

# NORTHCOTE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of an Open Forum and Executive Committee Meeting 11 September 2018 at 7pm at Northcote Point Senior Citizens Rooms, Queen Street

## 7pm Open Public Forum

Attended by Bill McCook, Peter Stubbing and Lyndsay Subritzky (members of Northcote Birkenhead Boat Owners' Association – Goldhole). Bill explained that the NBBOA acknowledged the issues of pedestrian access and the NBBOA and NRA were now aligned in the solution that requires Auckland Council to install appropriate public signage on or near the gates without delay. Bill spoke and answered questions about access to the boat yard, the lack of a clear reserve boundary and made a commitment that any remaining rubbish would be removed from the reserve area in due course. Bill asked that any issues or concerns regarding the NBBOA yard should be made to him directly to avoid any subsequent escalation with Auckland Council.

## 7.30pm Executive Committee Meeting

1. Attendance Ian Bogue (Chairman), Anne du Temple, Ian Millar, Wayne Hale and Simon Watts
2. Apologies from Marlena Hetherington, unwell, was RECEIVED
3. Minutes of Executive Meeting 14 August 2018 were CONFIRMED
4. Elections deferred
5. Matters arising Already on the agenda; noted that Rules Review would be agenda item at AGM.
6. Financial report as follows was RECEIVED. Membership for David Perry and wife (x2) APPROVED.

	July report	This report (at 11.9.18)
ANZ Current Account	677.97	677.97
ANZ Special purpose Account	340.64	340.64
Kiwibank Current Account	250.16	323.16
Cash to be banked		100.00
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>1268.77</b>	<b>1441.77</b>
Difference: Bank fees \$2 (3 new subs paid – David Perry, Brennan and Ian Millar)		

7. Prioritising Issues Members went through the list, **AGREEING** on these actions or updates for noting:

<b>HR</b>	Stafford/Queen/Vincent Intersection Safety	Noted no update from AT. Chair to monitor.
<b>HR</b>	Bartley St and Other Toilets	Wayne provided feedback on NRA position against closure at last KLB meeting. NRA reaffirmed position that it was against closure of these toilets. Ian B to follow-up options to lobby against closure with the justification of community need for more public facilities and noting that initial closure justification was without basis as based upon harmful homosexuality prejudice termed as “anti-social behaviour problems”.
<b>H</b>	Temporary Wharf Closure	Simon noted MP Dan Bidois has advised re two options that AT are considering. 1) Repair of existing wharf for ~\$500k taking 9 months and 2) rebuild of all weather wharf option for ~\$5m with KLB funding \$2-3m taking 2 years. MP Bidois to undertake local survey to gather views on preferred option. Wayne noted that report on wharf assessment had been requested from KLB but not yet received. Noted anecdotal feedback that Fullers Ferry staff don't want to use wharf in current state due to “safety” issues and feedback required from AT/Fullers to confirm if any substance to these points. Decision made that Chair will write to AT on behalf of NRA to request access is made available for people to fish from wharf with immediate effect as no safety issues are apparent.
<b>HR</b>	Tidal Flooding of Dudding Park	Wayne provided feedback on NRA position that “flood mitigation solutions need to be implemented without delay to protect playing fields” at last KLB meeting. Chair will monitor to ensure progress.
<b>H</b>	Seapath Planning Consultation	Simon reported consultation update posted on Northcote Residents Facebook Page with some feedback from locals received. Ian M noted that the Seapath on the outside of motorway on harbour-side was most optimal. Because of the misreporting of NRA's position on Skypath by the North Shore Times, the Chair presented a written position statement on Skypath making it clear the NRA is not opposed to Skypath but to two aspects of the initial proposal and moved its adoption. With the removal of one phrase, it was ADOPTED, as follows:  “NRA POSITION ON THE SKYPATH PROPOSAL: “The Northcote Residents Association is not opposed to Skypath, but to two aspects of the current plan. One is the safety and engineering issues which are now the responsibility of NZTA. The other is that Northcote Point just does not have

		<p>enough room for the infrastructure required for the northern terminus to be here, certainly with projected usage numbers - Skypath must continue <b>seamlessly</b> into the planned Seapath.</p> <p>Many Northcote residents want to have pedestrian and cycle access across the harbour. They do however object to the prospect of streams of people with inadequate toilet and parking facilities in the very limited space under the bridge at the end of Princes Street. There is no suitable bus access or parking for tourists. The northern landing must be down on the flat near the old tollbooth area, perhaps with lift/elevator access at the end of Princes Street as exists at Akoranga, to cope with smaller numbers.”</p>
<b>MR</b>	The Goldhole – wreck removal	Noted no further action required at this time by NRA. Any subsequent issues to be raised with council and or NBBOA as required.
<b>M</b>	Fencing on Stokes Point	Noted no progress. Chair to monitor.
<b>MR</b>	King St reserve	Wayne/Anne to undertake site visit and confirm boundary with reference to GeoTech reports.
<b>MR</b>	Onepoto basin concerns	Noted that Kevin Fox copies his emails to other parties about specific issues to us. Chair to monitor and show support when suitable.
<b>MR</b>	HT traffic in LSB	Noted traffic volumes have reduced due to fewer works in Birkenhead.
<b>LR</b>	LSB path	Noted no update. Chair to monitor.
<b>LR</b>	LSB Maori Track deterioration	Noted, Ian B will undertake further planting.
<b>L</b>	State of Halls Beach	Wayne/Anne to check status including to take pictures and report to next meeting

10. Other business: n/a  
11. Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm. Same venue  
12. Closure Meeting closed at 9.10pm