**Minutes of the MCG Meeting October 4th 2018**

**Present: Neville Johnson (Chair) , Liz Sharek (Sec) Barbara Souter, Carol Christy, Sally Marden, Janis Grummit, Amanda Stewart, Allison Roe, Peter Carke, Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke, Trish Allen, Rod Severn**

**Apologies** Simon Barclay, Fiona Strathern, Rachel Demler, Scott McCallum

**Minutes of last Meeting**: Circulated. Carried. No issues arising.

**Financial reports:** circulated. Carried.

**1) Waste management** (Beth/Trish)

Beth confirmed that the Local Rodney Board was not consulted about the pending closures of Lawrie Rd and Rusty Brooke. The present lease has now been extended to end of June '19

The present Contractor (Northland Waste) owns sites on Sandspit Road. (Wyatts) and they are waiting on Resource Consent to be able to operate from this site.

It appears that the present transfer stations will need to be closed completely for specialist remediation of the old landfills at these sites.

There will now be alternate facilities made available over the period of remediation..

This could also open other options for the management of waste which may include tender opportunities for partial use of these sites.

**Mahurangi Waste Busters** (Trish)

MWBs support the remediation of the old landfill sites. The extent of the contamination of these sites is still unknown at this time.

MWBs want to part of the waste management solution in the area. There is rising support for recycling centres, especially from young residents, but they don't want to wait there needs to be a solution now.

MWBs are working with the trustees to find a temporary, or maybe permanent , site to start a recycling / recovery centre. They are looking for sites preferably with some kind of useable infrastructure, such as sheds, to work from.

(Greg Sayers)Waste Recovery Sites need to be stand alone businesses. At the moment the 5 waste recovery sites around Auckland are requiring financial input from the Council.

Note: There is an interesting interview on RNZ with Catherine Ryan talking to Trina of the Helensville site.

**2) Matakana Coast Trail Trust** (Alison Roe) There is a document being prepared to be used as a future resource in the development of future Trails that includes investigations into people,land and strategies.

The most advanced trail route is Snells Beach to Warkworth and they are just waiting for the aquisition of the last lenght of access to be finalized.

**3)Matakana Link Road** (Greg) The community has expressed it's support for the Matakana Link Road to be built as 4 lane. There is allocated funding from AT, which initially was sufficient to support the building of a 4 lane road but the budget has now been cut which would only fund a 2 lane road now and this increased to 4 lanes as need requires. This is a very expensive and wasteful option.

The MLR should be open by 2021 in time with the new motorway being finished.

**4) Mahurangi River Dredging** (Greg) has Resource Consent and the dredging is underway with an initial $250,000 budget, however it has been estimated that the total cost will be nearer $4million, and this will more than likely require an application for funding from Central Government. The result should be a navigable and swimmable river. There is also the potential to allow for boats to come up from Auckland, which should attract tourism opportunities, and maybe even a commuter ferry from Auckland in the future.

**5) Riverside Path from the Market to King George** (Amanda) The parties who's properties ajoin the river are all supportive of a path to be built along the river bank.

**6) Communications** (Janis) There is a new strategy to integrate and build on existing methods to better facilitate communication and involvement of the community with the MCG. Vision Matakana was the first step taken in August.

There is a link on the website to register directly on the database.

Rachel Demle has kindly agreed to help update the website, improving the site structure, add historical content and profiles and provide links to other sites.

**7) Tamahunga Bridge Opening** The community can now take the initiative to organize an opening for the new walking and cycle bridge. Maybe this could coincide with the School Christmas Celebrations on the 23rd November. Neville will talk to Darryl about this and then AT will need to be approached so that they can send a representative.

**8) MVRd Update (**Beth) The funds are tagged for the upgrade of MVRd between the Market and Jin Jins. AT and Healthy Waters are consolidating a plan which they will bring to the LRB in November. AC are only concerned with any concreteting/ cobbling of paved areas.

The swales will be culverted and paved on the Market side of the road. The opposite side of the road will have its swales grassed and edged. The project is required to be finished within this financial year.

Firefighters have suggested having a water supply/hydrant installed. This would need to be taken up for discussion with AT and Healthy Waters as the village isn't on town supply.

**9) Jubilee Park** (Beth) The future direction will be set after the Draft Plan has been presented at the LRB business meeting in Oct/Nov. No leases can be signed before this.

**10) Election Signage Notice** **Area** (Beth) The grassed area at the village end of the Tamahunga Bridge is one of few places in the district that is a designated place for election signs to be erected. Does the community want to keep this site available? To be discussed further at the upcoming AGM.

**11) Temporary Bus Stop Locations** These have been erected outside the school carpark and across on the opposite side of the road. These are temporary to facilitate the new bus service to Auckland that is now running.

**12) Trucking Movements through the village** (Neville) There are no restrictions on Wharahines operating out of the Omaha Valley Quarry.

Those trucks coming over from Whangaripo can have a maximum of 10% of their movements coming through Matakana the rest have to go out through Wayby.

There is concern about the trucks stopping and turning outside the Hall as they are ripping up the surface. Maybe AT can contribute to repairs.

The building of the motorway is now ramping up and more information is needed about compliance issues. Beth will investigate.

There is also a Resource Consent for truck movements through Hill Street for operations to have as little impact on traffic flow a possible.

**13) Montessori School** (Neville) The closing of classes at the Primary School is not really a MCG issue.

**14) Portaloos for Labour Weekend** (Neville) AC to be approached to provide 4 Portaloos for Labour weekend and extra cleaning/maintenance of the public toilets over that period.

**15) School Carpark** (Neville) There needs to be some long term drainage plans to cope with the flooding following heavy rains.

**16) Murray Wallace and Paul Roberts** have moved away from Matakana. They have both been very generous with their time and expertise in relationship to their contributions to the MCG. A letter of thanks to be written to them both (Neville)