

Notes of the Sounds Advisory Group Public Meeting held at Waitaria Bay Hall on 25 June 2018 at 1.00 pm

Present

Clr Hook (Chair), Clr Oddie, Clr Taylor, Constable Spencer Kingi, Ross Withell, Rob Schuckard, Jonathan Large, Debbie Stone, Tim Greenhough, Linda Booth, Lynley Perkins, Ken Roush, Rachel Drake, Rick Osbourne, Vic Koller, Shelly Sidley, Eric Jorgensen, Judy Hellstrom, Steve Murrin, Breaden Lobb, Hans Neilson, Jim Campbell, Helen Campbell, Dave Aitken, Brenda Aitken, Alex lang, Lyn Godsiff, Emma Hopkinson-Young, Gary Orchard, Ellen Orchard, Ally Dowle, Helen Dowle, Mary Powlesland, Ralph Powlesland, Sandra King, Andrew King, Sandra Jones, Kim Jones, Joop Jansen, Hanneke Kroon, Ron Mann, Val Mann, Helen Godsiff, Richard Michna-Konigstorfer, Ron Rolston, Jonathan Holl, Michael Rosson, Rebecca Crocker, Sylvia Withell, John Dixon, Dianne Dixon, Kerstin Mueller, Sam Brown, Joy Redwood, Dave McFarlane, Dorothy Lewis, Helen Williams, Judy Hefford-Jones, Lyn Spencer, Graeme Spencer, Tim Healey, Pat Williams, Alice Angeloni, Terry Sowman, Gary Wells, Peter Beach and Mike Russell

MDC Staff

Alan Johnson. Steve Ulrich, Rebecca Waldron (Secretary)

Apologies

Monyeen Wedge

1. Welcome

- Clr Hook introduced himself, Clr Taylor, Clr Oddie, Steve Murrin and Alan Johnson. The rest of the SAG members stood and introduced themselves.
- Clr Hook spoke on the role of the group which meets four times a year and has representatives from throughout the Sounds, DOC, Marine Farming Association, Forestry and Marlborough Roads and feeds into the Planning, Finance and Community Committee and Council.

2. Marina Berthage Fees

- Tim Healey noted that Monyeen Wedge (Queen Charlotte Residents Association) was disappointed that due to circumstances beyond her control, she was unable to attend the meeting to talk about the Port Marlborough increase in public berthage fees.
- Alex Lang began the discussion on the increase of charges which Sounds Residents had been notified of in a letter from Port Marlborough (Appendix 1). He noted that he had written to Port Marlborough about the issue and received a reply by telephone.
- Tim Healey read a statement to the meeting (Appendix 2).
- Pat Williams noted that the fee increase proposed is an approx 300% increase and that there had been no consultation and that concessions aren't about profit and loss but are about acts of goodwill to a supportive community. The community is expecting the Councillors to support and back them in this issue.

- Brenda Aitken asked Cllr Hook about a matter that he had forwarded to the Marlborough District Council (Council) CE on her behalf. Cllr Hook pointed out that he has been waiting for information from the CE on the matter.
 - The Councillors emphasised that they deal with a large volume of different issues from the public and they often forward information to staff. If they haven't been back in contact about a matter it may be because they are still waiting for information and it is a good idea to send a reminder to the Councillor involved to remind them to follow up.
- Cllr Hook has spent time on the issue with Port Marlborough but has been unable to resolve the problem. If the community wants the three Sounds Councillors to follow up on the issue, they would go and meet with Port Marlborough to put their case to them.
- Discussion on the ownership of Port Marlborough and how it is run followed.
- Cllr Hook agreed to look at whether Council is legally obliged to provide communities with public wharves. (Action Point 1).
- It was noted from the floor that there are no other options available in Picton as it is not possible to anchor in the Harbour. Cllr Hook agreed to ask Port Marlborough how the original agreement has been disregarded. (Action Point 2).
- It was suggested that a petition be raised to give to Port Marlborough but Cllr Hook suggested that a meeting with the CE of Port Marlborough would be a better starting point.
- It was decided that the Sounds Councillors would arrange a meeting with Port Marlborough and report back to the residents of the Sounds via the Residents Associations within a month (Action Point 3).

