

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Committee Meeting held at 4 Rayner Road, 7.30 pm, 5th February, 2021.

1. Attending: Ken Cowan (KC), Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Daniel Caley (DC), Jane Caley (JC), Graeme Carrie (GBC), James Dickenson (JD), Sean O'Brien(SO), Phoebe O'Brien(PO), Natasha Tombleson(NT).

New members Daniel, Sean and Phoebe were welcomed and formally introduced.

2. Apologies : Mike Hales (MH), Blair Strang(BS).
3. Open Forum: Nil
4. Elected Representatives: Sandra Coney for the WRLB offered the following:
 - (a) WRLB have been advised that the Septic Tank Pump-out Scheme will be retained at an additional cost of \$90/annum. (Total \$290/annum.) Discussion ensued relative to the Water Quality Targeted Rate that accrues no benefit to Piha residents. Letter to WRLB, AC, etc. **KC**
 - (b) Control of Alligator Weed in Piha, Mexican Lilies in Claude Abel Pond, etc. has ceased and the achievements to date are being lost. Letter to Healthy Waters, etc. **KC**
 - (c) Sandra table a copy of a letter of response to WRLB regarding Piha Road upgrade project that indicates a massive reduction in the scope of works to be carried out. Discussion followed. Refer Item 14.
5. Confirm minutes from meeting of 4th December, 2020.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 4th December 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record. **CARRIED: KC/GBC**
6. Matters Arising: No matters arising.
7. Inward and Outward Correspondence:
MOTION 2: That the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed. **CARRIED: KC/HB**
8. Financial Report
 - Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.**MOTION 3: That the financial Report for December & January be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved.** **CARRIED: GC/JC**
9. Library Report
 - Heat pump installation to be removed and reinstalled due to poor workmanship and inappropriate materials utilised. Thanks to Blair Strang for his input and assistance.
10. Post Office Report: **KC**
 - Post Box rentals: 73 payments received to date (62%) and reminder email sent to remainder of box holders.
11. Water Quality Report: **GBC**
 - Water level high; water at bottom hot due to stagnation; water brown, dirty and smelly.
 - Children still swimming and putting heads under water. **GC** to share photo with **GBC**
 - Letter to go to AC – Healthy Waters asking; How much longer do we wait for action; What are AC – HW doing; Why Piha Lagoon is not a priority; When will something be done ?? **GBC/KC**
 - Dredging definition to be pursued. Letters to be sought from dredging professionals/Companies defining dredging. **GBC/HB/KC**

12. WRLB Matters:

- Outstanding letters to be sent: To WRLB expressing concern that weed bins may be discontinued. Domain Gates are currently being left unlocked and “hoons’ were entering and doing “doughnuts” and tearing up the grass. Resolved to write to WRLB. **KC**

13. Piha Wetlands Trust: HB

- Additional door now installed to Old School House and should allow signing of Lease with West Coast Gallery.

14. Auckland Transport matters:

- Piha Road Project: Discussion including requesting Geotech reports, LGOIA (Local Govt. Official Information Act) requests, Public meeting w/AT, community awareness campaign, etc., to put pressure on AT.
- Piha Rd Sub Committee to report on plans at next meeting. **BS, SO, DC**
- AT letter to be circulated. **KC**

15. Website/Facebook

- Discussion on up-dating and modernising the R&R website. **SO** to review and report back to the next meeting.
- **SO** to be given Administrator access to R&R Facebook page. **KC**

16. General Business

- Bobbie Carrol has published an AC – Screen Auckland filming notice that indicates she represents Piha R&R. Letter to go to Screen Auckland correcting. **KC**
- **Committee Focus 2021:** The following points were agreed as the Key Issues:
 - a) Piha Road: Sub-committee of BS / SO / DC / GC
 - b) Water Quality: Sub-committee of GBC / HB / NT / PO
 - c) Waitakere Tracks & KDB: Sub-committee of JD / Lynn Bell ? and J. Cambell??
 - d) Pump Track / Cycle track: Sub-committee of JD / JC / PO with Wetland Trust and Piha Kids Trust.
- Call for someone to stand-up to be Minutes Secretary. Offered by JD.
- KC noted that GC had been trying to retire as Treasurer for some time but is happy to continue involvement through and after transition. Possible that **DC** could take on the role once he has a better understanding of R&R workings.
- **PO** to assist **GC** with Cash Up and **PO** in the morning.
- Resolved that community outreach through social media and other means needs to be “ramped up.” Item 15 will be a start. Further ideas next meeting.
- Items raised and noted for future follow-up included: 30 Kmph speed limit in village area; Weeds in Glen Esk Rd east of Fire Station; Domain road edge erosion.
- Next Meeting:
MOTION 4: That as a trial, meeting be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm at the Bowling Club.
CARRIED: DC/SO

Meeting closed at 9:46 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd March, 2021. 7:30pm at the Piha Bowling Club.