

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OMAHA BEACH COMMUNITY INC (“OBC”)
HELD AT OMAHA BEACH COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 4.00PM THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT:

Chris Allan – Acting Chair

Committee Members – Rob Zubielevitch, Ian Russell, Debbie Lee and Murray Beatson

Greg Sayers – Auckland Councillor – Rodney

Beth Houlbrooke – Chair, Rodney Local Board

Alison Roe – Chair, Matakana Coast Trail Trust

Omaha residents and property owners

WELCOME:

Chris welcomed Alison Roe, Beth Houlbrooke and Greg Sayers

APOLOGIES: Richard & Eleanor Brabant and David Hansen, Committee Members Terry Brailsford and Simon Martin

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Agreed by the members present that minutes of the previous AGM held 4th January 2017 be taken as read and are available on the website. No matters were raised in relation to the minutes.

Motion: That these minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Chris Allan and seconded by Graham Painter.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

The following points are covered in the report:

OBC Has worked closely with Council and their agencies, Healthy Waters, Watercare, Parks, to ensure projects have been prioritised and Omaha has had \$8.8m approved for storm water projects.

Omaha Community has been awarded \$5,000 courtesy of a Kiwibank/Predator Free NZ grant to help the community with its target of Predator Free Omaha 2020 campaign. Auckland Council are also funding the placement of traps in public and reserve areas.

The Community Centre received a facelift during 2017 both inside and out. Peter thanked Timbertech for a job well done.

Chris advised that Peter Hooper’s report was in the Newsletter and on the OBC website. Chris thanked Peter for his efforts as President in the last 3 years. Chris also thanked the committee and also people outside of the committee who contributed to the community – Graham Painter, Peter Jackson, Denis O’Callahan and Chris Martin.

MOTION: The President’s report be accepted. Motion moved by Chris Allan which was accepted unanimously by voice approval from the floor.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Ian Russell presented the OBC Financials. He pointed out that the financials in the newsletter were an extract and the full financials were available on our website. Copies were also made available in hard copy at the AGM.

The Review Engagement on the accounts was conducted by Macnicol and Co prior to publication of the newsletter. They advised there were no matters of significance or concern from the review.

Ian also proposed that the annual subscription remain at \$70.00.

MOTION: That the 2017 Financial Accounts be adopted

Moved – Ian Russell

Seconded – Chris Allan

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2018:

As no new nominations were received the existing committee was re-elected unopposed.

SPEAKERS:

Denis O’Callahan representing the Omaha Shorebirds Trust outlined the activities of organisation and also later spoke about Crab nets and how we could deal with them in certain community media. Denis also covered Civil Defence issues and that we needed volunteers to step up and help.

Seamus Lynch representing the Omaha Golf Club covered the activities of the club.

The Bowling Club, Tennis Club and Surf Club were not represented.

Chris Martin from Insite Security covered the work of the security patrols over the holiday period. He also covered the crab net issue.

Peter Jackson talked about the proposed walkway between the roundabout and the Community Centre. The OBC has funded a traffic management device to count the number of vehicles on that part of the road to add weight to any submission to Council.

Martin Dancy outlined his proposal for a fund raiser to help fund the Pathways Project which is on the Greenways plan with Council. Alison Roe also added her support for this. Martin is looking at a dinner around Easter and would be a joint venture between Golf Club, Friends of Omaha and Matakana Trails Trust.

Beth Houlbrooke outlined the role of the local board and re-iterated she supported the footpath project. Beth also outlined the budget constraints the local board have. She thanked Chris Allan for his work on the leases for the community centre.

Alison Roe talked about some of the local initiatives coming up and at some stage there will probably be a hospital located in the Warkworth area and a swimming pool is being worked on at the moment.

Greg Sayers talked about the workings of the Council and how he felt about how it operates.

He was frustrated at the wastage of the Council and the unnecessary overspending. He was concerned about the lack of accountability. The Council has 10,063 staff and the salary bill is way over budget. Greg confirmed his commitment to the Rodney area and will ensure our voice is heard in Auckland.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Grant Robertson raised a question from the floor re the illegal trimming of trees in reserves in the northern end. There was also an opposing view from another resident and the committee agreed to deal with it at its next committee meeting.

Graham Painter raised the issue of wetlands and now has proof that these are not designated wetlands but stormwater ponds. That will be dealt with by Council.

CONCLUSION:

Chris Allan thanked the attendees and the meeting closed at 5.55pm