation to the The Noises marine reserve proposal. She advised there are only 19 protected areas in the Hauraki Gulf and 12 with a high protection area. Submissions were open until the 28th October for those that were interested in putting in a personal submission.

CC raised at this point that a motion was put forward for the Community to get behind and support the Noises initiatives which sparked discussions (ref to motions section further down)

Fire Capability

CC/ST gave an update on where we are at with the Fire Shed. The RRA have signed a contract with the Fire Service to buy new fire equipment/gear (hoses, pumps, overalls). We have purchased the equipment for \$1 and all responsibility lies on the RRA. It is important that we look after the gear and come up with processes/procedures to control the gear and ensure it is used correctly and documented back to the correct place. The Fire Service are happy to come to the island and train the community on how best to wet down areas (not fight fires). There is a resilience plan available. JD raised whether we required a future acquisition, or should we try get funding or put aside some money for future equipment. CC suggested someone in the community might like to help run the funding.

The RRA approached the Trust about funding the materials for the Fire Shed that will be built on South Pacific Road by the water tank that is adjacent to the AT land so it is more centralised to the community. ST confirmed that they are gifting us \$15k to build this. The aim is to have a community working bee to get this built. The design is not yet finalised for this.

CC advised the firelords will remain on the island. We still need a Fire Officer.

Motions

CC read all of the motions that were put forward and sent to all the RRA members via email. Each motion was then discussed among those members that attended. (see attached for reference)

Motion 1

- 1. *No member may hold the position of Chairperson or represent the Association in any capacity including sub-committees for more than two consecutive terms or two years.***
- 2. *A member who has served two consecutive full terms as the Chairperson shall be eligible for re-appointment after a lapse of three consecutive terms or three years.***
- 3. *This is to come into immediate effect i.e. at 2022 Annual General Meeting.***

It was felt that these were conflicting motions. It was noted that there were no new nominations that were accepted for any of the committee roles and those that were at the

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meeting were happy with the current committee. A vote was put forward to the members and had the following outcome

1. No support - motion denied
2. No support – motion denied
3. No support – motion denied

Pieter Watson stood up and thanked Chris and the committee for all their hard work over the years and the members agreed and applauded the committee.

Motion 2

The Association commences negotiations with the Waiheke Local Board and asks it to open negotiations with Auckland Transport to have surplus roading on Rakino redesignated as Council land. Council rather than Auckland Transport would then be able to make that land available to the community rather than negotiating with Auckland transport for it's use. Auckland Transport has proved to be dictatorial and unrealistic when approached in the past. The Board has stated it would support this initiative.

It was raised by the members that AT would not consider this as surplus land. JD/HS felt that AT would not accept this motion especially at this stage with changes to Boards/Government. Voting was put forward to the members and had the following outcome

No support – motion denied

Motion 3

The Rakino community supports in principle the goals aspirations and initiatives articulated in the attached publications relating to the Revitalization of the Gulf and specifically as it applies to the Noises initiative to have its marine environment designated a Marine Reserve

Discussion was had around the changing of the wording to RRA instead of Community. People should make their own submissions, we are not voting for the full community. It was initially suggested to go back to KW to change the wording. Pieter Watson then put forward the motion to change the wording to RRA instead of Community. A vote was done and all agreed to this change.

SW had put forward a motion which was also sent to the RRA in response to the above motion, outlining the ins and out of the Reserve. (see attached).

SW motion explained there is a HPA on this area, it is not just a Marine Reserve (no take). It was questioned could this be changed or is it set in stone. No one was sure of the answer.

It was voted that we support in principle but only the RRA not the community.

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Motion 4

The Rakino Rate Payers Association explores the opportunities to have permanent representation on the Waiheke Local Board as it relates to Rakino.

Unfortunately on compiling the minutes it was realised that this motion has unfortunately been missed. The Chairman does apologise and it will be raised at the next meeting.

Motion 5

The Association seeks a volunteer resident to head up a committee to commence fund raising for the purpose of meeting the inevitable short fall that will arise with the re- development of the hall.

The members agreed that this was a good idea however this would come as part of the natural process once we are further down the track and this motion was not required.

A vote was put forward and with the following outcome

No support – motion denied

Pest Control

There have been some wifi pest traps installed on the island that John McKenzie help set up. There are aerals on Rod Inglis and Adrian Townsends properties.

Christmas Events/Social

NH advised that the New Years Eve Run will go ahead as usual on the 31st December at Sandy Bay at 8am, followed by games and lollie scramble.

The meeting closed at 11.45am

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Motions for the Rakino AGM – 23rd October 2022

Motion 1

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2. A member who has served two consecutive full terms as the Chairperson shall be eligible for re-appointment after a lapse of three consecutive terms or three years.
3. This is to come into immediate effect i.e. at 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Explanation

The rotation of Chairperson is now considered best business practice.

Term limits help to introduce fresh idea and viewpoints.

It is also the opportunity to;

1. attract a broader range of candidates with skills in evolving areas
2. broaden diversity.
3. introduce new relationships, connections and opportunities
4. better reflect changing community demographics
5. Offer a continuous flow of new ideas, different perspectives, and innovative solutions to the problems our community faces.

