

Port Underwood Association 26th Annual General Meeting Sunday 30 December 2018, 3:00pm Minutes

1. Welcome

Ken Roush opened the meeting 15:08

2. Attendees:

Sara Roush	Ocean Bay Ridge	Ken Roush	Ocean Bay Ridge
Scottie Scott	Oyster Bay	Lynda Scott	Oyster Bay
Paul Blaschke	Ocean Bay	Susan Rutherford	Ocean Bay
Carol McArthur	Haka Haka Bay	Bryon Gleeson	Tom Canes Bay
Peter Gregory-Hunt	Whangataura Bay	Anne Gregory-Hunt	Whangataura Bay
Tim Johnston	Whangataura Bay	Sally Johnston	Whangataura Bay
Jill Hearn	Kanae Bay	Bruce Hearn	Kanae Bay
Martin Loach	Tom Canes Bay	John Davison	Ocean Bay Ridge
Clinton Whyte	Oyster & Hakana Bay	David Whyte	Oyster & Hakana Bay
Wade Thompson	Coles Bay	Anne Thompson	Coles Bay
Lawry Hinton	Haka Haka Bay	Helen Parr	Haka Haka Bay
Kevin Maitland	Tom Canes Bay	Vicky Maitland	Tom Canes Bay
Ange Hockenhuil	Whangataura Bay	Gerard Malcolm	Pipi Bay
Wayne Boustridge	Whangataura Bay	Claire Soper	Haka Haka Bay
Berni Veale	Flagg Bay	Trevor Veale	Flagg Bay

3. Apologies

Suzanne & James Lambie, Annie & Jeremy Ward, Bridget & John Forrest, Tim & Victoria Freer, Helen Strang, Domenic Romano, Stephen & Jane Sheat, David & Diane McBryde, Lynette White, Rosemary Rutherford, Mike Rutherford, Nadine Taylor, Kirsty Vercoe

4. Minutes from last meeting (Circulated with Feb. 2018 newsletter)

Ken proposed the minutes as circulated be accepted. Seconded by Carol McArthur. Agreed by the meeting.

5. President's Report

In reviewing past President's reports I think I am supposed to give a summary of the past year's activities. However that will be covered later in this meeting. I would instead like to address communication and participation between the Association and its membership because the Association is its membership. This year I have tried to achieve a balance between providing information to the membership on issues without bogging everyone down with minute details. And it is a challenge at times to decide where that point is. Accounting for time

constraints and financial constraints, emailing information seems to be the best way to do this but I am conscious that the last thing anyone wants is an email from the Association every day.

Communication is essential for an organisation like this to be effective and communication is a two-way street. Participation and feedback from the members is the way that the Association can represent the desires of the community. But it has to be remembered that we are a diverse group and not all individual opinions can be represented when we present a majority viewpoint.

Examples of how participation by the members can be effective are the survey on rodent control and more recently the recycling bin. The location for the bin at the top of the hill was not what was advocated by the community. In fact it was a very inappropriate spot. Some of you contacted Council directly about it and some of you contacted the Association about it. By you contacting the Association we were able to go back to Council with a number of reasons, provided by a number of different people, as to why there was a better location for the bin. And they moved it.

We have a great membership with great ideas so I strongly encourage all of you to express those ideas to myself and the Committee so that the Association can help you make Port Underwood a better place.

6. Financial Report

Sara Roush distributed the accounts to the meeting. There are 110 members and 1 honorary member. The accounts are attached. There were no questions on the accounts. Peter Gregory Hunt moved they be accepted Claire Soper seconded this.

7. Neighbourhood Support – Sara Roush

Fortunately, we have had a fairly quiet year. Thank you to all of you who did contact me regarding suspicious activity. It would be very helpful if you would note the rego number and make of car if suspicious activity is spotted. Sara had some Neighbourhood support signs for distribution.

Sadly, Terry Crispen of Tumbledown Bay passed away this winter. The association passed on its condolences.

8. PUA response to disasters – How can the PUA be more helpful?

The meeting suggested the creation of a financial float to assist those in need immediately following a disaster (flood, fire or other); a small amount to get them over immediate issues. In addition, the Association could provide a volunteer labour force to assist. A list of equipment members had that could be provided in emergency could be created. Committee is to determine the level of assistance to be provided and would depend on the type and severity of the event.

It was also suggested that the Association could coordinate the housing of individuals in emergency amongst the members as well as food and clothing.

Question raised regarding climate change and rising sea levels and if this could affect road usage and maintenance. It is not known what MDC's current policy is on this although climate change is an issue it considers.

9. Roothing – Update

Marlborough Roads (MR) is to put out a note regarding the state of roads in the Sounds. It has been another challenging year for MR in 2018 as it was in 2016. Weather events caused \$5.4m of damage to MR. Major culvert on the PU Rd has been repaired. Took several months of lobbying to get this work done. Several more culverts and drop outs need repair, plus more side rails to be installed and repaired.

