

## **HAWEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC**

### **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

held in the Lake Hawea Fire Station on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 commencing at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** R Brown (Chair), S Rutherford (Secretary), J Taylor, D Brensell, J Shawe, J Cotter, D Turnbull, G Ballantyne, Chris Horan.

**APOLOGIES:** T Buchanan, E Carr, D Urquhart, D Hughes

**S Rutherford moved that the apologies be accepted, seconded by D Brensell      ACCEPTED**

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**On the motion of executive members S Rutherford and D Brensell the committee resolved that the minutes of the HCA executive meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**APPROVED**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None**

**FINANCIAL REPORT: T Buchanan absent – no report this month**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM TREASURERS REPORT: None**

**MATTERS CARRIED FORWARD: None**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Outward:**

1. Newsletter

**Inward: None**

#### **Emails exchanged:**

2. D Turnbull - Wardens for 2013 John Taylor, Di Turnbull, Graeme Ballantyne, Neal Brown ,Errol Carr and Doug Brensell.
3. E Carr - Hawea Community Association Inc compressed "Zip" file. Entry for Mitre 10 Community of the Year (attached)
4. J Taylor – Lost & Found ads in ODT are free
5. Request from C Harker (Wanaka Sun) & Lucy Ibbotson for report on Public meeting.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:**

6. The Community of the Year application is to be sent to committee members as PDF file.

**On the motion of S Rutherford and J Taylor committee resolved that the inward correspondence be accepted and outward approved      APPROVED**

### **REPORTS:**

#### **GREEN WASTE (and 'other matters') REPORT**

My apologies for not being at this month's meeting. I note the following:

- I transferred \$760 of Green Waste takings to the Treasurer late December.
- I thank Brian Robinson for repairing the damaged door of the Green Waste Centre shed.
- Despite unsettled weather the quantity of green waste being dropped off, and the amount of mulch taken out, has been surprisingly heavy and constant.
- Responding to feedback from Green Waste volunteers and some users, John Taylor and I will remove the larger of the two new signs from the entrance gate and attach it to the fence alongside the entrance driveway.

**THE GLADSTONE GAP PUBLIC MEETING:**

It was wonderful to see the good turnout (36 attendees) to last Saturday's on-site public meeting at the Gladstone Gap. I thank Sue Rutherford for her very effective publicising of the meeting and Rachel Brown for her magnificent chairing of what was a spirited meeting characterised by diverse viewpoints and plenty of talk. By calling for a show of hands as to what people wanted re possible enhancement of the Gladstone Gap wilderness environs, Rachel managed to bring the meeting to a clear cut and helpful consensus as to the way ahead. All in all, it was a heartening display of local democracy in action.

## **GUARDIANS – J Taylor**

The lake level today Monday at 7pm was 345.538masl. This is a rise of almost 2m since the last meeting and 7.045m since 1st September.

Fantastic recovery for the holiday season. The river is running at 74cumecs after a period of higher flows.

The swimming areas were established on Wednesday 12th December with Dave Black (Deputy Harbour Mstr - no rellie of Marty's), Craig Blake (Launch Warden), and Lou?

We achieved the full 200m straight line at Scott's Beach, and this has been very stable throughout the nor' westers.

The length was attained by extending the western end toward the Flora Dora cliffs - a suggestion by a few members of the public.

I have not heard of any abuse of this swimming area by adopting the 'open ends' of the buoy line. I have asked for people to advise of abuse.

One of the Esplanade buoys has been problematic in its fixing - this buoy and anchor being driven on to the beach twice. The stable one has the same type of anchor! Mysterious water creatures?

Re the suggested Jet Ski 'exclusion zone': Both Marty and Dave stated the exclusion zone to be impractical (perhaps illegal and unenforceable).

I think Craig Blake has been very effective with his mix of presence, education, and enforcement. Marty, and Craig, would appreciate any feedback from the Executive, and the public.

The swimming area at the harbour has been incredibly popular. Thank goodness for the 344/345 water level.

As mentioned with the circulation of the photos, holiday folk have offered high praise for the boat ramp and jetty facility.

I have noted some very worthwhile suggestions from the users of the facility. These will be advanced to Marty. I've thrown in three of my own as well.

They include: 1/ Pole markers on the true left hand (north) side edge of the ramp to aid the reversing down that side.

2/ Painting of three lanes on the concrete pad at the top to give drivers their positioning before they drop onto the angled ramp.

