

PUKEHIKI HALL Community Meeting – April 6th 2017

Present:

Christine Neil – Community Board

Paul Pope – Community Board

Megan Bedford - DCC

Catherine Irvin - DCC

Laura O'Brian, David Lyttle, Pieter Bloem, Graeme and Rata Garside, Maarten van Eerten, John and Janice Aldis, , David Stevenson, Bill and Lenni Allen, John and Angela Ware, Ian Farquhar, Logan McGhie, Robyn Russell, Karen O'Neill, Wendy and Richard Farquhar, Morag Brown

Apologies:

Norcombe Barker

Vivian Kelly

Belinda Lyttle-Smith

Diane Barker

Kim Howell & Michael Broadbent

Lynn Samuels

Laura O'Brien

Helen Davidson

Accepted

Christine Neill opened the meeting

Email from Norcombe read by Christine relating to Sub-Division / urbanisation / wildlife – planners comments at a recent sub-division meeting showed no concern for the impact of urbanisation on the Peninsula.

Issues raised by Paul Pope (Chairman: Otago Peninsula Community Board)

1. Community Board members are to run meetings in the areas they represent in order to provide input to the local plan etc. These meetings will be a good opportunity to express local issues/views - getting direct input from people outside of Community Board meetings being the key driver.
2. **Two car slip nearing completion.** Other slips to have work started estimated for June 2017.
3. Highcliff road to have a GeoTech survey work to assess weakness and drainage issues so Council can be proactive in preventing further slips.
4. Potential slip area below Soldiers memorial due for a permanent fix in this package of work with all other slips as current.
5. Annual Plan pretty much completed – very little change – same as last year.
6. Regional Council Plan: Tomahawk lagoon and algal bloom a concern; Sandmining a concern, as well as Harbour and harbour access a concern. Te Reone Beach – Community and Port Otago ongoing discussions.

Concerns raised by Locals about Safety on local roads, especially Highcliff Road:

John Ware summarised the following issues raised by locals over the past two years:

1. Lack of signage for pull-off places on Highcliff Rd – more tourists using the road now and we need better signage in order to avoid dangerous stops by tourists.
2. Real concern for cyclists and near misses with vehicles, Tourist driving adds to the danger.
3. Slip work could also include pull off area construction.
4. Suggested Camera symbol on signage with distance shown to pull over area.
5. Suggest No Parking signs in dangerous spots. Tour Group found to be stopping in incorrect spot – advised to contact them directly.

Other Concerns Raised by Locals at the meeting:

Culverts on Highcliff road have been blocked and their absence has caused many of the slips – locals could help with the survey based on their knowledge of culverts. Geo Tech survey of slips documented to show where the culverts are and where water was coming off.

Barriers are also included in the slip repair package – view the plan in more detail in a May timeframe.

Richard Saunders has kept us well informed on the 2 car slip and is responsible for the slip work package.

Length of time taken to repair local roads 2 years plus is unacceptable.

Concern raised about the absence of toilets – e.g. Sandfly Bay has several 100s of tourists a month at peak – long drops would suffice – would need to be serviced. Lovers Leap car park etc a mess – matter to continue to be pursued by Paul who noted that you can only camp on the Peninsula if you have a self-contained toilet.

Concern that we have no rubbish bins for tourists and campervans etc – needs to be serviced – reinforce the “no rubbish” sign campaign.

Suggestion that a sign be erected on Highcliff Road (at the edge of the urban area) warning motorists that cyclists also use the road, and to drive with caution.

Composting rubbish bins being trialled at Warrington.

Recycling Depot:

Megan Bedford and Catherine Irvine Waste Management DCC spoke

3 years since started

Peter Moroney (DCC) has been very active in supporting the cleaning the area of dumped rubbish – DCC have done a great job on this – the issue is what to do about the dumping.

Other sites do not have these problems but are hosted by the local Halls or Cafés – so the sites are visible – not so close to town either.

Various strategies were suggested by the meeting:

1. Container needed for large cardboard items?
2. Opportunity to have kerbside recycling in this area – we can submit a request for this and this would be supported by a local workshop to complete application forms
3. Concern expressed that dumpers were not being prosecuted or warned.

DCC is in the process of developing strategies to deal with littering/illegal dumping. In order for the DCC to mount a prosecution, the dumped rubbish must be opened by a warranted officer to collect evidence.

We must report to DCC and have them report back to us on the result – we can provide photographs to support this.

4. Paul suggested that we have a meeting to action submission for kerbside recycling. This would be a cost of \$67.00 per annum per household.
5. Ramping up signage to help?

Strategy recommended by the Meeting for Council to Investigate:

After considerable discussion on the problem of illegal dumping of rubbish, the meeting recommended that the collection of recycling would be limited to one day per fortnight and only locals would be advised of the date. Bins would be placed at the site (possibly the existing site) for one day only and then removed. Council would need 2 months to check the viability of the suggestion. A wider community notice would be circulated among locals.

Meeting ended.