

Minutes of the Ngakuta Bay Community Association

13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Saturday 5th February 2022

Venue: Tony and Ngaire Sigmund's home 2307 Queen Charlotte Drive

Meeting opened at 4.00pm

Welcome & Opening – *Distributing Agenda and 2021 AGM Minutes, Financial Report, Chairpersons Report, Pest Free Ngakuta Bay Report, Wetland Project Report.*

Special welcome to Constable Ash Harrison and Councillor Barbara Faulls

Attendance (23) – Andrew and Dianne John, Anne and Pip Maslen, Judy and Paul Mann, Dave and Jan Poswillo, Norm Gourdie, Sari Lewis, Ngaire and Tony Sigmund, Ashley Harrison (Constable), Barbara Faulls (Councillor, MDC), Gary and Judith Andrews, Julie McFadden, Neil Black, Gavin Lawry, Hiedi Clague, Jill Aldridge, Pam Tan, Rosemary Ballantine-Scott

Apologies: Angelique van der Velden and Eric Willems, Lorraine and Norm Wilson, Avette Wing, Jeanette McGovern, Guy and Jane Lissaman, Marianne Duncan, Lyn Caughey and Te Rehia Tapata-Stafford, Kathy McKimmie, Rod and Diane Penn, Brian and Jan Johnstone, Alan and Bronwynne Beaven, Julian and Monica Hawken, Dianne Waters, Anna and Theo van de Wiel, Maurice Kennedy, Dale and Jackie May, Marianne Duncan, Liz and Ron Ives

Moved by Judith that the apologies be accepted and seconded Dave Poswillo, carried.

Minutes of 2021 A.G.M. - *Matters arising from the Minutes*

Moved Andrew John and seconded by Gavin Lawry that the minutes be accepted, Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Matters arising from the Treasurer's Report
Big thank you to Maurice Kennedy for auditing out accounts

Moved by Judy Mann and seconded by Pam Tan that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Carried.

Constable Ash Harrison from Picton Police spoke to us

At the Picton Police Station there is a Sargent and 3 Constables, who cover a big area. The police need to be told about any issues in the community, so that they can be addressed. Call 111 for urgent problems, any other problems 10 five or contact Ash himself on his email AHDP28@police.govt.nz or phone the police station 03 5203120.

Cars speeding in Ngakuta Bay is a problem. Could we have a speed camera in the bay? Arson issues in the bay. Take photos if you see something happening, get registration numbers. Have a camera in your own property. These can be bought quite cheaply. Know your four neighbours around your property to support each other. Police Station is not manned 24 hours a day but the police are on call. Friday and Saturday night to 3.00am in the morning. Front counter is open 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Big thank you from the outer sound's community thanking the police for their support during the floods.

Chairperson's Report – Report presented by Andrew John

Matters arising from the Chairperson's Report

Reports from the "Environmental Group"

1. Neil Black/Diane John's Report from the "Trapping Sub-Committee". Going to start wasp control soon. Kirsten is our worker who helps with the trapping. If anyone would like to be involved please talk to Diane. Monthly rat count. If you get any

rodents please let Diane know so we can keep a record. Getting rat numbers down will stop people using bait. Picton Dawn Chorus is doing really well. Stoat trapping can cover a big area, could be right through to Linkwater. Goats are still a problem in the area.

2. Judith Andrew's Report from the "Wetland and Foreshore Sub-Committee"

Matters arising from the Environmental Group Reports

Thank you to Gary and Judith from Diane John.

1. **Wilding Pine** – work is ongoing. Julie McFadden asked why are some of the Pine Trees are still standing. The problem is that they might fall on houses or property.
2. **Long term plan on weed control** – Norm Gourdie – Weeds Solutions wrote a report about all the weeds in the bay. Some are on DOC land and some on private land. Contracted Ben Minehan to spray the Pampas Grass in the area. If you have Pampas on your private property please let Norm know and it can be sprayed. More funding will need to be applied for to do all the spraying in the Weed Solutions report. Wattles and Sycamore Trees are next on the list.

Election of Committee Members:

- Committee members stepping down – Dave Poswillo. A big thank you to Dave for his many years working in the bay. He was the President of the Ngakuta Bay Improvement Society for 15 years and has been on the Ngakuta Bay Community Association for 6 years.
- Re-election of remaining Committee members: David Hosie, Judy Mann, Ngaire Sigmund, Anne Maslen, Norm Gourdie, Andrew John
- New nominations:

Norm Gourdie nominated Neil Black seconded Pip, carried.

Diane John nominated Pam Tan and Julie McFadden, seconded Gavin Lawry, carried.

