



## Minutes of the AGM

**Held at The Whangamata Club, 11 am Wednesday 26th June 2024**

**Present:** Ken Allen, Kerry Gibb, Lyn Norris, Mark Drury, John Adams, Sue Watson, Dave Beatty, Graeme Webb, Roselle Gould, Brian Grant, John Dick, Peter Fowler, Cushla Jarvis, Terry & Steph Mutton, Eileen Hopping, Ian Feasey, Ross Lee, Alistair Ryan, Dave Mercer, Lloyd Murcott, Mark Hickmott, Allen Sloan, Lynda Dacey, Graeme Smith, Dave Collett, Ken Worthington, Adelle Sarich, Shubham Solanki, Andy Warneford, Errol Gilbert, Terry Walker, Aimee Sorrell, Phil Hitchcock

**Welcome:** The Chairman Ken Allen welcomed all present to the meeting.

**Apologies:** Mary Crosthwaite, Suzanne Clegg, Andy Warren (Rayonier), Emily O'Donnell (WRC), Jamie Boyle (TCDC), Wendy Russell, Gwen Allen, Muriel Lipscombe, Owen & Carolyn Brackenrig, Jude Hooson (PFHC)

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes:** That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 8th July 2023 as previously circulated and read be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting. Moved Ken Allen Seconded Roselle Gould All in Favour Carried.

**Chairperson's Report:** Ken Allen presented his report.

Errol Gilbert suggested that a public event is held to publicise the Wader Roost issues at the Beach Rd reserve, perhaps at the erection of the informational sign.

Moved that the report be accepted. Ken Allen, seconded Sue Watson. All in favour. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dave Beatty, Treasurer presented the Finance Report as reviewed by Lloyd Murcott.

'That the Annual Financial Statement for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 be approved'.

Moved Dave Beatty Seconded John Adams Carried

### **Election of Officers:**

**Chairman:** Ken Allen was elected unopposed.

**Committee:** Kerry Gibb, Mark Drury, Roselle Gould, Dave Beatty, John Adams, Susan Watson, Lyn Norris, Aimee Sorrell and Phil Hitchcock were elected unopposed.

Motion that Lloyd Murcott be appointed reviewer – proposed Ken Allen, seconded Mark Drury. All in favour. Carried

### **General Business:**

Kerry wished to acknowledge the senior members of Harbour Care who built the organisation and continue to support it.

Terry Walker pointed out that Waikato Regional Councils' Long Term Coastal Plan is under review and that the next step is hearings on submissions in February. Terry will be convening a group to engage with this process and hopes that Harbour Care will be part of that.

Graeme Webb asked about Harbour Care's intentions with Stingray Bay, across the harbour from Beach Rd Reserve. This area used to be a dotterel nesting area but is now overgrown. It is Harbour Care's plan to clear the area before

the spring. The next step is to visit the area and assess the situation. Ken stated that he had seen oystercatchers nesting there this year and dotterels in the area.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:26.

**Following the meeting was a presentation by Errol Gilbert and Andy Warneford on the Tunaiti Islands.**

First, Errol spoke eloquently on the history of the islands. Harbour Care was honoured to be recognised as Kaitiaki of the islands in conjunction with the local Hapu.

Then Andy gave an interesting talk about the predator control project that seems to have made the islands predator free. Surprisingly mice rather than rats were the biggest predators. Now wildlife is returning to the islands with evidence of blue penguins, mutton birds, skinks etc. The ultimate aim is to restore tuatara to the islands. You can read more about the islands [here](#).