

## **Minutes of Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association Annual General Meeting at Portage Resort Hotel on 20 April 2019**

The meeting opened at 2.35 pm.

**Present:** Andrew Caddie (Chair), Stefan Schulz, Jan Kerr, Trevor Hook, Sylvia Withell, Ross Withell, Joop Jansen, Hanneke Kroon, Tom Wright, Adrian Harvey, Trevor Offen, Alistair Cameron, Lorraine Rolston, Ron Rolston, Tania Croucher, Jim Campbell, Helen Campbell, Mary Powlesland, Ralph Powlesland, Don McClatchy, Tony Watson, George Watson, Lynda Kelly, Cory Franklin (Snr), Nikki Franklin, Gary Spence, Moni Telfer, Alistair Edmond, Allison Cusiel, Anne Wilson, Alison Edmond, Kevin Bright, Nicola Bright, Ken Fraser, Deb Fraser, Debbie Chapman, Denis Chapman, Alastair MacKenzie, Nannette MacKenzie, Susan Stevens, Alex Stevens, Bruce Withell, Jean Morris, Mark Apperley.

**Apologies:** Brett Cusiel, Robin Bowron, Alan Campbell, Liane Campbell, Rose Beauchamp, Conrad Beauchamp, Helen Williams, Pat Williams, Chris Martin, Don Kerr, Kees van der Linden, Irma van der Linden, Colin J Benjamin, Sue Walker, Godfrey Walker, Val Mann, Ron Mann, Bruce Reid, Julie Reid, Adi Watson, Gerald Ballagh, June Ballagh, Sue Fox, Stuart Fox, Peter Rudkin, Di Rudkin.

The apologies were accepted.

**Minutes of AGM 2018:** These had been available on the website and were confirmed as a true and correct record – moved Andrew Caddie/seconded Jim Campbell.

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**President's Report:** The President's report had been circulated prior to the meeting via the Association website, and was taken as read. Andrew Caddie spoke to his report thanking Vice President Tom Wright, Treasurer Stefan Schulz and the Committee members for all their work during the year. Andrew noted the highlights of the year including that the Committee had met five times and had put out five Chairman's Chatlines. Due to the high level of frustration expressed at the 2018 AGM about the state of the roading in the area, the Roding Committee had been incorporated into the full Committee. Formal presentations had been done to 11 Hearings of the Marlborough Environment Plan (MEP). Progress had been made on infrastructure and meetings had been held with Ministers Nash and Sage during the year. The Marine Subcommittee had been working in preparation of the Aquaculture chapter of the MEP via its membership of the ARWG (see Marine Subcommittee report). The Association had helped Waitaria School in lobbying the appropriate bodies about the discontinuation of the school transport arrangements and submitted to DOC on the Queen Charlotte Track becoming a Great Walk. The report was moved as accepted Andrew Caddie, seconded Tom Wright. **Carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report had been placed on the website in advance. Stefan Schulz stated that the Association was in a good position financially and asked if there were any questions relating to his report. Income was up from last year and membership was up to around 280 households with 200 having already paid for the 2019 year. The main expense was teleconference expenses as that was the main way the Committee did business and it was a very efficient system. Stefan alerted members to a minor but necessary change requested by the IRD to the Constitution which would be brought to the 2020 AGM. A

question was asked about the change to honorariums and Stefan said it was a timing issue only. Stefan moved that his report be accepted, seconded Lynda Kelly. **Carried.**

**Roading Report:** Andrew Caddie reported that he and Alistair Cameron had met with Marlborough Roads and the Manager of Assets and Services 3-4 times during the year in an effort to get progress on improvements to the roads. Alistair spoke to members about progress on Elie Bay road and attaining local supplies of gravel for use on local roads. Andrew said he was very pleased to have Committee members with the experience of Alistair and Adrian Harvey since there was a long way to go on improvements. Stefan was invited to update the meeting on a new Council reporting system for road damage called Antenno, which was now able to be accessed offline by anyone who wished to report damage. A further improvement put forward by Stefan was for a copy of the reports to be sent to an email address. That way KCSRA could check on actions taken on reported issues. Stefan was thanked for his input into Antenno which had been rolled out around New Zealand. Andrew advised the members of the Roadeyes system he had initiated which had become a vital part of the repairs and maintenance system.

The concept of a cyclic roadman for minor repairs was now being trialled, although a few operational issues had arisen. Andrew had contacted the Port Underwood Association to discuss these issues and together with local Councillors, they were now trying to ensure input into the new contract for Marlborough roads. While much remained to be done, Andrew said he was optimistic that in time things will improve.

Discussion turned to speeding drivers on the roads, the number of near misses and the danger of large trucks having to take up most of the road when cornering. After some discussion about health and safety issues and the best course of action including reporting the vehicle registration number, it was resolved that:

**The Committee investigate a reduced speed limit from Linkwater for Kenepuru and Central Sounds roading network.** Moved Ron Rolston, Seconded Joop Jansen. **Carried** by majority vote.