The meeting suggested that more preventative maintenance is required. The Association has submitted in the past that there is a need for a standard for unsealed roads, but none exists.

Questioned whether a lead vehicle is needed for the road grader as a safety issue.

The Kaikoura effort has reduced the availability of roads and machinery available, but the problems may actually have been in place before that .

10. Resource Consent Applications – Update

There have been a couple applications for forestry harvesting. We have reviewed them and provided some suggestions to the MDC Planning Officer but have not made submissions on them. We have also not submitted on applications to renew mussel farming permits. We have submitted against an application to extend an existing mussel farm near Deep Bight in the Western Arm. We have attended a meeting with the applicants but were not able to resolve the differences of opinion on the application. Therefore, we will attend and make a submission at the public hearing in February. The main reasons for opposing are:

Continuous expansion of mussel farming – a complete ring of farms around the Tongue is being formed with some, such as this one, extending up to 600m from shore. This is far beyond what is considered as complying with the current marine provisions in the Sounds Plan. Concern with increased effects of mussel farms on the natural coastal environment, particularly inshore of mussel farms which is a very important area and the lack of evidence to determine what the effects are from this farm or the accumulation of all the farms combined.

A continuous increase in the heavy vehicle traffic on narrow winding roads.

The attendees confirmed that the continuous creep of mussel farms, particularly out into the Sound, extending further and further from shore, is a major concern.

11. Proposed Marlborough Environment Plan – Update

The submissions and hearings are still taking place for the proposed plan. We have attended and made submissions on several topics including Natural Landscape, Use of the Coastal Environment, and Transportation. I have also made personal submissions regarding proper lighting methods to reduce unwanted light intrusion.

The provisions for aquaculture have still not been drafted.

In line with making submissions to the proposed plan, the Association has also submitted on the Marlborough Long Term Plan Review.

12. Sounds Advisory Group – Update

The minutes from the meetings are on the PUA website so I won't go into details at this time. However, one project that the Group is working on is to research and establish methods to reduce sedimentation into the coastal waters from forestry harvesting, mainly through creating a setback space from the coastline when harvesting.

There is a SAG community meeting at Sara and Ken Roush's house to which Councillors attend. It is a useful opportunity to meet the Sounds councillors and MDC staff. This is scheduled for Monday, 18 March, 2019.

13. Recycling Bin – Monitoring

Council will empty the bin when it is advised it is full. Needs members to notify them. Ann Thompson agreed to monitor and notify the council when required.

14. Marlborough Restoration Trust workshop on wilding pines

Port Underwood is not on their agenda to poison wilding pines. Too many forestry plots in the area. They will put on a workshop showing how to poison them. The meeting expressed an interest in doing this.

15. Newsletter – Additional articles requested

The newsletter used to contain a Snippets from the Past section, but we have run out of past snippets. A request was made for snippets, historical or current from the members.

16. Buy and Sell notices – Are they working?

The notice for the septic tank clearance was useful in coordinating the use. A couple of people got firewood from the notice. Found that it was worth continuing.

It was suggested that a Facebook page should be created so there could be instant notification of information to members.

17. General Business

Oyster Bay Wharf Redevelopment. It is proposed that the fuel jetty will be redeveloped, but this has not yet been approved by Ports Marlborough. More information is required and the committee will investigate.

Contact will not charge a Bach supply charge if you have your main residence electricity with them.

Freedom camping, if on DOC land they need a permit. If campers seen DOC can be contacted. No camping is permitted if camping on the road and the council needs to be contacted.

It was suggested that a new survey of the membership be taken to gauge opinions on various issues. The past survey could form the basis for this.

18. Election of Officers

President: Ken Roush

Treasurer and Secretary: Sara Roush

Committee Members: David Whyte, Wayne Boustridge, Bruce Hearn, Martin Loach, John Davison, Anne Thompson

19. Social get together with drinks and nibbles

Meeting closed 16:30

Accounts

**Port Underwood Association Inc
PO Box 59 Blenheim 7240**

Income Statement

		30-Nov-18	30-Nov-17
Income			
Subscriptions	3,015.00		2,290.00
Interest	11.43	3,026.43	11.90
			2,301.90
Total		3,026.43	2,301.90
Expenses			
Stationery, post, printing, website	890.41		594.56
Bank fees	-0		-
AGM Expenses	184.10		215.83
Donation - Fire Brigades	0		-
Submission expenses	0	1,074.51	21.33
			831.72
Net Surplus		1,951.92	1,470.18

Balance Sheet

Assets	Cheque Account	4,091.90	2,053.81	
	Simples Saver	11,430.22	11,418.79	
	Petty Cash	3.20	100.80	13,573.40
Liabilities		-	-	
Capital Account		15,525.32		13,573.40

Statement of capital

Brought forward	13,573.40	12,103.22
Surplus	1,951.92	1,470.18
Carried forward	15,525.32	13,573.40