

Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held by ZOOM conference call on 22 April 2022

The meeting opened at 3pm with instructions for attendees on how the first virtual Annual General Meeting of the Association would operate.

Present: Andrew Caddie (Chair), Stefan Schulz, Jan Kerr, Hanneke Kroon, Joop Jansen, Adrian Harvey, Adi Harvey, Murray Robson, Kevin Bright, Nicky Bright, Alistair Cameron, Tania Croucher, Dave McFarlane, Dorothy Lewis, Ron Rolston, Tom Wright, Trevor Offen, Lynley Offen, Irma van der Linden, Barbara Easterbrook, Heike Koester, Robin Bowron, Russell McConchie, Ralph Jones, Fay McCaw.

Also present for part of the meeting were: Nadine Taylor (Deputy Mayor), Barbara Faulls (Councillor), Steve Murrin and Lucan Orchard (Marlborough Roads).

Apologies: Sylvia Withell, Ross Withell, Don Kerr, Wendy Larner, Cliff Marchant, Ron Warnes, Margaret Warnes.

Minutes of AGM 2021: The meeting **unanimously noted and confirmed** the minutes of the 2021 AGM.

President's Report: Andrew Caddie spoke to his report on the past year which had been circulated prior to the meeting via the KCSRA website. In addition to the usual workstreams, a major effort had been dealing with the aftermath of the July storm which was a very stressful time and entailed a lot more Committee meetings and interaction with Marlborough Roads and Council. Andrew thanked members of the Committee for their constructive consensus approach in all matters. The next 18 months would also entail a lot of work in engaging with Marlborough Roads over repairs to Kenepuru Road, the leadership of which would be taken over by Alistair Cameron. The Marine Subcommittee had had a busy year particularly working on policy relating to the aquaculture variation chapter of the Marlborough Environment Plan (MEP). In terms of the ongoing Environment Court mediations, other big issues to be mediated in the coming year would include forestry and occupation charges. The issue of the number of Sounds ward councillors had been reviewed and the view of KCSRA that three should remain had prevailed. The Committee had transitioned to use Zoom for its meetings which resulted in lower costs for the Association. The meeting **unanimously agreed** that the report be received and approved. (Proposed Andrew Caddie/ seconded Tom Wright).

Treasurer's Report: Stefan Schulz reported to the meeting on the financial statements, which had been circulated prior to the meeting via the KCSRA website. Spending for the year had followed normal patterns. A major spending item was the Natural Integrity Fund being used to pay for expert advice in Hearings and suchlike. The figure for Honorariums covered two years as they had not been included in the 2021 year financial statements. There were 308 members at year end. The Association had purchased a Zoom licence to enable meetings to last longer than 45 minutes and

accommodate up to 100 attendees. The accounts had been checked by Wallace Diack on a pro bono basis as usual. It was **unanimously agreed** that the Treasurer's report and attached Financial Statements be received and approved and that they be filed with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. (Proposed Stefan Schulz/ seconded Ron Rolston).

Roading: Alistair Cameron briefed the meeting on his roading report which had been circulated via the KCSRA website prior to the meeting. Alistair said he and other members of the Committee had been very active with the Council, Marlborough Roads, Fulton Hogan and HEBs. The aim was to get neglected maintenance and outstanding tarsealing done. Good progress was being made until the July storm hit with a massive impact on Kenepuru Road bringing many things back to square one. There had been difficulty in getting work done in a timely manner, with huge emphasis on health and safety of workers at the expense of repairing the damage. He detailed the current work going on with culvert replacement, slumping and retaining walls. It was **agreed** the roading report be received and approved. (Proposed Alistair Cameron/ seconded Tania Croucher).

Marine Subcommittee: Andrew Caddie reported to the meeting on the Marine Subcommittee report which had been circulated prior to the meeting via the KCSRA website. He noted it had been a big year for the Committee which was starting to get to the end of some issues that the Association had been working on for up to ten years. These included the scallop working group, King Salmon farms, mussel farm applications and aquaculture variations to the MEP. He thanked Trevor Offen who had put together a model demonstrating the impacts of mussel farms in low flush bays. Hanneke Kroon's work on the correlation of water temperature and salmon mortality had been very valuable in many forums. KCSRA had joined with other concerned community groups to oppose the expansion of King Salmon farms and had some successes on this. The Cape Lambert proposal (called Blue Endeavour by King Salmon) had been with the Hearing panel for six months so far and was still ongoing. Representatives of the Ministerial convened Southern Scallop Working Group had met with Minister David Parker to apprise him of the situation with scallops in the Sounds. MPI and industry had been disappointed at the lack of return of scallops. Adrian Harvey did a very effective presentation to the aquaculture variation MEP panel on the need to address the issue of plastics used by the marine farm industry which turned up on beaches in the Sounds.