Barbara Faulls – Marlborough District Council

Topics for discussion around MDC policies that affect The Sounds.

- July 2021 floods – Queen Charlotte Drive was badly damaged. This weekend the road in from Rai Valley to Okiwi Bay has been badly damaged. Traffic Lights between Ngakuta and Picton will be going in the next couple of weeks. Please let Barbara know if you have any issues in or around your properties from the floods.
- Domestic waste water treatment certificate – does this differ with situations like topography, soil type etc? That is, one size doesn't fit all. What are the general rules? Loading certificate from the company designing the system – Warrant of Fitness scheme. Don't panic just yet – scheme has not been developed yet. Governor's Bay still get bad readings – Moored boats seem to be the problem. Barbara will get more information for us on this issue.
- Public toilet replacement on Ngakuta Bay foreshore – is MDC going to be involved in any way? We can apply to waiver up to \$1500.00 of fees from the council. Waiving the resource consent and building consent fees. Barbara spoke about this and advised us to attach this to the Annual Plan. We do have permission from Marlborough Roads for the settlement area.
- Support for wetland and biodiversity – Barbara loves what we are doing in Ngakuta Bay. Corridor through Linkwater to Havelock is to be included. We appreciate the support we get from the MDC. We can apply to the council for more funding to carry on with this work.
- What is the long-term plan for the repairs to Queen Charlotte Drive and the removal of the traffic lights? All of the Queen Charlotte Drive to be finished in 12 months' time
- The MDC Administration fee for our mooring in Ngakuta Bay which the swimming platform is attached to are waived each year by the council. The NBCA do have to pay to have the mooring inspected every two years.
- The three waters – Emotive topic, Water Services Bill (maintaining and providing water within our community). How are you going to keep your water safe? Let Barbara know when we get a letter from Taumata Arowai.
- Representation review – 3 Marlborough Sound Councillors to 2. Waiting to hear if this is possible. David Oddie has not been well recently and may not be standing next election. Councillor Taylor and Faulls will be standing again
- The new Ferry Terminal is a big project. This project is wanting financial support

from the MDC. Ngaire does send all the information out to the community. Barbara does not think that this will affect our rates. Diane brought up the problems there will be with traffic with the larger ferries. Noise of the construction is being considered as well. Please attend the public meetings on this issue

- Old Man's Beard – they are trialling a mite to get rid of it
- Liz Ives new Principal at Linkwater School
- MDC is looking at ways to controlling goats, pigs and deer in the area.

General Business:

- The defibrillator is still available outside Colin and Vi's Home. The new owners are quite happy for this to continue
- Farewell to Colin and Vi Debenham who have been residents in the bay for many years. We wish them all the best for their new life in Canterbury.
- Acknowledgement of the volunteer work carried out in the bay by a small group of residents. This meeting we acknowledged Dianne and Andrew John, Gary and Judith Andrews, Norm Gourdie, Dave Poswillo, Neil Black, Judy and Paul Mann, Ngaire Sigmund, Anne Maslen, Julian and Monica Hawken and Liz Ives
- Memorial Seats - DOC would prefer not having individual seats but multiple plagues on a seat. We will look at this over the year for alternatives.
- Memorial seats on the Link Pathway for people could be an option.
- Ngakuta Bay – Antenna App – to let people know when Ngakuta Bay is not suitable for swimming. Barbara to look into this.
- Dogs in the bay – Make up our own signs for approval or go to DOC. Dog By Law – Animal control lady to be contacted by Barbara.
- Helicopter Pad in front of Anne Maslen's home. Round circle with a H in the middle of it – Barbara will talk to Brian Paten about this.
- Moved by Judy Mann and seconded by Norm Gourdie, carried that the NBCA Subscriptions be changed from \$40.00 to \$20.00. This is to be done to increase membership. Subscriptions are due now and can be paid into the NBCA Bank Account 38-9008-0700176-000
- Judy Mann - A big thank you to Barbara Faulls for the support she gives to our bay.
- New toilet block (Norm Gourdie) – DOC will share the plans with the committee before the final plan. Will slow up the building if too many changes. Engineers final report and design has been completed. The plan needs to go to the Building Designer and he will finalise the design for the building consent. Sand bed system

on the eastern side of the toilet block. Marlborough Roads have given approval for this. The birds of Ngakuta Bay sign will be shifted to another site. Iwi approval has been given. Representatives will be on site during excavations. NBCA can apply for funding for landscaping from the MDC.

- The committee received a very supportive email from Don and Sue Clifford. Everyone agreed they would like to invite them to join the Ngakuta Bay Community Association.
- **Meeting closed at 6.03pm**