HPRS Hobsonville Point Residents Society

Hobsonville Point Residents Society Incorporated Notes of the Owners Gathering, Sunday 29 April 2018, at 2.00pm Hobsonville Point Secondary School, 70 Hobsonville Point Rd, Hobsonville, Auckland.

General Update

An overview and update of HPRS as a whole was provided by Committee and HLC representatives.

An update was also provided on installation of security cameras. Because this is still several months away the committee is looking at nightly security patrols covering the whole community. This option was highly favoured by the residents present, with the majority keen to proceed with this as soon as possible.

Questions from the floor

1. **Q** – Scott Point is so close to HPRS, are there any discussions happening between the two communities?

A – Not at this stage, as Scott Point is being built by three different developers and the area is not set up like Hobsonville Point. However, as Scott Point is our neighbour, the committee will keep a watching brief with a view to working positively together.

2. **Q** - Parking in HPRS – As some properties have excess vehicles, does the Society have a plan for managing this?

A – Parking provisions were worked out for each individual dwelling but not everyone is using their garage for car parking. HP was designed with the intent of doing as much as possible to support public transport and limit car use if possible. While HPRS is aware the parking can be problematic, especially in households with several adults, each of whom may have a car, residents need to be aware that parking in the Society is limited by design.

The Committee is lobbying on behalf of the Society for increased ferry frequency. The meeting also requested that the Committee lobby for more buses to locations such as universities and amenities.

Q - Clark Rd is very narrow, what can the Society do about this?
 A - Owners were encouraged to direct complaints to Auckland Transport, as road design is

outside of HPRS's remit. It was noted that the more owners complain about an issue, the faster AT will respond, especially if the problem is deemed as a health and safety hazard.

4. **Q** - Landscape maintenance of the Society – when trees get blown over, as occurred in the recent big storm, who replaces them?

A – If this happens on Council land, it is the responsibility of Auckland Council. If on public space still owned by HLC it takes care of the job, and if it happens on private land or in a shared driveway, it is the responsibility of the owner or relevant Shared Lane Society.

Q – Is there an allowance for future amenities like a swimming pool?
 A –There is currently no allowance for a swimming pool. The provision of a public pool is a council/local board issue. As the Upper Harbour Board has recently opened one in Don McKinnon Drive, Albany, it is unlikely it would support another at Hobsonville Point. The Board consults communities on its plans however, and requests for a pool can be submitted during the next consultation rounds.

- Q Speeding along Hobsonville Point Rd what can be done to prevent this?
 A Residents were encouraged to refer all queries to the Police as it's a safety issue if they are going faster than the speed limit. If owners want to see speed limits reduced, this would be an Auckland Transport issue. Again it was noted that the more owners complain, the faster AT will respond especially if a problem is deemed to be a health and safety hazard.
- Q Parking around the upcoming sports fields on Scott Point: how will this be managed, especially where off-street parking is already limited in nearby residential areas?
 A –This is an Auckland Transport and Auckland Council issue. The HPRS has been involved in the consultation on the sports fields and has raised the issue of parking with them.
- Q What is the art deco building that Council is developing going to be used for and is it big enough for activities such as yoga.

A – The Headquarters Building refurbishment at the end of Buckley Avenue is close to completion and use of its various rooms will be managed by Council. It contains space large enough for yoga or similar exercise groups. Doors will be open from mid-June and more information will be announced by Council very soon.

9. **Q** - There are presently few youth facilities within HPRS: are options being considered in the long term plan?

A – There are facilities at Hobsonville Point for youth – The Rifle Range offers a hang-out space with bean bags, large games like giant connect 4, jenga, and tables to play board games. These were provided by HLC after consulting with secondary school students. There is a range of parks already delivered (e.g. Harrier Point Park with exercise equipment and BBQ facilities) and more open space to come. In particular, a park in the Buckley Precinct has been designed in consultation with secondary school students. Both schools have basketball and netball courts available to the community to use after school hours. Auckland Council's HQ building intend having a room specifically for youth as well. The Scott Point Park on Clark Road will also provide a lot of facilities for youth over the coming years – skate park, tennis courts, playing fields.

10. Q – Are there any plans to have more early learning centres in HPRS?
 A – The Committee understands the desire for more early childcare centres at the Point but notes there are three opening in or near the area – Mill House and two further up on Hobsonville Road.

Q – Are there any plans to have more commercial activity in HPRS?
 A – This is likely as we understand that mixed-use development is planned by Panuku, Auckland Council's property development company, to the right side of Launch Road heading down towards Catalina Bay.

Conclusion

The HPRS Committee thanked owners for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide their feedback, and debate and discussion continued at the post-meeting social gathering.