

## AGM Notice June 2018



# The Northern Action Group Incorporated

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Dear NAG Member/Supporter,

NOTICE OF **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
For  
NORTHERN ACTION GROUP (NAG).

To be held at TOTARA PARK RETIREMENT VILLAGE HALL  
5 Melwood Drive, Warkworth.

On **SUNDAY 17th JUNE, 2018 at 10.00 am.**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**We are holding this on a Sunday so that Tracey Martin MP for NZFirst [Minister for Children Internal Affairs and Seniors, and Associate Minister for Education] (who is kindly giving up some of her family time for this) can talk to us about why we can't get a binding referendum on whether North Rodney wants to be part of AC.**

Chairman Bill Townson will also update us all on where we are with our current appeal against the decision of the Local Government Commission to prefer the status quo, AND host a discussion on where we are going from here.

We have nominations for all officer and committee positions, so don't be afraid to come along in case you are elected to something! But you are more than welcome to put yourself forward if you are keen.

For your Information, here are our minutes from last years' meeting, for approval at this meeting.....

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MINUTES OF THE AGM FOR THE NORTHERN ACTION GROUP (NAG) held at Totara Park Hall, 5 Melwood Drive, Warkworth on Monday 26th June, 2017 at 7.35pm.

WELCOME: Twenty six people were welcomed by the Chairman including the guest speaker Councillor Greg Sayers and Simon Lusk the newly appointed PR person.( See attached attendance sheet)

APOLOGIES: John Clements, Heather McKenzie, Margaret & Rob Simpson, Gordon Levett.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous AGM meeting on the 27th JUNE, 2016 to be read by the secretary. Mona moved that they be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Seconded: Peter Buckton Carried:

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Read by the Chairman (See attached report).

Bill Townson moved that the report be approved.

Seconded: Lance Taylor Carried

TREASURERS' REPORT:

Michael Cronin read the Treasurer's report and then open it up for discussion.

Seconded: Trisha Pieterse Carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
Chairman	Bill Townson	John Maltby	Lance Taylor
Secretary	Mona Townson	Trisha Pieterse	Bill Foster

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDED</u>
Treasurer	Trisha Pieterse	Bill Townson	Bill Foster
Committee:	Chris Thoroughgood	Lance Taylor	Barbara Maltby
	Bill Foster	Bill Townson	Mona Townson
	Barbara Maltby	Mona Townson	Trisha Pieterse
	Lance Taylor	Chris Thoroughgood	Bill Townson
	John Maltby	Mona Townson	Bill Foster

Move that the committee be accepted as Proposed:

Seconded: Elizabeth Foster

Carried.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The chairman announced the support of a local landholder who is passionate about North Rodney having its own Unitary Council. He has pledged substantial financial support so that NAG can engage the services of a campaign manager in order to promote NAG's wish to leave Auckland City and become North Rodney Unitary Council.
2. Mr Simon Lusk the newly appointed PR person for NAG, spoke about the issues that face the organization as they work towards 'getting out of Auckland'.

The politicians need to learn that we are not going away and are determined to get results to further our desire to become a 'Unitary Council'.

NAG needs to continue working behind the scenes with local politicians and MPs, and try and convince Auckland Council that they need to be realistic about the situation. 'Pressure' is the key word that Simon used, in order to gain some traction as the bureaucrats continue to use tactics to stall the process.

The Local Government Reform Bill seems to be stalled at the moment, and Simon does not think it will go through Parliament but he will do more research as the implications of it being carried, is a bad result for NAG.

New Zealand First Party have a 'Localised Referendum Policy for Local Communities' and NAG needs to get a commitment from them to support our issue. Hopefully this would put pressure on the politicians and something positive will result from that.

At the Election meetings supporters of NAG will need to ask what the different parties are going to do about getting North Rodney out of Auckland City.

Ann Tolly is the Minister of Local Government and does not appear to be interested in the portfolio but we need to get a meeting with both her and Mark Mitchell our sitting MP, to explain our actions.

#### GUEST SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GREG SAYERS.

Greg Sayers spoke about his introduction to Auckland Council politics and explained the difficulties in achieving positive results on behalf of Rodney. The Mayor decides what role a Councillor will have and who will be in the inner circle of people who do the strategic and tactical planning for the city. Greg has been appointed to the Governance, Finance committees and is on two sub committees – Audit and Risk and Strategic Procurement. He has been able to influence these committees with his approach to transparency which stops corruption.

Greg went into Auckland Council wanting to achieve five things which are: stop wastage and over spending; get local rates spent in local areas; get the council back to doing core business; work on traffic congestion and in particular Hill Street in Warkworth; and stop the hidden costs involved in the rules and regulations in the building compliance regulations.

Greg has had some wins such as a review of the governance framework so that there will be a better model to empower the Local Boards. He discovered the 'Research, Information, Management Unit which has data that can be used by the Local Boards. He was able to stop the sale of the Warkworth car park for three months, get a park for Wellsford, and now the local contractors are back in the loop after persuading Auckland Council that one size does not fit all situations. Many hospitality businesses will be grateful to Greg for not allowing Rodney to be part of the 'Hotel Tax'.

Greg was an informative but also an entertaining speaker allowing people to get a depth of understanding of the skills needed to become a successful representative for the people of Rodney.

Mona Townson: Secretary

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Thanks for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Bill Townson

Chair - Northern Action Group Inc.

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