

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association
Committee Meeting held at 1.00 pm on
5 November 2017 at 34 Garden Road, Piha**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Tony Dunne, Blair Samuels

Open Forum:

No one was present for the open forum.

Elected Representative:

Sandra Coney of the Waitakere Ranges Local Board was present.

- 1) Hearings on Taitamo (the Gap) Concept Plan Block have been held. There were three submitters who appeared before the three commissioners.
There was general agreement on the initial need for restoration work on the burnt-out areas to reduce fire risks before foot paths are established in those areas. Commissioners will make recommendations to the AC Environment and Community Committee. Built structures will be included in the recommendations.
Burnt-off areas will have bushbars go through and then new gorse will be sprayed out as it emerges. Details of the planting programme not yet known.
- 2) Piha Stream erosion by Art Gallery on WRLB agenda for this week. Morphum has prepared report on options.
- 3) There may be more spraying soon on lily pond. Water quality appears to have improved due to greater stormwater flows.
- 4) Auckland Council has purchased education board land. WRLB meeting will be held soon with the five local groups that had expressed interest in managing the land and building. Lease on library land has been discussed by WRLB and a course of action planned.
- 5) A meeting with all stakeholders will be held to discuss the lease on the community building land. Steve Tollestrup and Saffron Toms will represent WRLB. Library Trust trustees will attend. AC Library manager will attend and a representative of Parks.
- 6) Sandra will identify Council staff responsible for lagoon water quality since AC restructuring.

MINUTES OF THE 5 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION 1

That the minutes of the 1 September 2017 meeting be confirmed (No meeting was held in October 2017).

CARRIED

Hanneke Bouchier/Graham Cleghorn

Matters Arising

1. Ken to follow up resource consent for removal of sand from dune with Sandra Coney and Jonathan Green – ***Sand has been removed. Fence is falling apart.***
2. Anna will endeavour to regularly photograph dune so changes can be monitored ***Anne-Marie will continue to photograph regularly.***
3. Anna will investigate whether new sign for eel bridge has been installed. ***Sign has been installed.***
4. Ken will contact fire brigade regarding erosion of creek bank behind Art Gallery. ***Ken has not been able to contact Fire Brigade. Will contact Council.***
5. Jonathan to follow up on completion of footpath and bollards. ***Jonathan will continue to liaise with contractor and council***
6. Metrix gift card to be given to Fiona at campground as thanks for use of wifi.

Correspondence

Inward and outward correspondence has been circulated through the DropBox.

RESOLUTION 2

That the correspondence inward be endorsed and outward accepted.

CARRIED

Bruce Middleton / Graham Cleghorn

Financial Report

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

RESOLUTION 3

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

CARRIED

Graham Cleghorn / Hanneke Bouchier

A draft of the year-end financial report was circulated and discussed.

RESOLUTION 4

That the draft annual accounts as tabled be adopted for presentation to AGM, subject to minor changes as agreed.

CARRIED

Graeme Carrie/ Ken Cowan

Library Report.

1. Upcoming meeting with AC and Library Trust regarding lease on community building land was discussed

RESOLUTION 5

With regards to the meeting sought by AC regarding a new lease on the community building land, were the Library Trust to agree to sign a sublease in an agreed form, the R&R representatives will be authorised to agree to the sublease, subject to approval by the members at an AGM or SGM.

CARRIED

Graham Cleghorn / Ken Cowan

Post Office Report

Ken Cowan presented the Post Office Report.

1. Ken has met with the painter and painting expected to be started in the next week, subject to weather. \$2,000 has been paid to enable contract to start.

Water Quality Report

1. Graeme Carrie reports that the lagoon entrance has sunk 2-3 metres, so will drain better in near future, improving the water quality.
2. Progress by Auckland Council on water quality of lagoon has been notable by its absence.

Community Hui

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

Website/Facebook

1. Randall and Ken have looked at website. Progress is being made. Website designer will be contacted with list of changes that are needed. Quote will be brought to next meeting.

General Business

1. AGM date set for Sunday 7 January at 7:30 p.m.
2. R&R committee for 2018 was discussed. Meeting time and frequency may be adjusted to make attendance easier. The use of Skype will be trialled.
3. Ken will see if Jacinda Ardern or Mels Barton wants to speak at AGM.
4. Dates set for receipt of nominations for committee members and publication of remit for AGM.
5. December meeting might be rescheduled to Sunday 3 December.
6. Anna has met with Jennie Tanner regarding 'Local heroes' awards concept. Anna will pursue through Waitakere Licensing Trust.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 4:00 p.m.

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Ken Cowan, President