

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

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**Present:** Ken Cowan, Hanneke Bouchier, Bruce Middleton, Graham Cleghorn, Graeme Carrie, Anna Comrie-Thomson, Nicola Legat, Randall Morton, Jonathan Green

**Apologies:** There were no apologies.

**Open Forum**

Phil Wallis addressed the group regarding the parking of a caravan in the car park outside 17-19 Marine Parade South in front of the surf club from which surf schools are being run, possibly in breach of parking regulations. Caravan is currently permanently parked in such a way as to cause problems for vehicles. Complaints have been made to council. Don Leach has been contacted. Lester Levy has been contacted, cc:ed to Phil Goff. Illegal signage had been set up and has now been removed.

Mr Wallis also discussed the proposed levelling of the dunes. Mr Wallis contends that sand that is being pushed off car parks and in front of dunes results in larger dunes and more sand in the car park. Views from disabled car parks are being obscured and this has implications for Surf Club rescue operations as it limits visibility. Levelling tops of dunes would temporarily improve sightlines but if the sand is dumped in front of the dunes it will keep moving back up dunes.

R&R will consider the matters. **Action: Ken Cowan will investigate and proceed as appropriate.**

**Elected Representative**

Sandra Coney was not present.

**Minutes of the 2 December 2016 Committee Meeting**

***RESOLUTION 1***

**That the minutes of the December 2016 meeting be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**Jonathan Green/ Nicola Legat**

**Matters Arising**

1. Maintenance of post office, including painting of building and roof, is required. A working bee will be scheduled for the summer to paint. Ken Cowan to make enquiries regarding paint at reduced cost. Expert advice will be sought on how much preparation is required. **Action: Ken Cowan**

2. Graeme Carrie advises that quotes have already been provided. Graeme will follow up quotes. **Action: Graeme Carrie.** Grants could be sought for painting.
3. A letter to WRLB was written on 8 November to request that footpath beside new bollards be restored to useable condition. There has been no response as yet. **Action: Ken Cowan will follow up.**
4. Council funded a pamphlet for Waiheke Island and it has been suggested the R&R investigate a similar pamphlet for Piha, possibly in conjunction with a WRLB pamphlet. Information for new homeowners and residents could be put on website. Issues such as septic tanks, rules regarding tree maintenance and fencing, rubbish and recycling, local tradesmen, community services. **Action: Pamphlet to be followed up with Sandra.**

### **Correspondence**

Inward and outward correspondence has been circulated through the DropBox.

### ***RESOLUTION 2***

**That the inward correspondence is received and the outward correspondence be endorsed.**

**CARRIED**

**Ken Cowan / Graham Cleghorn**

### **Financial Report**

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

### ***RESOLUTION 3***

**Moved that the accounts be approved for payment and transactions be endorsed with the addition of the approval of one account for treasurer and one account for president, which were viewed by committee.**

**CARRIED**

**Graham Cleghorn / Nicola Legat**

### ***RESOLUTION 4***

**That the Treasurer be authorised to invest \$20,000 from Post Office and R&R savings into laddered term deposits.**

**CARRIED**

**Ken Cowan / Nicola Legat**

### **Library Report.**

Library Report was presented.

A substantial discussion regarding the Library Trust's letter of 24 January 2017 ensued.

### ***RESOLUTION 5***

**That an application be made to the WRLB Local Grants programme to cover the expected cost of the insurance on the Library building.**

**CARRIED**

**Nicola Legat / Graham Cleghorn**

**Post Office Report**

Ken Cowan presented the Post Office Report.

1. Locks of front door have been replaced
2. 118 of 120 boxes are taken. 73% paid up.

**Water Quality Report**

Graeme Carrie presented the Water Quality Report.

1. Water quality in Auckland Region has been reported in NZ Herald. Piha has two of the region's worst ten beaches.
2. Council's Senior Healthy Water Specialist has replied to report on water quality and indicated that nothing will be done.
3. A response to council will be drafted by Graeme Carrie in association with Dave Bryant.

**Community Hui**

An initial invitation will be sent to representatives of community groups. Letter will propose dates and have a draft agenda.

**Website/Facebook**

Further changes and improvements to website have been actioned by Randall. He and Ken will meet to discuss the matter further.

**General Business**

1. Combined ratepayers meeting on Tuesday 7 February.
2. Metrix gift card will be given to Fiona at camp ground in thanks for providing Wifi to Post Office.

**There being no further general business the meeting closed at 10:00 pm.**

**Signed**

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**Ken Cowan, President**