

## **Annual General Meeting of the Waikawa Beach Ratepayers Association**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Hank Edwards Reserve

**Apologies received:** Chris Wood, Jan Jordan,, Brent & Eve Hayden, Peter Clarke, Deb Moran, Gwynn and Tim Bright, Liz and Peter Duncan, Cath Gilberd, Mark and Hayley Gilberd, Gary Whittaker

Confirmation that the minutes of the AGM for 2019 were a true and correct record.

Moved: J. Brown  
Second: E. White

### **Business Arising:**

Upgrade of toilet block on hold

NZTA re: Highway Access in and out of Waikawa Beach Road - no headway on this after meeting with NZTA

### **Treasurers Report – Elaine White**

There is a substantial amount in the bank even though we have had fewer subs in this year

Donation made to PN Rescue Helicopter

Westpac being Association bank will not be accepting cheques mid 2021. Therefore subs may need to be done by internet or cash payments. Receipts will be emailed to people as long as we have their e-mail addresses.

Copy attached of financial statement for 2020

### **Chairpersons Report: Copy Attached**

Moved : Yvonne Small  
2<sup>nd</sup> : LA Walker

### **Election of Officers:**

Chairperson: John Hewitson

Treasurer : Elaine White

Secretary P.Clout

Committee: M.Jordan, D.Hayden, G.Whitaker, Y.Small, Lesley-Ann Walker, Debra Betts, Pat O’Sullivan, Glen Belsham, Gary Whittaker

Moved : John Brown  
2<sup>nd</sup> : A.Holden

**Accounts Reviewer:** John Brown

### **Councillor Christine Mitchell Report**

1. Recycling system has changed with regard to no mixing of products due to the safety of workers keeping glass separate from other products.
2. O2NL \$817 million allocated to do the 4 lane express-way Otaki to North of Levin. The route is in the process of being finalised and construction should begin 2025 - 2029

3. Safety Improvements from Waikawa to Sanson is being pushed by Horowhenua District Council.
4. COVID : General economy did not change as expected. The Council had planned for the worst but actually is booming.  
Rates reduced by 1.1% over district
5. Budget has emergency fund set aside i.e. flooding
6. Growth is tracking high in the Horowhenua District with approximately 35,000 people. It is anticipated there will be up to 50,000 by June 2038 if growth continues at the present rate.
7. Toilet Block is on the Agenda for 2021/2022 and Bridge Upgrade 2022/2023
8. The Spinfex plantings will continue for the next couple of years. There are talks with regard to horse access to the beach
9. Christine thanked the WBRA for their work, and advised us to Protect our Piece of Paradise.

### **Questions put to Christine Mitchell**

Pat O'Sullivan commented that ratepayers pay a substantial amount in rates and receive very few services for these rates. Maybe a goodwill gesture would be to do a hard rubbish collection or something in this area.

Cr Mitchell – Advised that the transfer station no longer belongs to the Council and is now under a private company – MidWest owned by the Chinese who have a monopoly

John Brown – The intersection on State Highway 2 is still extremely dangerous.

Cr Mitchell – Horowhenua District Council is working with NZTA to have the safety of the road improved.

### **General Business:**

Anya and Theo informed us of a Little Free Library that they have built and would like to set up on the corner of Drake street. It is made from a dinghy and they have put shelving and doors on it. Miraz moved we approve up to \$750 to complete the work to have this finished.

Moved: Miraz Jordan  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Charlie Strivens

18 hole Golf Tournament has been cancelled due to lack of entries. Suggested that the Ambrose Tournament could be had on Waitangi weekend. To be confirmed with Ngaire

Summer Activities – Boat Day 31<sup>st</sup> December 10am, Sports Day 1<sup>st</sup> January 2pm

Dominic Hayden brought up the fact that there is a lot of brown organic matter (surf scum) washing up on the beach from Otaki to Waikawa. He has taken a sample and is sending through to Horizon to be analysed.

Lesley-Ann Walker thanked David Butel and Cameron Walker (“This Way Up”) for all the hard work they put into lighting up the Xmas Trees at the entrance to the beach road.

Meeting Closed 4.28pm

Meeting closed at 3.50pm