Alice Angeloni who is a journalist from the Marlborough Express introduced herself and declared that she was recording the meeting and that if anyone didn't want her to record them to let her know after the meeting.

A resolution from the community was made to:

- 1) Sounds Councillors to investigate whether the original transfer from Marlborough Harbour Board to Port Marlborough was legal regarding the public access components of the wharves.

Moved: Mike Russell

Seconded: Joop Jopsen

Carried

A resolution from the community was made to:

- 2) Sounds Councillors to request Port Marlborough to freeze the fees at as at the original agreement regarding fees and conditions.

Moved: Tim Healey

Seconded: Gary Wells

Carried

3. Mussel Floats

- The issue of large bunches of mussel floats being tied to the ends of mussel farms was brought to the attention of Jonathan Large (President of the Marlborough Marine Farming Association). (Action Point 4). Alan Johnson agreed to discuss with the Compliance Group whether in general resource consent conditions of mussel farms allowed bundling of floats to the ends of these structures.. (Action Point 5)
 - It was noted that the bunches of floats are an eyesore, cause pollution in the sea and are also a possible navigation hazard.

4. Barging Site

- Brenda Aitken brought up the issue of the Kenepuru Barge Site and asked if she could receive information on the progress of the project. Alan Johnson agreed to provide an update to Brenda and Rick Osbourne (Action Point 6).

5. Councillors Responsibilities

- Clr Hook clarified that the three Sounds Ward Councillors attend Council meetings united and supportive of each other. The Ward extends from Te Whanganui/Port Underwood to D'Urville, Rai Valley, Havelock, Picton and to the Wairau River. Clrs Taylor and Oddie concentrate more on the Picton side and Clr Hook takes the Havelock area day to day but each helps the other and all Residents Associations AGM's are attended by a Councillor.

6. Roothing

- Steve Murrin clarified that the Kenepuru Road Sealing Rate is used only for 40 mm preparation and seal coating.
- Drop outs and slips are funding out of the emergency works budget.
- Culverts, corner work, water table clearing is funded from the maintenance budget.
- Steve Murrin gave an update on what is happening on the roads in the area.
 - Steve apologised for the time it has taken to carry out the repairs on the road, this is due to lack of resources because of work on State Highway 1 to repair earthquake damage and to keep State Highway 63 open.
 - Seal repairs are being carried out and works are undergoing prior to the seal extension. It has been necessary to backload gravel in via the Manaroa barge site.
 - All the roads in the Kenepuru area that are maintained by Marlborough Roads are going to be metalled.
 - The seal extension to Waitaria Bay will go ahead this summer as long as a resource consent to get gravel can be obtained.
- The issue at St Omer where there is a dangerous corner was brought to Steve's attention. Steve is going to look into it. (Action Point 7).
- Steve clarified that the road to Hopai Bay has never been formally maintained by Marlborough Roads. Discussion followed on this issue.
- Steve was thanked for the work being done to maintain the roads by several members of the public present.
- All culverts are going to be numbered with the numbers corresponding to the rapid numbering system.

- Steve clarified that due to resourcing issues the timing of the grading and metalling this year was off, but that going forward, all grading and metalling will be completed in conjunction by April. The grading this year has been more severe than usual to remove areas where water sits and the water tables have also been cleaned.

7. Nopera Bay Jetty

- Terry Sowman put forward a proposal being worked on by the Nopera Community to build a floating jetty to provide access by sea for Nopera Bay. The Golf Club, croquet facility and Community Hub have over 60 members with the only access via the Kenepuru Road. An engineer has recommended a 120 m floating jetty. The cost estimate is \$250,000. The community would like the support of Council, Roads and other Government Associations in helping to move the proposal forward. The Golf Club may be able to administer the jetty.
- It was suggested that the community put the proposal to next year's Annual Plan.

