

COASTAL RATEPAYERS UNITED INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

1 pm, Saturday 18 November 2023

Citizen's Hall, Ocean Road, Paraparaumu Beach

1. WELCOME

Quentin Poole welcomed everyone to the 11th AGM of Coastal Ratepayers United.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Dave & Jo Hazlitt
- Martin Frausenstein
- Ruth Henschel
- Sally Poole
- Chris & John Morrison
- Joanne Poole

Apologies received from the floor:

- Louis De Aguer

It was moved that the apologies be accepted:

Moved: Quentin Poole

Seconded: Salima Padamsey *CARRIED*

3. PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were taken as read and noted.

It was moved that the minutes from the 2022 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Quentin Poole

Seconded: Michael Alexander *CARRIED*

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Michael Alexander presented the Treasurer's Annual Report, and the following was noted:

- Cash on hand was \$9,806.
- It was proposed that the annual subscription be kept at \$30.00. Subscriptions could be paid online or directly to CRU's bank account.
- Revenue from subscriptions was \$1,868.
- There were two categories of income subscriptions and donations. There had been \$2,498.67 paid for consultancy fees.
- CRU had run at a deficit of \$2,397.87, which was expected and was well in hand.

It was moved that the Treasurer's Annual Report be accepted.

Moved: Michael Alexander

Seconded: Quentin Poole *CARRIED*

It was moved that the annual subscription fee of \$30 remain unchanged.

Moved: Michael Alexander

Seconded: Quentin Poole *CARRIED*

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson: Salima Padamsey

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Michael Alexander

Executive Members: (4-8)

It was noted that there were two resignations from the Executive, Mike Cardiff and Ruth Henschel.

The following Executive Members agreed to continue:

- Martin Wright
- Andrew McIntyre
- Quentin Poole

Nominations from the floor were called for, and Graham Yagar and Sean Rush agreed to join the Executive Members.

It was moved that Salima Padamsey be reappointed as Chairperson.

Moved: Quentin Poole

Seconded: Graham Yagar *CARRIED*

The Secretary position was also vacant, so the President encouraged someone to step up. There was no interest shown from the floor.

It was moved that Michael Alexander be reappointed as Treasurer.

Moved: Quentin Poole

Seconded: Salima Padamsey *CARRIED*

7. INTRODUCTION OF SPOKESPERSON OF CALM

Quentin Poole introduced Tanya Lees from Calm Alarmist Law Madness.

Tanya noted that CALM had been formed after the Raumati Community meeting at the end of July regarding the adaptation areas. She outlined CALM's concerns about the coastal adaptation areas and the science being used. CALM was a group of residents and business owners concerned about the process and the Coastal Advisory Panel (CAP). They were also concerned about the behaviour of the CAP Chair. Formal complaints were made to the Mayor, Council, and Chief Executive. The mayor and Chief Executive responded dismissively.

Tanya noted that CAP is expecting feedback on outcomes based on implausible science. None of the workshops has provided time for Q&A. The CAP process has spent \$3 million of ratepayers' money. The Jacobs report cost \$250,000 and is based on faulty science for the Kapiti Coast area.

Tanya stated that CALM wants real data, real science, and answers for CALM outcomes. The community needs to lobby the Council, the Mayor, MPs, and neighbours. People also need to attend community meetings in force. CALM has a petition on its website and more information on its flyer. People can follow CALM on Facebook and check out its website.

A question from the floor concerned the two groups fighting the same war, and there seemed to be a duplication. Salima Padamsey noted that CRU is divorced from CAP, and the doors were closed to them, but CALM is looking at the flawed process. She also stated that CRU's mandate is coastal erosion.

Joyce Spellacey noted the implications of CAP and what it means to the 11,000 homes affected. The hazard area in some areas is 2km from the coastline, back to the old main road. You could be in the hazard area if slightly inland or near a river or creek.

Martin Whyte stated that the cause would not advance well if the fight were between people and personalities. CAP had been commissioned to do a job and given parameters to consult with the community. The Ministry for the Environment, etc., is steering the Council. Through the actions of the CAP Chair and since the Raumati meeting, people have lost faith in the process and do not feel it is democratic.

A question was asked about the Jacob Report, whether it was a nationwide report or just for the Council. As far as CRU knows, it was just for the Kapiti area.

There was some discussion on how the Council had shut CRU out.

Quentin Poole thanked Tanya for her presentation and said it was brave to come out and take on something CRU cannot do, and there was no legal framework with CAP. He noted that there was no legal requirement to use adaptation zones.

8. CONVERSATION WITH THE CHAIR – DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OPTIONS

8.1 CRU's Position Moving Forward

The Chair thanked everyone for attending, Tanya Lees and Izzy for coming to speak to CRU, and Simon Arnold and Chris Mitchell for being available for technical questions.

Simon Arnold noted that the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement is part of the RMA. If action was needed, use the NZCPS, as it is the document that must be complied with. The Jacob report includes a disclaimer, so it cannot be used under the RMA for planning purposes.

The Chair outlined the interactions with the Council CE, Council, and CAP, the guiding policy for coastal hazard risk assessment, and the draft Memorandum of Understanding between CRU and KCDC and why it had not been completed.

It was noted that to move forward, CRU needed to raise some serious funds.

8.2 Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment – Waikato University

It was noted that CRU could get a coastal hazard risk assessment done by Waikato University for \$40,000. CAP and Jacobs had spent over \$3 million to do work that had yet to be delivered.

8.3 Legal Options

The legal options available to CRU were outlined and discussed.

9. INTRODUCTION OF OTAKI MP – TIM COSTLEY

Quentin Poole welcomed Tim Costley to the meeting. Tim Costley spoke about CRU focusing on one thing. Mr. Costley had met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Chief Executive Officer and would meet regularly with them.

There was some discussion from the floor about what support Mr Costley could give around the issues with CAP, the Council and coastal adaptation plans that could affect many people.

Tim Costley left the meeting.

8. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OPTIONS ... CONT.

The discussion moved to funding potential options and talking to other property developers and the community about funding the \$50,000 for the Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment.

Discussed the potential of crowdfunding due to its national significance. The Chair noted they needed more people onboard to support. There was also a need for people with media and social media experience.

It was confirmed that the work by Waikato University would be \$20,000 plus GST for the science part and then \$20,000 for the risk assessment. This might enable CRU to change the course of the narrative.

It was noted that \$20,000 plus GST would be needed by the end of November for the work to proceed. It was agreed that money needed to be in the bank before a contract with Waikato University could be signed. Poole felt that CRU needed \$100,000 for the Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment and the costs of a potential court case. It was also noted that people's power and lateral thinking were needed.

It was moved that the meeting endorse CRU's proceeding with the Coastal Hazard Risk Assessment once sufficient funds have been raised.

Moved: Quentin Poole

Seconded: Sean Rush *CARRIED*

It was agreed that CRU's bank account details would be emailed to all members. Graham Yagar pledged \$2,000.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Quentin Poole thanked the Chair for putting together the options for CRU.

It was agreed that a social media strategy was needed to spread the message. Someone tech-savvy would be needed to do the crowdfunding. Careful messaging was also needed to convey that it was not about being anti-climate change.

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 3:05 pm