Constitution Amendment

Para's 10 and 16 of the Constitution would require review at a minimal cost.

The former Chairman can offer continuity with a transition report to the incoming Chairperson.

Minutes and written records of conversations etc will assist with the continuity of ongoing matters under negotiation.

Voting

The motion can be presented as a simple yes/no vote.

Motion 2

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Council rather than Auckland Transport would then be able to make that land available to the community rather than negotiating with Auckland transport for it's use.

Auckland Transport has proved to be dictatorial and unrealistic when approached in the past.

The Board has stated it would support this initiative.

Background

The identification of surplus roading was a private initiative as was the clearing and ongoing maintenance of the land at the top of the Island.

The attached map shows the roading network and land surplus to that function.

Rakino has little or no land available to it for infrastructure.

Surplus roading land may meet that need.

The cleared land at the top of the Island affords a central meeting place in the event of an emergency for deployment of response.

It could also become the location of other essential emergency facilities which are vital for the island's security and wellbeing and must be considered in tandem with the redevelopment of the hall.

This would allow a strategic plan to be put in place with options as regards the placement and development of essential services.

The better good of the community is at stake rather than individual concern.

My motion simply ensures that land is available as and when it may be required.

Safeguards are available as Council is the final arbitrator for the lands use.

It is my opinion that all surplus roading should be incorporated within this initiative.

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Auckland Transports obligation to ongoing maintenance of roading remains.

Motion 3

1.The Rakino community supports in principle the goals aspirations and initiatives articulated in the attached publications relating to the Revitalization of the Gulf and specifically as it applies to the Noises initiative to have its marine environment designated a Marine Reserve.

2.The Association on behalf of the Rakino community will actively liaise with the Neuterer family and support all such endeavours as is reasonably possible.

Voting - This is a yes/no vote

The publications are;

<https://www.thenoises.nz/2022/08/31/documenting-another-chapter>

Motion 4

The Rakino Rate Payers Association explores the opportunities to have permanent representation on the Waiheke Local Board as it relates to Rakino.

Commentary

The Rakino community is seldom consulted as regards it's needs and is simply tagged on to decisions and outcomes which are primarily targeted at Waiheke.

Meeting are signalled. Kath Handley informed me that it was possible to flag meetings that may impact on Rakino.

I believe that process should be investigated and implemented.

It may be that a committee member is assigned to manage this process which would include liaison with the community to seek it's views on issues as they arise.

Local elections would be required to appoint any candidate to represent Rakino in this manner.

Voting - Another yes/no vote

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/how-auckland-council-works/local-boards/Pages/about-local-boards.aspx>

Motion 5

The Association seeks a volunteer resident to head up a committee to commence fund raising for the purpose of meeting the inevitable short fall that will arise with the re- development of the hall.

Funds will be contributed by the Association to that committee in the first instance to instigate the process.

The hall will be made available for that purpose at no charge.

The appointment can be within the structure of the Association which will not interfere with decisions made for this purpose or independent from the Association.

The expected reporting and accounting will be made available to the membership on a regular and appropriate basis.

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RRA Meeting

Apologies in advance for the formal language, would be a lot more relaxed if I could be there to speak!

Regarding the motion

"The Rakino community supports in principle the goals aspirations and initiatives articulated in the attached publications relating to the Revitalization of the Gulf and specifically as it applies to the Noises initiative to have its marine environment designated a Marine Reserve."

For the record I support a 'Marine Reserve' (no take) at The Noises but I have some concerns about the motion that I wish to raise prior to the vote.

Firstly, I am concerned that we are voting on a vague and poorly worded motion without discussion. I believe this motion is important enough to be discussed first, rather than the yes/no vote via email. Specific points as follows;

☐ We are voting on behalf of the Rate Payers Association only, not 'the community' and therefore we should not claim to represent everyone on the Island with regard to supporting the Noises.

☐ The Noises are not proposed to be a 'Marine Reserve' (no take) but an 'HPA', which allows customary take by Iwi. This is a key difference as there that needs to be considered. I believe in supporting a 'Marine Reserve' with no take, but an HPA with customary fishing rights brings some issues. Auckland Council recognises 19 different Iwi in our region who potentially will still be able to fish and gather from any HPA in the Gulf. The customary rights have not been defined at this point in time.

☐ With regard to aspirations and initiatives within the attached documents, can the proposer please clarify what these are. There is no section that clearly defines what initiatives and aspirations we may be supporting

☐ Also if RRA support the 'principle', does this mean we absolutely agree with the boundaries that they are proposing, or is this something we can negotiate further, bearing in mind that the initial Design Guidelines published by The Noises were a 2km radius that significantly encroached the northern area of Rakino.

Secondly, I am concerned that if RRA support something in principle, will it be used by members without the RRA being notified. This could be either at other groups meetings eg Gulf Islands Trust, Legasea, or used in individual submissions, incorrectly.

I propose that if RRA members are in support of a 'Marine Reserve' we create our own submission to DOC and retain control of our voice. This will enable us to receive direct communication from all submissions in the future that bear our association's name, and ensure that our support is correctly used. We need a voice at this table, especially with regard to the issues associated with HPA's vs. Marine Reserves, as this is our backyard.