

**MINUTES OF THE ONEMANA RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY 3 JANUARY 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT

Stan Alder	Ken Ashby	Neil Baker
W Barton	J Anderson	B Daniels
John Duncan	John Duncan	P Durrant
Ron Frenchum	Arthur Haughey	T Henshaw
Rupert Holdsworth	Jeff Hollings	Holly Hollings
Bob Jefferis	S Kingsford	Peter Kowalewicz
A Priaux	B Rudsits	Erika Sedin
M Sheehan	G Squire	P Stichbury
J Taylor	B Upton	R Walker
N Watkin	Anne Duncan	Ken Wedgwood
B Wright	S and G Bertram	Dale Schoeman

APOLOGIES

A and J Brown, Helen and Michael Donovan, John and Rosemary Hutchings, Alan Cole, Barry Turk, June Campbell, Ashleigh Wilson and Norman Kingsbury.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

It was moved (N Baker) and seconded (J Hollings) that the minutes of the 2014 AGM, having previously been circulated be taken as read and approved as a true and accurate record.

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 1 **Surf Club:** Anne reported that the initial plans had been approved by TCDC but that further development on the building required an archaeological survey to be completed. Surf Club representatives will be meeting with the local iwi in February to progress this matter further.
- 2 **Track and Bridge:** Erika advised that as the bridge had been erected privately, TCDC would not become involved in any maintenance work. The track leading down to the gully from Russell Bruce Place was a hazard and several people had slipped and fallen. Due to the steepness of the slope TCDC had constructed a zig zag path.

There was general discussion about the state of the gully, the slipping banks and the stream not draining. The meeting was advised that in the last few days a sink/spring hole had appeared behind 215b Russell Bruce Place. The owners of this property had advised TCDC who had initially roped the area off but had returned to place more permanent protection around the hole. It was felt that this was an issue which required a long term solution and members were urged to follow this up with TCDC, as would the Association.

- 3 **Sand Dunes:** A lot of work has been carried out by Beach Care, with the help of ORA working bees, to stabilise the dunes.

REPORTS

Chairperson's Report: A copy of Erika's report is attached to the minutes.

It was moved (E Sedin) and seconded (A Duncan) that the Chairperson's report be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Copies of the financial statements were circulated and a copy is attached to the minutes. After answering some questions it was moved (K Wedgwood) and seconded (K Weston) that the financial statements be accepted. Carried

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was moved (K Wedgwood) and seconded (E Sedin) that the subscriptions for the financial year commencing on 1 October 2015 remain at \$25 per property. Carried

REVIEWER

It was moved (K Wedgwood) and seconded (P Kowalewicz) that Ron Frenchum be appointed as reviewer for the coming year. Carried

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

It was moved (H Hollings) and seconded (J Hollings) that Erika Sedin be appointed as Chairperson.

As there were no further nominations Erika was appointed to this position. Carried

It was moved (E Sedin) and seconded (N Baker) that Anne Duncan be appointed as Secretary. As there were no further nominations Anne was appointed to this position. Carried

It was moved (E Sedin) and seconded (D Schoeman) that Ken Wedgwood be appointed as Treasurer.

As there were no further nominations Ken was appointed to this position. Carried

It was moved (D Schoeman) and seconded (E Sedin) that Stephen Bertram be elected on to the committee.

Carried

It was moved (K Wedgwood) and seconded (J Hollings) that the following existing committee members continue on the committee: Alan Dale, Dale Schoeman, Peter Kowalewicz, Neil Baker, Stan Alder, Rosemary Hutchings, Ron Jones and John Duncan. Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 **Tree Pruning:** Erika reminded members that there were no bylaws concerning trees blocking views. If views were being blocked then discussions with neighbours was the best course of action. People should also be aware of which trees they are planting and how high they may reach over the coming years.
- 2 **Wild Ginger:** The removal of this noxious weed is the responsibility of property owners. If owners can dig up the plants then ORA will take it to the tip to avoid plants being dumped in the forest. Contact has been made with Rayonier regarding the amount of wild ginger in the

forest. Once the plant flowers, remove the heads and put them in a plastic bag until they have died. Flyers were available for members to take to assist with the identification of this plant.

