

DRAFT Minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Sunday 7 January 2018 Barnett Hall, North Piha

Present: Ken Cowan President and 46 members
Waitakere Ranges Local Board - Sandra Coney

The meeting began with a presentation by Dr. Mels Barton on Kauri Dieback Disease and the Rahui over the Waitakere Ranges established by te Kawerau a Maki.

Following the presentation, questions from the floor were taken.

The President, Ken Cowan, thanked Dr. Barton for her presentation and opened the Annual General Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Apologies

Greg Presland, Saffron Thoms, Steve Tollestrup, Blair Samuels, Monique Oliver, Bev Holt, Jenny Gibbs, Kath Dewar, Denise Yates

MOTION 1

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

Hanneke Bouchier/Bruce Middleton

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting 8 January 2017

MOTION 2

That the minutes of the 77th Annual General Meeting held on 8 January 2017 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Randall Morton / Nicola Legat

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

President's Report -

Ken Cowan presented his 2017 report (attached as **Error! Reference source not found.**) and invited questions or comments.

MOTION 3

That the President's report be received.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Graham Cleghorn

Elections for the 2018 Year

The President announced that the following nominations had been received at the close of nominations:

President	Ken Cowan		
Vice President	Hanneke Bouchier		
Secretary	Bruce Middleton		
Treasurer	Graham Cleghorn		
Committee	Graeme Carrie	Jonathan Green	Anna Comrie-Thomson
	Nicola Legat	Randall Morton	Blair Samuels

Therefore, the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer are elected unopposed. In accordance with clause 6(f) of the Association's Rules, the committee may have up to eight members.

MOTION 4

That the election of committee members be accepted

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Hanneke Bouchier

MOTION 5

That Jeff Calvert be nominated as a member of the committee

CARRIED

Graham Cleghorn / Jan O'Connor

Annual Accounts

Graham Cleghorn spoke to the Draft Annual Accounts (attached as **Error! Reference source not found.**).

MOTION 6

That the Annual Accounts to 31 October 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

Graham Cleghorn / Graeme Webber

Subscription

MOTION 7

That the annual subscription for membership for the next financial year remain at \$10 and the annual fee for PO box rental remain at \$90 per annum.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Nicola Legat

Post Office Report

Ken Cowan presented the Post Office Report, (attached as **Error! Reference source not found.**).

MOTION 8

That the Post Office report for 2017 be endorsed

CARRIED

Jan O'Connor /Bruce Middleton

Library Report

A written report was presented (attached as **Error! Reference source not found.**) and spoken to by Hanneke Bouchier.

MOTION 9

That contingent on the Piha Library Trust signing a sublease with the R & R in respect of the library building, the R & R is willing assume responsibility for exterior maintenance of the library building, with a contribution of \$50 per month from the Trust for that cost, and that all previous invoices be written off except to the extent that monthly invoices previously sent to the Trust be recalculated to record that the lesser sum of \$50 per month is payable.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Graham Cleghorn

MOTION 10

That the Committee is authorised to take appropriate steps to achieve with the Auckland Council a sublease agreement between the R & R and the Piha Library Trust that will benefit the Piha community without further recourse to the R & R membership.

CARRIED

Ken Cowan / Hanneke Bouchier

Motion 9 comprised a package of agreements that had been reached at a combined meeting between the R & R and the Library Trust, together with the Auckland Council and WLRB; agreements which the R & R had undertaken to take to its members for approval. During pre-vote discussion of this Motion, a member sought to change one part of the motion, namely the monthly contribution by the Library Trust of \$50, and this was followed by some heated discussion as to process. A further motion to that effect was foreshadowed, but there was general acceptance that first motion which was already on the floor (having been proposed and seconded), should be put to a vote. In the event Motion 9 passed. A group of members representing the Piha Library Trust nevertheless continued to push for the removal of the Trust's \$50 per month contribution. Several attempts were made to put a further motion to contradict the earlier one, but further discussion was rendered futile in the midst of the significant disorder that arose from the shouting from library supporters, during which a number of members walked out of the AGM. Failing receipt of any formal motion, the Chair called for a show of hands to indicate support for the reducing the library's contribution to zero, and this was supported by the majority of those still present at the meeting. The Chair confirmed that this show of hands would be notified to the Auckland Council

General business

Jan O'Connor would like to see a public address system purchased by R&R for use at the AGM and by other organisations at Piha.

Jan would also like to have a presentation by civil defence following the power and landline failure during the recent storm event.

Dating of water quality data and reports on website was requested.

An update on repairs to Piha hill road was requested. According to another member, geotechnical investigations are currently under way and contracts for road repairs will be tendered in near future.

It was noted that the voluntary shellfish-gathering ban was still in place but there is little signage to make visitors aware of the ban.

The dangerous nature of many of the footpaths in the area was raised, as was the lack of policing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:45 p.m