

WAIPU COVE RESERVE(S) BOARD

25th August 2019, 1pm
Camp Waipu Cove all-weather room.
ALL WELCOME

Note: Meeting called to order 1 hour early.

AGENDA (E & OE)

PRESENT: J. Henderson, P. Baker, E. Cook, R. Pullan, B. Hopkins, A. Trist, L. Trist, K. Baker, M. Bell

APOLOGIES:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Signed

MATTERS ARISING:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

01/07/2019 – Shelley Quarterman, NRC – Investigation of nuisance algae

03/07/2019 – Whangarei District Council – Receipt of Submission on Plan Changes: Urban and Services

04/07/2019 – Bream Bay Sliders – Further info re. mid-winter festival of surfing

29/07/2019 – Angus McCulloch – Upcoming events notifications

31/07/2019 - Whangarei District Council – Notification of Summary of Submissions

09/08/2019 – NRC - Coastal consent annual fee invoice

Outwards:

03/07/2019 – Bream Bay Sliders – Permission to hold mid-winter festival of surfing on reserve on 22nd July.

MOTION R. Pullan/E. Cook/All in favour

REPORTS:

- **Management report**

Covered in AGM. All block floors have been resurfaced. The new surfaces are easier to clean and non-slip. The new cabin is nearly complete (approx. 1 week until furniture can go in). It will be completed roughly 1 month after the scheduled completion date. The additional time needed has not affected the budget. This will cause a possible loss of revenue but this would be a quiet period anyway so not significant. Arise Builders have been very good to work with. The cabins plans have been very detailed so this may account for extra time needed to complete. A local builder is being contracted to build the BBQ shelter.

- **Financial report (covered in AGM)**
- **WCSLSC Report (covered in AGM)**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Sea Algae Investigation**

Andre and Robin LaBonte have offered to assist with the ongoing investigation into the algae. Rick is keen to get a graduate student to study the problem, but Andre feels that unless they are studying the exact right thing, it may not be beneficial. Students will likely want to focus on where it's coming from whereas Andre would prefer the cause be investigated. Roger feels pollution should be the focus of investigation as a lot has changed over the last 100 years. What has changed that has caused the problem? Local farmers are also keen to have this study completed as they do not feel they are contributing to the problem; they are keen to help as are many other locals. Rowan pointed out that the Council will fine people that are not taking care of their properties appropriately. Andre feels the settling ponds at Ruakaka may be contributing to the issue. This would need to be addressed by the council if it were shown to be the case. Roger used Raglan harbour as an example of the positive use of filter planting. Roger suggested getting NRC and community involved to help farms plant filter plants. There is plenty of support being offered. The river needs to be sampled as well, rather than just the sea. A follow-up needs to be done on the sampling spots (surf club offered IRB to help with sampling up- river). Maureen Bell suggested organising a showing of the documentary '2040' as it is very topical.

- **Management Plan**

The management plan needs to go back out for notification. Previous management plans were publicly notified for a month (as was believed to be the case with this one) but this one needed to be notified for 60 days and is therefore having to be re-notified. DoC are drafting a specific policy and wording for the changes to ASH policy. Willy Coenradi is beginning getting everything ready for the notification period so that it can be advertised to the public again. There will then be another hearing. We will also be liaising with Iwi. There will likely be significantly more submissions this time due to the changes to the plan regarding ASH. Rowan will discuss with Willy, revisiting the future improvements table to reflect the revised cost estimated for the front entrance development as this is considerably higher than originally estimated. This plan has taken over 2 years to complete so far and will expire in 2022. DoC have advised that another plan will not be expected for 10 years. John thanked Rowan for her ongoing work on the management plan.

- **Recycling waste-water**

Anton has not had much success researching water-reticulating systems and asked whether anyone had any contacts that could help. Peter feels it would be a great 'green' initiative. Evan suggested using the waste-water to water gardens as well as for flushing toilets etc. Anton suggested Trevor could look at this for the new cabins. Trevor may also have a contact. This topic will continue to be discussed.

- **WiFi**

Anton has an appointment soon with a contact of John's to investigate improving the Wifi at the camp. Fibre currently only goes as far as seascape and is not planned to reach the Cove until 2020. To make improvements prior to 2020 a line-of-sight would be needed to the current fibre location so a property in between there and the camp would need to be approached. This option would provide a similar quality service to Chorus/fibre.

Upcoming events on the reserve and local area

- **Waipu Saturday Market:** First Saturday of the Month in Presbyterian Church Hall 9-1pm
- **Waipu Boutique Sunday Market & Café:** 2nd Sunday of the Month, Waipu Coronation Hall 9-1pm
- **Waipu Street Market** - Saturdays of long weekends 9-1pm
- **Waipu Antiques and Collectables Fair** – Sunday of Long weekends 9-4pm

Next meeting Monday 23rd September, 7pm

Meeting Closed at 12:40pm