

Lake Kaniere Community Association Meeting - September 1st 2021 (2nd ZOOM Meeting)

The meeting was opened by Therese Gibbins and the meeting was recorded.

Apologies

Apologies were *received* from Leonie and Peter Ross, along with George and Phyllis Cooper.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting (18th May), were distributed. Jill Copplestone *moved* that the minutes be *moved* as a true and accurate record and that motion was seconded by Liz.

Finance

Jill reported that as of the second of April there was \$4915 in the bank account and that included \$1660 set aside for WeedBusters work.

\$1780 had been received in subs. There was \$1.43 in interest. 74 of the property owners are subscribers, with only 8 having not paid subs.

The current bank account balance is \$6696.43 and there is \$127 in petty cash.

Sub Committee Reports

Stewart Street

As part of the subdivision occurring at the top of Stewart Street an upgrade of Stewart Street itself is required by the council. The committee was formed to try and address issues regarding the design of the street modification and to engage with the council to effect change where possible. A new design has been developed by the committee and the developer and the council has agreed with the new design, providing it is cost neutral or better. If it costs extra, they plan to stick with the original design.

Discussion followed and various members discussed the possibility of contributing to meet any short fall. Stu and Leonie Craig bought up the possibility that individuals might contribute to the cost of the changes if our plan was deemed to be more expensive than the developers plan.

The committee is intending to *review* the management of storm water as part of this newer design.

Therese Gibbons thanked the excellent work that had been done, a lot which was in the background by Mark O'Donnell, Ross Storer, Ian Anderson and others to hopefully effect change in the design of the road. She pointed out this gives credence to the change that can be effected by an interested and united stance. It provides further encouragement as to how useful the Lake Kaniere Community is and can be.

AFB Community Resilience Committee

Chrissy Zarifeh reported that the community survey had achieved 54 respondents. A list of inventory of equipment that was possibly useful in such a diaster would be

distributed. Cowboy Paradise, Miltown Road and the farmer at the top of the lake had been included. The committee has been working with the responders and following the contacts that have been recommended. Chrissy has been in contact with Peter Mott who is chairperson of the Alpine Fault Communication Trust. The team is also working with Civil Defence Hokitika. Options are to be considered for the best communication tools, for example HF radio. A decision will be made as to the best path forwards and application for grants will likely follow.

It was mooted that a "Community Day" between Christmas and New Year would be a appropriate avenue to help people how to use equipment such as defibrillators or radios. This could be followed by a social function.

A disaster ready, special container, for equipment shortage may be purchased, (similar to Haast).

Thanks to Chrissy for the excellent work.

Weedbusters and Trash Committee

Drew Howat and Grant Hinchcliff spoke with regards this. The trash run had been done and a great amount was picked up. It was disappointing however, at the amount of trash that had been dropped since. Grant pointed out it was difficult to organise the wider community to do trash runs due to weather, dates etc. A suggestion that having groups clear between Rose Creek and The Landing and then another group clear between The Landing and Hurunui Jacks was raised. There are some safety issues with people working on the road and Emma Harding suggested possibly incorporating some safety signs. Grant pointed out that he and others use high-vis vests at present.

Grant pointed out he had a plan for a cleaning/weed busting event but the weather didn't cooperate so he had to cancel. As such, he finds it easier to perform these activities on week days as the weekends and holidays are too busy in terms of traffic. He will notify his next planned excursion of the FaceBook page.

He pointed out that weed busting season will really need to get underway again soon because invasive plants start flowering. Pentagum (purple flower) spreads very avidly so keep an eye out for the purple flower plant. Cotoneaster, is also really invasive. Plenty has been removed, but Ian Anderson pointed out there is still quite a lot in Punga Grove and Andrew Tee. Grant pointed out that best eradication strategy was to cut it off at ground level and then poison the plant. He has plenty of poison, supplied by DOC and people can obtain this from him. He encourage people to have an awareness of these plants and their profile.

Lake Users Committee

The lake users committee chairperson, Ian Penny, apologised for the late joining of the meeting. He pointed out he had not managed to progress things much further at this stage, but had spoken to Rebecca Somerville, who was a former lawyer with Maritime New Zealand. She was not *overly* optimistic that we would achieve huge changes, but that the if current situation was clearly unsafe due to lack of clear direction and posed risks by its form, Maritime may well look at a *review* and possible change. Ian indicated he needed an IT specialist to be able to formulate a visible plan that would be clear to all members. This plan would show corridors for boaties and reserved areas for swimmers, all demarcated clearly. If members could agree to that plan, at least we could present a stance of unanimity that included

people who had formally contacted Maritime New Zealand with concerns. This would enhance the credibility of the approach, especially the contention that the current set up fell well short of functional.

The Council and Amenities Committee

No report *available* at this stage and reconsideration of the personnel of the committee was discussed.

It was very important this committee was *active* as the West Coast District Plan is being formulated and submissions are being *invited* in response to the consultation paper is a priority as Therese pointed out. Therese did not think the plan had much impact on the lake, but Ian felt there was a risk that Lake Kaniere, (a *very* special area) may be cast within a plan that does not address its specific, unique amenities and other considerations. Therese asked Alan Hurley as to his knowledge of this document and Alan, as yet, has not had a chance to see it. He is going to obtain a copy and provide comment. Ian pointed out that the change mechanism is being promoted by the Regional Council and information is available on their website. There is a long consultation period. This *involves* an amalgamation of the three district and one regional council plans.

FaceBook Page

This is functioning well. Some commercial links, for example, cleaning water tanks, were provided, but Therese felt that the elements shouldn't only be commercial and it would be good for people to post photos and also provide a secondary form of contact.

General Business

Therese thanked Alex McPhail for his work in providing a template for a new constitution. Lake business included Ian discussing with Chrissy if the HF radio is one of the modalities that could be used in emergency situations and that further liaison with *Civil* Defence and perhaps Search and Rescue was appropriate as had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

The meeting finished with a quiz, an interesting collection of Lake Kaniere area and local geography/geology facts.