The Roding report was received, moved Andrew Caddie, seconded Hanneke Kroon. **Carried.**

**Sounds Advisory Group:** Ross Withell's report had been placed on the website prior to the meeting. A question was asked about the decision on the King Salmon new sites as per the Advisory Panel's recommendation. Ross confirmed this had been raised at SAG and that a significant number of SAG representatives expressed reservations about the proposal. The decision was with the Minister of Fisheries. The report was moved as accepted Ross Withell, seconded Jim Campbell. **Carried.**

**Marine Sub-Committee:** Andrew Caddie started by reminding the meeting about the strategy of the Committee to seek case law in favour of adverse cumulative effects and then influence policy settings in the MEP. He reported on the Court of Appeal decision which was a fantastic result concluding several years of court work. On the policy side, the aquaculture chapter had been pulled out of the MEP process and the Association was now represented on the Aquaculture Review Working Group (ARWG) set up to provide input into the missing chapter. Trevor Offen reported on progress. He went over the history of mussel farming in the Sounds and that there had been no coordinated plan nor any monitoring of the effects over the

years. The issues as he saw them were: (1) where should the farms go and how many, (2) how they should be consented and (3) how to allocated the consents. On (1), consideration should be given to the impact on landscape, natural character and biodiversity. Current computer modelling showed there were issues arising on ecological indicators. On (2), the two options were for Council to have discretion or for controlled status to be applied. Controlled status would seem to be totally inappropriate as it meant no-one including the Council would be able to have input going forward. On (3), at present if a farm already has consent they have a pre-emptive right to apply for a further consent and they pay no charge for the public space. Public space was increasingly being locked up under this system. Internationally, a better system used was for an area to be designated as available for farming and then balloted or tendered. At the ARWG many of these important issues had, although raised by KCSRA, unfortunately not been discussed.

Local Councillor Trevor Hook responded to a question from the floor about the process going forward for the aquaculture chapter of the MEP. He expected that it would be out for consultation this year.

There was discussion as to why no monitoring had been done, especially given the consternation at the intensity of aquaculture in the Sounds. Trevor Offen had proposed to the ARWG a case study approach whereby the intensity of farming in an area would be reduced and the ecological effects monitored.

Hanneke Kroon reported on her analysis of water temperatures in the Sounds in relation to salmon farming. In 2018 NZ King Salmon suffered a 20% mortality rate among its farms and as the temperature in 2019 was equally as high in January and February, she presumed a similar rate of mortality was occurring. A paper using Hanneke's analysis and other KCSRA input had been prepared for presentation to Minister Nash by a Wellington think tank – the McGuinness Institute.

Andrew reported on the Southern Scallop Working Group for which he was the KCSRA representative. He was hopeful a discussion document outlining the working group's thinking and strategy for a new management system for scallops in the Sounds would be released for public comment in the next few weeks.

The Marine Subcommittee report was received, moved Andrew Caddie, seconded Adrian Harvey. **Carried.**

**Infrastructure:** The Infrastructure report had been placed on the website prior to the meeting. Andrew noted the completion of the Torea Bay public toilet. Adrian Harvey updated the meeting as to the latest direction our request for a log barge site had taken. He was reasonably optimistic that the new course where industry would locate and construct, say, three log barge sites could move forward. Around \$500,000 had been set aside in the Council's budget and could be used in this endeavor. Tom Wright updated members as to progress on the upgrade of the Te Mahia jetty. He read out to the meeting an email from Mr Murrin of Marlborough Roads that the necessary budget, currently estimated to be around \$150,000, could be found and the work could start after resource consent matters had been completed later this year. Tania Croucher updated the meeting as to the Association's ski lane initiative at Double Beach Bay in the Kenepuru. A trial set of markers had been installed, albeit on the narrow side.

The Infrastructure Report was accepted, moved Andrew Caddie, seconded Ron Rolston.  
**Carried.**

**Councillor's Report:** Trevor Hook was pleased to take questions and there was some discussion on the way in which the status of roads was allocated. He noted the Annual Plan was coming up for submissions. Trevor asked the Association to remember the availability of grants from the community fund. Ron Rolston asked about when the new maritime bylaws would come into effect as they seemed to have gone off the radar. Trevor Hook said he would investigate and come back to the Association on that point. Alistair Cameron sought clarification about the new road maintenance contract currently under discussion. Trevor noted the matter was some way from being formally tabled with Council via the Assets and Services Committee. Alistair expressed dissatisfaction with the performance standards of the current incumbents and hoped that would be taken into account going forward.

**Election of Officers and Committee:** Trevor Hook took the chair to conduct the election. Nominations were called for President. There was 1 nomination – Andrew Caddie - who was declared elected. There was 1 nomination for Treasurer – Stefan Schulz - who was declared elected. There was 1 nomination for Vice President – Tom Wright – who was declared elected. Existing Committee members willing to stand again were Ross Withell, Robin Bowron, Adrian Harvey, Ron Rolston, Trevor Offen, Hanneke Kroon, Alistair Cameron, Tania Croucher and they were declared elected.

The Committee for 2019 therefore is:

President – Andrew Caddie

Vice President – Tom Wright

Treasurer – Stefan Schulz

Other members – Ross Withell, Adrian Harvey, Robin Bowron, Trevor Offen, Ron Rolston, Hanneke Kroon, Alistair Cameron, Tania Croucher.

### **General Business:**

**Membership levy:** Tom Wright noted the outstanding level of performance of the Association and therefore the need to get more of the possible membership as members. Tom also noted that it was timely to consider the annual membership subscription bearing in mind the passage of time and the expectations on the Association. Accordingly, he resolved:

**The annual membership fee be increased from \$20 to \$25, effective for the next financial year.** Moved Tom Wright, seconded Tania Croucher. **Passed unanimously.**

**Anzac service:** Dr Alastair MacKenzie outlined the proposed Anzac Day commemoration service at the Torea Bay saddle memorial. It was agreed the Association would contribute a wreath.

The meeting concluded at 4.15pm with thanks to everyone who had helped the Association achieve so much during the year.