

Northcote Residents' Association

Minutes of Open Forum and Executive Meeting 11 February 2020 at 7pm in the Northcote Point Senior Citizens' Rooms

7pm Open Forum

Present : Andrew Osborne, John Brew, John Gillon (KLB Chair), Andrew Mayes, Shanan Halbert, Robyn Bogue

Exec Attendance : Simon Watts, Ian Bogue, Wayne Hale, Anne du Temple and Marlena Hetherington

Update on Northcote Wharf: No news from Dan Bidois. Report from John Gillon: On track for resource consent - all piles need replacing Possible reason -sea worm, weather resistant.

Wayne asked about provisions for toilets? Erratic supply hoped for more input. Bus route? He was disappointed not to be at table. John answered - all weather wharf not agreed to by AT. Anne would like more specifics.

Flooding in Little Shoal Bay: John Brew addressed the meeting. He had met with John Gillon and Danielle Grant (KLB Deputy Chair) in December. They suggested he get support from a wider base to speak to Council . Options are not great - road, sewers etc are complicating factors.

He spoke to Birkenhead Residents' Association, Northcote Bowling Club, LSB Protection Society, Dan Bidois and Councillors. KLB is doing a review and we need to be included - possible date end March for presentation to council.

John Gillon: Preference is for LSB to be restored to earlier state, first close sea off, second, Le Roy's bush and connection regenerated. "Bush to beach" Morfen report put out by 'Healthy Waters' outcomes surprising- not in agreement with assumptions. Potential for climate change is there. Not to be ignored. Need to ensure work is future proof. Community interest and support to be to fore.

Adrian: working group of three organisations more effective. He hoped NRA would be included.

Sea Scouts and Tongan Church to be approached to be represented. No cost option not appropriate. Road could be lost. Carriageway would need to be raised - cost better used to prevent flooding. Slumping made Dudding Park lower.

1. Flaps would prevent excess seawater ingress - put back assets.
2. Manage excess fresh water to get out, which will increase bio-diversity.

Problem can be fixed - cost can be progressive.

Two reports by Healthy Waters - update on latest reports required and discussion wanted to be part of solution.

Anne : flaps should be maintained- already decided by NRA. Morfen report requested.

Robyn Bogue: When the former gasworks area was capped the area still had heavy metal residues - chemicals can leach out onto reserve.

Adrian added that two sources of contamination - tennis courts (old gasometer area) and gas works capped.

Ian Bogue: Council CCOs executives were often hiding information from councillors and the public and making decisions alone.

Robyn: local body of the day gave permission for gas works therefore has some responsibility for Clean up.

VariouS: Pipes in Maritime Tce need to go, protect the seawall, use a tidal flap. Surround Park with wall. Let us work together with NRA, Danielle and John. Retain our asset of LSB with a clear vision.

Adrian: outlined future meetings proposed. Next step needed.

Ian Bogue: said skilled people (science, engineering, ecology)were available in the community and should be used.

Simon asked for cost estimate? **Adrian:** \$6-8000 minus reports.

Ian: asked John Gillon who is major decision maker? **John:** Parks are now under Healthy Waters (AC Dept), Auckland Transport also involved.

Anne: Lack of maintenance seems to remain a serious problem.

John Gillon: two reports were commissioned to look at the sea wall. Coastal assessment and asset assessment were needed before decisions. Local board three year long term plan coming up needs input and support. Healthy Waters is a dept. of Council and not supportive of recreational restoration

Ian: we will work together with KLB and the other groups present. Executive members were in agreement. **Adrian:** last report of the group will be sent via email

Ian: recalled formation of the LSB Action Society to prevent housing in the bay and get it back as a park in the 1990s. Gasworks pollution was eventually the deciding factor in North Shore City Council buying back land it had sold, remedying pollution and developing the park so many people enjoy using today.

Executive meeting:

Attendance: listed above

Previous Minutes: 8 Oct 2019 **confirmed.** 10 Dec 2019 not available.

Financial report:

	8 Oct report	This report (11 Feb 20)
Kiwibank Current account	1662.09	1243.52
Total funds	1662.09	1243.52
Difference: Printing \$150; Hall hire \$100; Document storage 1yr \$120; website annual fee \$138.57; bank fees \$10		

Report **Received**

Portfolio updates: **Protect local facilities** - redevelopment plan Northcote shopping centre now available.

Make our community safer: Simon agreed to talk to community constable and invite him to discuss issues and education for community.

Any other business? Water leaks on road not remedied when reported despite drought.

Marlena to photograph sign at Gold Hole - no Council sign yet.

Repeat request for Public Access sign from council. Photos needed of old Halls Beach - no Wheelchair access.

Ian Bogue to be on holiday 3 April - 6 July.

Meeting concluded 9p.m.

Next meeting 10 March.