8. Portage Jetty/Walkway

- The issue of the disrepair of Portage jetty, and the walkway between the carpark and the wharf was discussed. The Councillors agreed to look at the coastal permit for this structure (Action Point 8). Steve Murrin is going to inspect the walkway when he inspects the jetty. (Action Point 9).

9. Manaroa

- Judy Hefford-Jones brought the issue of the jetty at Manaroa to the attention of the meeting. She considers that the jetty that was erected after the wharf was demolished is dangerous. Alan Johnson agreed to discuss with the compliance group consenting conditions of the Manaroa site. (Action Point 10).

10. Elasticated Mooring Systems

- The issue of the consent condition that moorings move to an elasticated system within 10 years by Te Ātiawa was discussed. This matter has been discussed at the SAG meeting earlier in the day.
- Cllr Hook noted that the only way to look at this issue is through the resource consent process and that the present Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan is silent on the issue.
- It was noted that there is some inconsistency between different areas on whether the elasticated moorings become part of the consent and that there is also some doubt on whether the new mooring is better for the sea floor environment.

11. Jetties

- Vic Koller noted that instead of having lots of small private jetties the focus should be on key infrastructure and having one good public jetty such as the proposed Nopera Jetty. Moetapu Bay is in the process of having one major jetty installed which is suitable for all ages to access.
- Cllr Hook clarified that if a Councillor has a declared conflict of interest, legally they must opt out of the decision making process.

12. Havelock Police Update

- Cllr Hook introduced Constable Spencer Kingi to the meeting.
- Constable Kingi is one of two constables at the Havelock Police Station and they cover a large area from the Nelson/ Marlborough divide to the Rai Saddle and then east to D'Urville Island, south-east around the Chetwode Islands, down to Anakoha Bay and Kenepuru Head along the Te Araroa Trail which runs along the ridge that separates the Queen Charlotte Sound/Tōtaranui from the Kenepuru Sound then back towards Anakiwa/Linkwater. The southernmost boundary being the Wairau River Bridge on State Highway 6.

- He noted that crime happens in the Sounds but is not always reported. If you have any issues please let the Police Station at Havelock know.
- The Commissioner of Police requires 90% confidence by the public in the Police but unfortunately it tracks at 75-80% at present.
- Constable Kingi was asked about the newsletter that was received by residents sent out by Mary at the Picton Police Station. Rebecca is going to send the updated Residents Association email list to Mary. (Action Point 11).

The Chair thanked the members of public for attending the meeting and invited them to have afternoon tea with the Councillors and SAG members after the meeting.

13. Actions from the Meeting

Actions	Responsibility
1. Look at whether Council is legally obliged to provide communities with public wharves. (Resolution 1)	Councillors
2. Ask Port Marlborough why the original agreement has been disregarded	Councillors
3. Councillors arrange a meeting with Port Marlborough and report back via Residents Associations and emails provided within a month of SAG meeting (Resolution 2)	Councillors
4. Bring the issue of bunches of floats tied to the ends of mussel farms to the attention of the appropriate parties and bring the result back to the next SAG meeting	Jonathan Large
5. Provide feedback on resource consents of mussel farms to see if it is part of the consent allow large bundling of floats tied to the structures.	Alan Johnson
6. Forward information to Brenda Aitken and Rick Osbourne on the Kenepuru Barge Site	Alan Johnson
7. Investigate corner at St Omer with a dangerous drop on either side	Steve Murrin
8. Include the walkway at Portage in the inspection schedule for the Portage jetty	Steve Murrin
9. Look into the coastal permit of the Portage jetty	Councillors
10. Provide feedback on the Manaroa jetty consent	Alan Johnson
11. Send Residents Association email list to Mary at the Picton Police Station	Rebecca

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