

# Hahei Residents and Ratepayers Assoc.

## Minutes of the September meeting

Location: Zoom  
Date: 28 January 2024  
Time: 4.00 pm  
Chair: J Jonasson

### Attendees

John Jonassen (Chair), Brett Harries (Vice Chair), Dianne Simson (Secretary), Paul Revell (Treasurer), Maggie Beattie, Maarten Bangma, Ray Van Beynen

### Guests

Nil

### Apologies

Penne Clayton, Jen Goldsworthy

### Previous Minutes

Circulated and ratified at this meeting.

Moved J Jonassen/B Harries

### Matters Arising

A brief discussion took place on posting the minutes on our website. The committee agreed that this is ideal, which led to an expanded conversation about the website, and the need to find a person willing to load items and generally keep the site up to date. It was mentioned that if we are unable to find a volunteer for this then we may need to pay somebody. Bill, John, Penne, Maggie, and possibly Ray will meet to discuss further.

### Inwards Correspondence

- a. NZTA roading updates.
- b. Watercare receipts and results
- c. Heather Bruce TCDC on Grange Road Repairs
- d. Copy of letter from Lynne Kingsbury to Doc, TCDC, and Government on Cathedral Cove

- e. Minister of Conversation Tama Potaka on Cathedral Cove
- f. DOC Cathedral Cove update

### Outwards Correspondence

- a. Newsletter
- b. Penne to Heather Bruce TCDC on Grange Road incident and repairs

### Discussion on Correspondence

Nil

Moved D Simson/M Beattie

### Financial Report

\$17,758.99– Cheque Account

\$16,535.91- Term Investment

**\$34,294.90- Total position**

Moved: P Revell/Second P Jonassen

Included in the Cheque Account is \$9,645.00 of funds donated for the Generator.

### Membership

0 (Due to start of new financial year). Membership fees are now due. A reminder will go in the next newsletter.

### Proposed Funding

Nil. Please bring any ideas to the next committee meeting in March.

### Portfolio Reports

Nil

### General Business

#### **Generator.**

The generator has arrived in Thames and will need relocating to Hahei, and stored until it can be installed. Ray to follow up with Jen to see if it can be delivered, if not Ray and BJ will collect.

Maggie will check with BJ to see if the generator can be stored at the Fire Station.

We are waiting for a price for the installation from Geoff Hick. The committee decided to write to those who had donated to the generator fund to obtain their approval to use the balance of any funds remaining from the installation (noting TCDC supplied the generator free of charge) towards any future maintenance costs.

Jen to meet with Geoff and the hall committee to confirm the location and arrange next steps. Once finalized will need to be run past council (Jen/ JJ).

### **Cathedral Cove**

Ray provided an update on the Cathedral Cove situation.

It was disappointing that Hahei voices were left out of the recent meeting that took place between the Minister of Conservation, Ngati Hei and TCDC. The local MP Scott Simpson has apologized for this and is facilitating a delegation to go to Wellington to discuss further options to get the track reopened. The delegation is hoping to meet with the Minister of Conservation, Tama Potaka, and the Minister for Cyclone Recovery, Mark Mitchell. A meeting has already been held with the Minister of Tourism, Matt Doocy which was constructive.

DOC has agreed to proceed with obtaining an updated detailed geotech report (following further monitoring and this report is expected to be completed later this year. It was noted also that the Minister of Tourism has met with representatives of the key stakeholders and visited the site. Recent communications from DOC and the Minister of Conservation have confirmed that there will not be a quick fix. Ray stressed that it was important that DOC engages with **all** stakeholders. The issue has the potential to become quite fraught.

Ray also advised that there is the possibility of a petition being organized, and a new group forming to support the land reserve of Cathedral Cove as opposed to the marine reserve.

A discussion then took place on how to control visitor numbers if the track does reopen. Numbers pre-covid were approaching 300,000 per year and were unsustainable, and created a poor visitor experience. The committee admitted that most solutions to this are problematic.

### **Central and Southern Ratepayers Chairs/ Mercury Bay Community Board meeting**

Brett will attend this meeting on 21/2/24 on behalf of John. John to send Brett the link to attend.

### **Proposed Ratepayers Chairs meeting with the Mayor and Council**

John's view was that he should only attend if the meetings were to discuss area wide issues such as rubbish, wastewater, water, rates etc. The committee agreed.

### **LTP**

The draft LTP is yet to be released.

### **Anzac Day 2024**

John suggested that our focus this year be on those who had served post WW2. John will contact the RSA to ensure that they are happy with this. John and Ray to liaise with the school re the theme.

Discussion took place on a permanent flag pole. Maggie agreed to talk to Laurie Holyoake from the Memorial Gardens group to gauge his support. We may also need to get council approval.

Ray advised that he is organizing the Anzac Day cricket match to be held in the afternoon, all welcome.

### **Powerboxes**

Maarten is still working to find out the correct person to speak to regarding the proposal to paint the powerboxes.

### **Wind Sock on Kotare Reserve**

Brief discussion took place on the need to replace the wind sock. It appears that helicopters do not need the sock to land so we may not need to replace the sock. Dianne will talk with Penne to see if St John are ok with this. If St John still require it then the committee did agree to fund a replacement.

### **Rescue Tubes**

Maggie agreed to speak to Gary Hinds regarding training in the use of the Rescue Tubes.

### **Commercial Notice Board**

Paul advised that the board has been vandalized. He has asked Geoff to build a new cover. The committee agreed to fund this cost.

John confirmed that our meetings will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> month on the last Sunday which makes the next meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 4pm.

Meeting closed at 5.05pm