**Minutes for Warkworth Area Liaison Group**

**Date:** 1st May 2019

**Meeting Opened:** 7:00 pm

**Chairperson:** Hueline Massey

**Attendees:**  21 People

**Apologies:** Richard Papworth, Dave Parker, Brian Tuck, Glyn Williams, Alan Spicer, Bruce Scoggins, Greg Sayers, Mark Dinniss, Angela Buckton

**Guest speakers; Karsten Stevenson, Key Relationship Manager for NX2 group**

* Karsten started by showing a fly-over of the length of the motorway. This showed just how much more work has happened since he last presented to our group. This flyover video, as well as other photos, can be viewed on this link.
* <https://nx2group.com/page/10/project-photos-drone-footage-and-videos>
* Karsten then introduced Johan Pratomo senior project engineer, Ilka Loubser senior site engineer and Mikel Ledesma site engineer, the three structural engineers who are responsible for the seven bridges and three underpasses being constructed along the route. Johan, Ilka and Mikel then each gave a presentation on the projects they are working on at the moment.
* The longest bridges are the two at the southern end of the motorway and each one is over 300 metres long and up to 25metres off the ground at the highest point. All the bridges along the motorway route carry the motorway over obstacles, except for the Moir Hill Rd bridge which carries this road over the motorway. This bridge will be one of the first completed and Moir Hill Rd will then be redirected over the bridge to allow excavation for the motorway through the road’s current position.
* The three underpasses will allow access to parcels of land that would otherwise have been left as ‘islands’ that cannot otherwise be accessed.
* The sheer scale of these structures was shown in this very informative presentation. The size of steel beams and volumes of concrete used is not really appreciated until it is explained how these structures are fabricated. The logistics of the construction of big structures in difficult positions were really brought home and it was very impressive to see what is being achieved.
* Karsten told the meeting that progress over the last earthworks season was really good and they are on track with their expectations, having moved about 4.5million cubic metres of earth to date. They have about another 2.5 million cubic metres to go.
* About 600 workers were used on the site over summer but this will drop down to about half this number as the earthworks season winds up. There are still some rock sites along the route where excavation can continue over winter but the bulk of the earthworks cannot be done in the wetter ground conditions. Work will be continuing on the bridges and underpasses.
* Health and safety is a major focus for the project and is heavily emphasised all the time by all levels of management and the workforce. They are determined not to become complacent in any way in their approach to health and safety.
* Karsten and his team were thanked for a very informative presentation. He will be coming back for another presentation at a later stage.

**Bruce Scoggins**

* Bruce had to give his apologies as he could not attend the meeting tonight. He also felt it was time to resign as chairman and this was announced to the meeting. This was accepted with regret. Nominations for a new chair were requested from the floor and Patte Williams suggested Hueline Massey, and this was unanimously endorsed by all those present. Ox moved that Bruce be thanked for his work.

**Beth Houlbrooke, Chair of the Rodney Local Board**

* Beth and the Rodney Local Board are in the middle of work on the annual budget.
* They have identified three key items to advocate for this year; 1. An indoor multi-sports facility in Huapai; 2. Pushing for funding for the many community buildings scattered around Rodney that currently are not included by Auckland Council in any funding arrangements. They are often only supported by local community groups while in other areas around Auckland they get Council assistance. This is a situation that developed with the change to a Supercity; 3. Advocating to Auckland Transport for an improvement in road maintenance systems and standards. There’s just not enough money in the road maintenance budget for the maintenance manager to deal with all the required maintenance, and at the same time implement a proper regular maintenance schedule for upkeep of the roads in Rodney.
* Beth told the meeting that the report has been released on the achievements of the Rodney Local Board over the last three years and she is very proud of what the report says. This will be made public in due course.
* In answer to a question from the floor Beth advised that she will be standing again at the next Local Board elections.
* Patte Williiams said how much the weeds had flourished around the Warkworth area this summer and asked Beth to look into more funding for weed control.
* Beth will follow upon what’s happening with the proposed planting for the Neville St roundabout

**Roading issues**

* A delegation comprising Roger Williams, Dave Stott, Greg Sayers, Beth Houlbrooke, Chris Murphy, Martin Dancy and Mark Mitchell will be attending a meeting of the full board of Auckland Transport on May 7th. They will push for a final design for the Matakana Link Rd and for the project to be managed so the best possible result can be achieved for the $63million allotted. They have options available to put to the board to make the most the budgeted amount. There may be a possibility of a public/private partnership as an interested party has come forward that is keen to look at pursuing this option. This could make a bigger budget possible.

**One Warkworth (Murray Chapman)**

* One Warkworth are currently canvassing businesses in the Woodcocks Rd area about the possibility of installing two security cameras at the beginning of Glenmore Drive and Morrison Drive capable of recording number plates. Feedback so far has been positive. If these are accepted then One Warkworth will explore the possibilities for further cameras in Elizabeth St and Whittakers Rd. They are looking at how these could be funded.
* The Warkworth Businesswomen are holding an event at the Back Bar of the Bridgehouse tonight the 2nd May. These events are spread around among different venues and are well attended.
* Work is well underway to prepare for the Kowhai Festival. This year will be the 50th anniversary. Please contact Murray if you can help.
* The Winter Festival will be held this year including the Festival of Light on the 17th July. It is intended that this festival becomes a regular on Auckland’s event calendar. ATEED has just launched (last Monday) a new initiative called ‘Elemental’ which coordinates the promotion of festivals throughout Auckland and the Warkworth Winter Festival has been included in the stable of events that they will help promote. Check out this link to the Elemental website; <https://www.aucklandnz.com/elementalfestival?gclid=Cj0KCQjwh6XmBRDRARIsAKNInDEEui9FCfP0MvCVIFLRw6YlPwFcnlU7FLyciJOZTy0gz6Pwk9qk4BsaAuTAEALw_wcB>

**General Business**

* Terry Nuthall, Chairman of Warkworth Lions/Rotary Food Rescue, advised that the Food bank has set up in premises at 28 Baxter St which appears to be a stable arrangement for the foreseeable future.
* The Intercity buses are having issues with their stops in Warkworth. Auckland Transport will no longer permit the Intercity buses to stop in Baxter St as there isn’t really enough room. However the alternative stop down by the wharf is not ideal either. This situation really needs to be resolved.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.00 pm. Next meeting is on June 5th at 7-00pm