3/ A WhiteBoard for day-to-day lake conditions/general information (i.e. the presence of driftwood, and perhaps anticipated weather).

4/ A sign indicating the walking/cycling track at the top of the parking area. For safety and to prevent vehicles and trailers parking on it.

5/ A recreational feature in the swimming area! There has been the suggestion of a slide, or lets get that pontoon in there.

6/ A Grappling Hook, to retrieve bikes on the bed of the lake off the end of the jetty! Maybe to fetch in the odd swimmer!

Lastly, the rope barriers were erected on Sunday 30th December at Peter Fraser Park, off Flora Dora Parade, and at the Scott's Beach Reserve. They remained intact and were removed Wednesday 9th January.

## **John spoke to his report:**

7. The amount of broken glass being picked up around the boat ramp/swimming area is unacceptable.
8. John requested that a letter be sent to M Black and QLDC and Lakes Environmental in regard to recent planting on the bank by the boat ramp. To impose consent without water to supply the new planting is impractical. Good community time and effort was put into the project, \$500 worth of plants have been lost.
9. Human excrement has been found around the swimming area.

## **FORESHORE REPORT - Di Turnbull**

I begin on a sad note, because John Turnbull, 'Grandfather of the Lake Hawea Foreshore' died on Sun 13th Jan, at the age of 92yrs. Until 18 months ago, he was part of our working group on most Thurs mornings. Much of what has been achieved on the Foreshore to date can be attributed to John's foresight and enthusiasm. There is a memorial at Lake Hawea planned by the family for later next week this date/venue will be finalised shortly.

All trees and grassed areas at Kite Surfers and Esplanade have done well with the rain we have had over the last few weeks. We will continue to keep an eye on this over the next drier weeks.

The Thursday group managed to have an impromptu BBQ at the new Esplanade BBQ just prior to Xmas to which most could come. Sorry that we did not have lead up time to invite everyone else. Be assured that it is great and has had quite a lot of use over the last month, by the level of gas used.

The picnic table at the Glen just east of Scott's beach is being replaced this week, in a slightly more sheltered position.

Positive comments continue to come in from the public re the new picnic/parking areas, tree planting etc. There have also been many comments on the increasing amount of dog poo on the beaches, tracks and public grass areas. If anyone has some good suggestions please let me know.

We still have no new rubbish tins... I will continue to push for these. I think this is the 3rd year that this has been going to happen.... It seems that unless those responsible for these are hassled continuously we get nowhere. Many have commented on the lack/state of these over the holiday period.

We have nearly finished the work to complete the Foreshore development plan that is in place A few more tables are required, and the Scott's Beach area needs attention. This needs to be discussed again at the HCA meeting.

### **WARDENS REPORT**

We have only had a few freedom campers along the Southern Foreshore so far this summer. So the information is getting there. There is a meeting on Jan 25th at 2pm in the Wanaka Office for the meeting about Freedom camping on the western lake shore, Lake Hawea.

#### **Di Spoke to her report:**

10. A memorial to John Turnbull will be held Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 10am at Hawea Flat Hall.
11. Scotts Beach Plan was distributed to Executive and discussion opened regarding further planting of shade trees. Where do we want these? J Taylor raised a question on the suitability of willows. D Turnbull confirmed that it is difficult to get anything else to go in the shingle. Picnic tables will be upgraded. Gordon Bailey has confirmed he will provide plants. We are going to have to rely on local people watering. Plan to be emailed to absent committee members for comment/feedback.
12. Complaints have been received about dog feces on the Gladstone Track. What can be done?
13. J Cotter updated committee on the notice board upgrade. R Brown said we need specific funding. Committee agreed the site and size was good. We need two quotes in order to apply for a grant. J Cotter to get written quotes.
14. A meeting to discuss the management of Freedom Camping on the western shores of Lake Hawea will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm between LINZ and QLDC and interested parties. Di confirmed this was going ahead and we should send as many representatives from HCA, & Guardians.

### **COUNCIL REPORT – J Battson**

#### **Rubbish/Recycling bins for foreshore**

Infrastructure Services committee (which I am on) met Monday 14 January and included in its discussion an agenda item for next public Infrastructure Services Meeting to be held 05 February in Queenstown. The recommendation in the item will include council approving funds for bins. This will have to come from savings made in the current waste management budget as unfortunately, the funds for the bins were not allocated in the plan for this current year. Three local engineers have quoted to make the bins which are in fact a solid structure with 2 opening doors for wheelie bins, one for landfill rubbish and one for recycling. Currently, the old bins on the Lake Hawea foreshore only have landfill rubbish. The price for the bin structures you see around Wanaka with the wooden surround is approx \$3,700 and come from Australia. Initially, these bins in Wanaka were gifted from the Ministry. There was no choice to take the money instead and make our own as the Ministry had purchased them from Australia and were giving them to councils. Now that more are required is a good time to get them made locally and for a better price? The quote which the funds will be recommended for is approx \$2,000 plus GST per set.

