

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association
Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on
4 August 2017 at Barnett Hall, North Piha**

Present: Hanneke Bouchier, Graeme Carrie, Graham Cleghorn, Jonathan Green, and Blair Samuels welcomed as a new member to the committee.

Apologies: Ken Cowan, Nicola Legat, Bruce Middleton, Anna Comrie-Thomson

Open Forum:

Elected Representative: Sandra Coney discussed the following:-

- 1) Gap Concept Plan. Awaiting a hearing date, which she hopes will be held at Piha, given that it is in a special management zone. Question: Does the R & R wish to be heard? We need to
- 2) Sand Dunes: works to remove top of sand dune expected to start in August. Consent given, and all ready to go. Contractor is UNG (Australian firm), and a separate treescape contractor, Jo Ritchie, has been appointed. Graeme Carrie noted that many concerns have been locally expressed about the relocation of the sand, but Sandra said that nothing can now be done about that. Sandra agreed to forward to the R&R the terms and Conditions” of the Consent. She added that the scope of work is now less than originally proposed.
Sandra also advised that the recommendations concerning planting have been countermanded by the Board.
- 3) Old Surf Board signs. Paint is badly faded, and these are to be re-painted. Helen Biffin in charge of the restoration. The placement of the signs could be reconsidered.
- 4) R & R might consider where best to locate the sign for the Eel bridge.
- 5) Data Collection: Sandra reported that the visitor data collection system has been reduced. Many people are going off at the end of Glenesk Road. Safety signage needs to be improved. Committee members noted the increase in visitor numbers at the waterfall (top and bottom) in particular.
- 6) Erosion at the Art Gallery. A new plan is to come. Previous two plans have been rejected. Sandra noted that there may have been misunderstand about the topography as wrong maps have previously been referenced.
- 7) ATEED: At its recent meeting ATEED noted that the Piha environment is under stress because of visitor numbers. ATEED seeking to divert visitors elsewhere, eg wineries. She also noted that 70% of visitors are from Auckland.
- 8) Filming. Some concerns, and seeks to reduce the number of vehicles allowed on the beach. A framework is being developed for filming guidelines.

- 9) Dog Meeting: The result of the meeting with key stakeholders was that increased presence would be explored over the summer months. Sandra noted that information she expected to receive from the Council's dog centre has not been forthcoming.
- 10) Recent application. An application for a shed to be constructed near the treatment plant is under consideration. It is small (5 ft x 5 ft) and to be largely concealed by vegetation.

MINUTES OF THE 4 AUGUST, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION 1

As there was no July meeting, that the minutes of the 2 June 2017 meeting be confirmed.

CARRIED

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Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

1. We must now await new proposals for addressing the erosion beside Art Gallery.
2. Seek a copy of the environment impact report after sand dune work is done. Also - we should seek information about profiles before- and after- work completed.
3. Do we need to follow up with the combined R&R meeting of last month? (Ken was away and no-one was able to attend).
4. We need to advise whether we wish to be heard on the Gap Concept Plan due by end of July

Correspondence

Inward and outward correspondence has been circulated through the DropBox.

RESOLUTION 2

That the correspondence inward be accepted and outward endorsed

CARRIED

G. Cleghorn / G Carrie

Financial Report

Graham Cleghorn prepared and Dropboxed the financial report, transactions for endorsement, and accounts for approval.

RESOLUTION 3

That the report be received and transactions, as tabled, be approved.

CARRIED

G Cleghorn / H Bouchier

Library Report.

1. deferred

Post Office Report

Graham Cleghorn presented Post Office Report. Graham has extracted information from our new cash machine, which itemises individual Post Office transactions. This will provide useful information.

Also discussed- point colours for the Post Office building and roof. General consensus favoured matching the colours with the toilet block. The painting is soon to start and colours must be decided. Graham and Graeme agreed to attend to colour matching.

Water Quality Report

Graeme Carrie reported that water quality has remained good throughout the winter months. A new person is now responsible for this area, and Graeme will forward relevant R& R correspondence.

WRLB Matters

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Community Hui

1. Discussion of community hui has been put off to next meeting.

Website/Facebook

Will occur in a few months when Randall has time off.

General Business

1. Pro- active projects. Graeme C and Jonathan are keen to follow up on the finishing of the footpath and bollards. Jonathan explained the current problems, and noted that resolving it is a straight forward matter.
2. Recruitment of members
3. Recruitment of new committee members is ongoing.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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Hanneke Bouchier, Vice President