

Minutes of Algies Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association

Annual General Meeting 2023

Date and Venue

10am Saturday 15th April 2023, Betty Paxton Room Mahurangi Community Centre Snells Beach

Meeting opened 10am with a welcome to all from Brendan Chaffe.

Attendance

30 Inclusive of Guests and Committee

Apologies

Richard & Jan Papworth, Peter & Janice Stoupe, Sharon Clark, Leo Hume, Dave Parker, Warwick & Catherine Orr, Ken & Sue Buckingham, Sandy & Peter Garman, Tim Holdgate, Gillian Carline, Betty & Gordon Woodcock

That Apologies be accepted: Moved Judy Chaffe / Carried Martin Evans

Address from Tim Armitage – Chair of Restore Rodney East (RRE), Forest & Bird, FOAM, Pest Free Warkworth

- Tim introduced himself as a member of several environmental groups, working with communities running from Sandspit-Warkworth to Scott's Landing and Mahurangi East Park to create a pest free peninsular.
- Between Puhoi to Te Arai, there are 45 groups working on trapping, weed control and restoration.
- Working in line with the Government's 2050 pest free goal.
- There have been decades of pest animal control initiatives resulting in areas where possums are rare to unknown.
- A collaborative group would benefit with shared equipment/learnings/fund-raising leverage/higher profile/progress reporting.
- Could include pest plants/wasps on private/public/reserve land
- Example given of Tawharanui where kiwi are now self-establishing outside the fenced area.
- Pest infestation of Kawau Island could stop/slow if Mahurangi East Peninsular was pest free.
- Working to bring together interested parties and identify the scope of project then approach Auckland Council for funding.
- Questions were taken from the floor.

Address from Martin Evans, ABRRA Committee Member – on wasp baiting programme

- Aimed at German/common wasps
- Using Vespex which was developed in NZ and has 95% hit record.
- Weather changes resulted in baiting starting later – March 2023.
- Plan to bait again in February 2024 for any remaining nests.
- Results show highest density of activity was on outer fringes of baiting area.
- Only takes 5 wasp-loads of bait to wipe out a nest.
- Thanks to all the residents who volunteered.

Address from Greg Sayers – key points

- The newly elected Mayor and Committee inherited a \$295m budget hole.
- Opted for cost savings, as increasing rates 13-15% was considered to be too great a financial stress on residents.
- Discussion around selling some/all of their Auckland Airport shares (\$2b).
- With cost saving, ruled out closing Citizen Advice Bureaus, front line services etc.
- Faced with \$1.2b unexpected costs from recent storm/cyclone events.
- CRL over budget, over \$1b, of which ratepayers have to pay 50%, 50% paid by Government.
- Looking at savings to be made by reducing current large bureaucracy setup.
- Road cave-in on Sandspit Rd – permanent fix coming but may take longer than normal due to number of repairs required in the region.
Brendan pointed out this is the only way in/out and seen as a priority.
- Hill St intersection: money allocated, currently in detailed design stage, will start once new motorway open. Land purchase discussions underway. Completion timeframe not known.
- Matakana Link Rd is a good example of locals/Council collaboration which Council will replicate in future projects.
- Sandspit Link Road: working on a local corridor and securing land.
- Greg has been given bureaucracy/spending analysis job by Mayor.
- Wayne Brown attended recent Warkworth meeting and took on board matters raised.
- Questions were taken from the floor.

Brendan thanked our guests for their very informative addresses, which were appreciated by the attendees.

AGM Minutes 2021

2022 AGM cancelled due to COVID-19 Omicron Lockdown. Last AGM was 2021.

Taken as read: - Moved Ox Wightman/Seconded John Moore

Carried

Chairman's Report

Brendan Chaffe presented his annual report to the meeting.

Key Points mentioned: -

- 2022 AGM cancellation due to Covid-19, with existing committee members rolling over for another year.
- New Year BBQ cancellation due to poor weather.
- Storms main focus for committee, including clean-up after boat broke anchor and broke up on beach. Cost covered by Association. Heart-warming to see number of residents who assisted with clean-up and disposal of debris.
- Cyclone Gabrielle caused minor wooden reserve capping and stone wall capping dislodged. Wooden capping replaced, waiting for stone capping blocks to be replaced.
- German wasp baiting programme undertaken in bay with support from volunteer residents. One large nest located and destroyed and bait taken from all stations. Plan to continue with another round of baiting next summer.
- Working on eradicating elephant grass from reserve at southern end of beach.

- ABRRA and other local RRA met with Mayor Wayne Brown who emphasised his desire to decentralise operations, engage a more focussed organisational structure meaning better use of locally available sourcing. With the state of the finances, this meant that the focus for council would be on high priority spending.
- Thanks to the Committee for their help and support over the last year. We are all voluntary and give our time and effort to making Algies Bay a great place to live and for our visitors a pleasant stop off
- Regrettably there are three resignations: Sandy Garman who welcomed new residents and made sure the defibrillator was fully operational; Angela Reiff, Treasurer, keeping our finances managed; Maxine Vitali, Secretary, keeping things organised
- Thank you to residents for attending today. Membership is important to us.

Moved that report be accepted: - Angela Reiff/Seconded Claire Anstett

Carried

Financial Report

Angela Reiff, Treasurer, circulated and presented the financial report as at 31st March 2023.

No questions asked from the floor.

Moved: John Moore / Seconded Gary Harrison

Carried

Subscriptions

It was proposed that membership subscriptions be retained at \$10 for 2023/24 year.

Moved: Brendan Chaffe / Seconded Anne Murphy

Carried

Appointment of Auditor

Brendan Chaffe thanked Erica Jennett for her services as auditor. Brendan proposed that Erica be accepted as auditor for 2023/24.

Moved: Brendan Chaffe/ Seconded Yvonne Harrison

Carried

Election of Officers

Brendan stood aside while nominations were called for the position of Chairman. No nominees, Brendan to retain Chairmanship.

Nominations for the 2023/24 committee are: -

Chairman	Brendan Chaffe
Secretary	Debbie Clark (new)
Treasurer	Janine Maddren (new)
Committee	Peter Stoupe
	Claire Anstett (new)
	Ox Wightman
	John Moore
	Gary Harrison
	Martin Evans
	Sharon Clark

That committee be elected Moved Gary Harrison / Seconded Anne Murphy

Carried

General Business

The issue of the Sandspit Road slip was discussed, with Greg Sayers confirming a permanent fix is coming but may take longer than normal due to number of repairs required in the region.

Don Carline: When will the new motorway open? Sometime during the year, no fixed date.

John Moore: What will happen with the vacated Warehouse space? Nothing known yet. General discussion highlighted that with the difficulty of getting into Warkworth, the Warehouse filled a gap for local residents.

It was noted that Snells Beach has lost 3 cafes and rumour of Montessori School taking over the old Bayside Café building.

Brian McGrath: What is outcome of Park n Ride facility? Potentially once motorway opens the buses will use it. Suggestion: open it up to motorhomes and it would be used.

The Chairman thanked all for attending.
Meeting Closed at 11.20am