At this stage, the suggestion is for two sets of bins at Scotts beach (that is 4 bins all up) to be placed where Di has suggested, one set (2 bins) at Esplanade near the BBQ and toilets and one set (2 bins) at Kitesurfers where Di has suggested. The thought is to put 2 wheelie bins down the other end of the Esplanade as a trial to see how much rubbish is deposited there and when. The recycling truck will include the pick up in their contract and the OSWS truck will continue as usual with collection.

Therefore the amount council is being requested to approve is \$8000 plus GST for the bins and the timeframe for them to be made is approx 6 weeks the engineer has said.

#### **Hawea Sewerage Pond Desludging**

This will commence approx 28 January 2013 with establishment prior to this date. It will take approx 2 weeks. Martin O'Malley from QLDC is the project manager for it.

#### **Sewerage to Land Irrigation Scheme**

The wastewater irrigation system was commissioned on 20 December and has been in use continuously since then for about 1 to 2 hours each night. This is to test the system and to irrigate the perimeter trees. There is a control issue that is preventing the operation running as smooth as would like. Therefore no crop is sown yet, but hoping to sow it later next week. ORD remain informed of the progress.

#### **Water Demand for Holiday Season**

This was discussed at 14 January workshop and all towns show a decrease in use for peak time which is heartening. QLDC will have a tent at the A & P Show with people talking about plants for drylands and plants that do not require lots of water, gravel and rock mulching, irrigation, timers etc.

#### **Roundabout at Caltex Corner**

Prior to Christmas the work completed was all the possible upgrades that will be required in the future so the road will not need to be dug up again. The roundabout work is to commence in February.

#### **Signage at Hawea Dam**

The large sign with the businesses listed has been identified by NZTA as surplus to what they require for motorists. One of the concerns is too much signage and drivers not paying attention to oncoming traffic. Some of the businesses listed no longer

operate. This has been brought up whenever WCB meet with NZTA and I was asked to get feedback from HCA. We have discussed this but it would be good to have something noted at a meeting and feedback in writing to Barbara East at the Wanaka office would be appropriate.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

15. Gladstone Gap Report from January Public Meeting – R Brown. A ‘step by step’ plan with bullet points of what the community desires for Gladstone Gap will be drafted and sent out to the ratepayers of Hawea district. This project is initiated by Contact Energy, HCA is responding by directing Contact Energy towards what the community desire for this area. D Turnbull presented the Foreshore Landscape Management Plan 2009. There is consent for car parking on land off Lakeview Tce above Gladstone Gap, already in place. Following the Public Meeting, there is general agreement on:
- a) A ‘5 – 20yr plan, Reviewed every 5yrs
  - b) Off road parking. No decision as to where.
  - c) Shade and shelter, with irrigation and a toilet.
  - d) More contentious issues like vehicle access to Gladstone Gap can be reviewed in 5 yrs
  - e) The potential/opportunity for this area should not be ignored; we need to include a core of ideas in a submission to Contact Energy.
  - f) A summary of ideas needs to go out to all Hawea ratepayers with a call for agree/disagree and feedback within a given time frame – say 14 days.

**D Turnbull moved that R Brown & S Rutherford formulate a document, circulate around committee and ratepayers with a time frame of two weeks for feedback.**

**AGREED**

16. Collection of driftwood – J Taylor. Should we hold an ‘Open Day’ for access to all the beaches for driftwood collection? The access road is quite steep down to Gladstone Gap. G Ballantyne offered to open the gate across his land. Date to be decided, or by contacting G Ballantyne directly.
17. Recycle Centre – J Cotter. Comments have been received about the state of the bins and cage; it has been overflowing with rubbish blowing about. Complainants should be directed to apply for a ‘Request for Service’ with QLDC. HCA will request collection date information be sent directly to us to include on our notice board and website.
18. Walking Track Sign – J Taylor. A sign for the walking track needs to be installed by the boat ramp. A Request for Service form to be filled out.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Next meeting: January 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Lake Hawea Fire Station.**

**SIGNED:**

**DATE:**