



WAIKAWA BEACH RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT HANK EDWARDS RESERVE ON 30 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 3.05 PM

Chairman John Hewitson welcomed approximately 70 residents with special mention of new residents to the area and also to Councillor Christine Mitchell representing Horowhenua District Council.

Apologies

Were accepted from: Laurie & Ann Abernethy, Euan & Linda Playle, Stephen & Deb Sheppard, Mark & Hayley Gilbert, Ngaire Hunter, Elaine & Tony White, Horowhenua District Council CEO David Clapperton.

Moved: Alan Fletcher/Leslie Ann Walker **Carried.**

Minutes of Previous AGM

These were circulated to the meeting. Accepted as true and correct and taken as read.

Moved: Cecily Archer/Liz Duncan **Carried**

Matters Arising

Nil

Finance

The Financial Report was circulated to the meeting and accepted.

Moved: John Brown/Frank Averages **Carried**

Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report. The main points were:-

Rates Increase – Both HDC & HRC have increased rates.

Rubbish Collection – Two companies collect on Mondays

Beach Access – Still not good

Roading and Grounds – 50kph warning signs have been erected but still concern about speed of vehicles in the village during holiday periods.

SH1 & WB Road Intersection – Work now completed without any of the suggestions made at the meeting between residents and NZTA.

Neighbourhood Support – Recent burglaries to several homes.

The Chairman's report was accepted

Moved: Julie Stichbury/Cecily Archer **Carried**

Election of Officers

Chairperson: John Hewitson
Secretary: John Brown
Treasurer: Elaine White
Committee: Frank Averages, Warwick Bainbridge, Julie Stichbury,
Liz Duncan, Lesley Anne Walker

The above committee were elected for the ensuing year.

Moved: Alan Fletcher/Glen Belsham **Carried**

In addition Yvonne Small was nominated by Lesley Ann Walker/ Dave Milson
Carried

Financial Reviewer: Brian Clarke nominated for ensuing year.

Moved J Brown/Cecily Archer **Carried**

Councillor Christine Mitchell

Christine gave a brief report on the following matters:-

- LIM Reports. Horowhenua District Council have been advised that the methodology and accuracy of the report from Horizons Regional Council was not wrong, as was the case in Kapiti when a court found otherwise. Horowhenua District Council say they are required by law to inform all landowners who are affected by the report to inform them. This is done by including reference to the report in the LIM Report.
- The new rating procedure came into force this year with the general rate calculated as in the past on land value and the roading and stormwater rate based on capital value. The next discussion on rates will be in 3 years when the Long Term Plan is next considered.
- Road works on Waikawa Beach Road took much longer than anticipated. The work was done because engineers said it had to be done.
- Christine urged us to work to closely with the Manakau Residents in any discussions with NZTA concerning the intersection at SH1 and Waikawa Beach Road. She was of the opinion that NZTA did not realise that anyone lived at Waikawa Beach.
- CEO David Clapperton attended a committee meeting 3 months ago which has resulted in a council produced "monitoring report" on work requests from the Association to Council.

From the Monitoring report:-

1. Rabbits: HDC were liaising with Horizons Regional Council. Smoke canisters were available to put down rabbit burrows which may have some use.
2. Roading works: It is hoped to spruce up all road signage in the coming year.
3. Beach Access via private land: Parks Department to liaise with Ratepayers Assn to discuss to discuss this issue.
4. New Roof on Park Toilet Block: For discussion
5. Temporary 30kph speed limit in holiday periods: Waikawa Beach does not qualify according to "Speed Limits NZ".
6. Move 50 kph boundary east: Waikawa Beach does not qualify for this according to "Speed Limits NZ".

7. 80kph limit from Takapau Road west to 50kph boundary: This area does not qualify in accordance with "Speed Limits NZ" although the straight section without any blind curves from SH1 to Takapau Road does because of the number of entrances onto it and that there has been an accident on this section.
8. Speed signs at beach access: This is the responsibility of Horizons Regional Council who have been approached on our behalf by HDC.

General Business

Residents raised the following matters:

- What were the Associations main concerns about the SH1/Waikawa Beach Road Intersection. The Chairman answered briefly.
- Could a camera be installed at the entrance to settlement to help reduce burglary risk. Previously the cost was about \$20000.
- Could the HDC and HRC rates be combined as in Wellington.
- Can LIM information be obtained without the cost of a comprehensive report.
- A message left on the Customer Service Number was not answered. Christine replied that she hoped things had improved with the appointment of the new CEO.
- Could the beach access across the sand dunes be improved over the private land across the bridge.
- Could additional rubbish bins be provided at the end of Strathnaver Drive and on the beach accesses on that street.

Zoe Studd gave a short presentation on the work she was doing studying the breeding and habitats of wait bait and asking for interested persons to contact her for assistance with her project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.20 pm followed by refreshments.