- 3 **Member Questionnaire:** Very few responses have been received to the questionnaire so the committee can only assume that members are happy with what the organisation is achieving. It was suggested that a link could be added to the Facebook page to go to a copy of the questionnaire.
- 4 **Security Camera:** The committee has carried out some preliminary investigation into the installation of a security camera following some break ins and an attack of vandalism on the beach. The increasing incidence of poaching was also an area of concern. All incidents in the village would involve a vehicle and some camera systems could pick up registration numbers and were directly linked to the Police computer. Having a camera would also act as a deterrent. One person at the meeting spoke about a system which had been installed at the end of a no exit road which had had an impact on the number of incidents in the area. It was also noted that the Community Patrol and the Police do patrol Onemana regularly.

It was moved (E Sedin) and seconded (B Jefferis) that the committee investigate further the camera system operating in Pauanui and that fundraising be carried out to pay for any camera installation.

Carried

It was also agreed that a flyer should be sent out to all households asking for their support and that members should be emailed if there were any burglaries in their area. There is however some difficulty in contacting non-members as many properties do not have a letter box. Police data on burglaries in the village was also to be obtained. [NB The committee has already organised for the new Whangamata Police Sergeant to attend the next committee meeting.]

- 5 **Street Lighting:** A request had been received to install further street lighting on the corner at the bottom car park. It was agreed that unless there was a need for further street lighting for safety reasons, no further street lights should be installed.

It was moved (E Sedin) and seconded (H Hollings) that a request be made to TCDC for covers to be installed on the existing street lights.

Carried

- 6 **Voluntary Dog Wardens:** The local bylaws regarding dog access to beaches is currently being reviewed and in the meantime voluntary dog wardens are not required.

It was moved (S Bertram) and seconded (K Wedgwood) that the Association write to TCDC and strongly advise them of the Association's desire for the continuation of the current dog bylaws in Onemana.

Carried

- 7 **Telecom Petition:** There was discussion around the need for a more efficient delivery of broadband services to existing customers, for broadband to be available to more subscribers, the installation of a new cell phone tower and provision of wifi at the phone box. It was agreed that a petition should be put together and as many signatures as possible be collected. The lack of coverage for cell phones and broadband coverage affects permanent residents, local businesses and also contractors coming to do work in the village who are missing out on work.

It was moved (G Squire) and seconded (G Hollings) that a letter be sent to Spark requesting that a Vodafone tower be installed in Onemana as a matter of urgency. Carried

It was moved (S Bertram) and seconded (E Sedin) that a petition be raised to Vodafone regarding the quality and availability of broadband to Onemana. Carried

- 8 **Welcome Pack:** A copy of the Welcome Pack, put together by Anne Duncan and Dale Schoeman, was available for all financial members and can be collected from Onemana Realty. The cost of printing the Welcome Packs had been funded by Onemana Realty and Whangamata Real Estate.
- 9 **Family Fun Activities:** Members were reminded of the activities running in the afternoon starting at 3 pm.
- 10 **Water Restrictions:** As from 31 December all hose and sprinklers are banned due to the level of use of water over the past few days.
- 11 **NZRFF:** The meeting was advised of the need for more volunteers for the local Fire Force.
- 12 **Road Sign:** It was noted that the sign had been moved to the other side of the main road.
- 13 **Relationship with TCDC:** Unfortunately no representative from TCDC was present at the meeting. However, Erika commented on the good relationship ORA has with them. TCDC provide spray for weeds, the paint for the Surf Club and tip tickets following working bees.
- 14 **Tuna Place:** The trees in this area which are sprayed orange are due for removal. This area is under the control of the ORA not TCDC.
- 15 **Beach Plans:** Questions regarding plans for the beach should be referred to Barry Turk of Beach Care.
- 16 **Planting at Bottom Car Park:** The planting carried out on either side of the stream near the bottom car park has not been successful and Erika will follow up on this with TCDC.
- 17 **New Members:** How are new people to the village made aware of the Association? People purchasing properties through Onemana Realty were automatically signed up and their first year's subscription paid by the real estate company. In addition there is a notice board at the bottom car park, a web page, a Facebook page and word of mouth.

A vote of thanks was moved for Erika for the hard work she does on behalf of the Association.

Following the meeting the wording for the communications petition was finalised and signatures were sought on Saturday afternoon at the Fun Family activities. The petition is now at Onemana Realty for anyone to sign.