Trevor Offen stressed the importance of the aquaculture variation process as this would determine what the situation would be in the Sounds for the next 40 years and the settings needed to be the right ones.

It was **unanimously agreed** the Marine Subcommittee report be received and approved. (Proposed Andrew Caddie/ seconded Trevor Offen).

Sounds Advisory Group: The Sounds Advisory Group report had been circulated prior to the meeting via the KCSRA website. Andrew Caddie thanked Ross Withell for representing KCSRA on the Sounds Advisory Group, which was a group convened by Council to disseminate information and seek feedback. It was **unanimously agreed** that the SAG report be received and approved. (Proposed Andrew Caddie/ seconded Stefan Schulz).

Election of Officers and Committee: It was **unanimously agreed** that: Andrew Caddie as President, Tom Wright as Vice President and Stefan Schulz as Treasurer be re-elected for the 2022/2023 year.

Andrew Caddie noted that the Rules of the Association allowed for a second Vice President and proposed that Alistair Cameron take up the position and be in charge of roading matters (seconded Tom Wright). It was **unanimously agreed** that Alistair Cameron be elected as a Vice President for the 2022/23 year.

It was **unanimously agreed** that the current Committee members Ross Withell, Hanneke Kroon, Tania Croucher, Robin Bowron, Trevor Offen, Adrian Harvey, Kevin Bright and Murray Robson be re-elected for the 2022/2023 year.

A proposal for Dave McFarlane to be voted onto the Committee was **rejected** by the meeting.

General Business

KCSRA Rules to be placed on website: Irma van der Linden proposed that “*a PDF of the rules of the Association be placed on the website*” (seconded Dave McFarlane). After some discussion, this was **agreed** by the meeting.

Rule Change: It was proposed by Dave McFarlane (seconded Irma van der Linden) that “*the Committee Minutes of Meetings, MOM, which will provide members with an ongoing indication of the thinking of the Committee over various matters that the Committee is considering, be posted on the KCSRA website in a timely manner after each Committee meeting so as to be available to all members of the Association*”. Several objections were raised to the proposal; namely, that it was not appropriate to put Committee minutes on a website accessible by the public and that the Committee would feel constrained in what it discussed and agreed. It was pointed out that members who wished to raise particular issues could easily contact Committee members by email. After discussion, the proposal was **rejected** by the meeting.

Honorariums: It was **agreed** that the President (\$225), the Treasurer (\$175) and the Secretary (\$175) be reimbursed at the current rate.

Donations: After discussion, it was **agreed** that a donation of \$250 be made by the Association to the Nelson/Marlborough Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Andrew Caddie as Chair then concluded the AGM at 4.30pm by thanking all attendees.

Post AGM – Councillors’ Comments

Andrew then invited the Councillors present to make their presentations and with the assistance of Steve Murrin of Marlborough Roads to respond to the various written questions sent through prior to the meeting.

Items covered by Councillor Faulls included her availability to be contacted over welfare issues, RAT tests being made more readily available to the community, a community event to be organised possibly in June by the Lions, acknowledgement that barging was a constant stress for farmers, the Annual Plan is open for submissions and closing on 10 May, the Te Hoiere project will eventually get to the Kenepuru area.

Nadine Taylor covered some big picture items including Council's stance on Three Waters, the interim decision re Freedom Camping bylaws, the Representation review for which she commended KCSRA for its well done submission, Council elections this year and roads. She commented that roads were the biggest issue since the July storm and two subsequent weather events which did further damage.

Nadine then handed over to Steve Murrin who responded in general terms to the roading questions asked. He said the detailed programme of works was close to being finalised. He wished to consult with the community over the way in which extended periods of "hard" road closures could be managed. These might commence late August/September or early October. The meeting stressed the need for timely detail and public discussion. In terms of the questions around basic gravel road maintenance, Steve noted that a grader would be coming over late the following week and there was plenty of gravel crushed for use. Alistair Cameron stressed the need for this work to be done in a logical coherent manner with water tables etc being cleared before gravel is laid. In relation to the question concerning rubbish skips and rubbish removal, this would be followed up later.

Discussion concluded at 5.15pm.