

## Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

### Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.30 pm, 9th March, 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), Blair Strang(BS), Natasha Tombleson(NT).

New member Blair Strang was welcomed and formally introduced.

2. Apologies : Phoebe O'Brien(PO)
3. Elected Representatives: Sandra Coney for the WRLB offered the following:
  - a) Council consultation on 10y plan open for public input. R&R should comment on items specific to the Piha area.
    - i) Septic pump out rate, sign off in plan. Need to get objections in. Going up 50%
    - ii) NETR and Water Quality Targeted Rate. Not meant to raise
    - iii) Proposing they go up 5% even though it was fixed and proposing it'll go past the 10y sunset clause.
  - b) Waiting to hear about flooding from Healthy Waters.
    - i) Debris accumulation mitigations promised have fallen by the wayside.
  - c) Alligator weed & Mexican water lily problem in all waterways and Claud Abel Pond is not being remediated.
    - i) Council is getting UMS to deal with it (Sarah Gibbs in Council)
  - d) Council is going to undertake planting either side of the boardwalk from Eel bridge to south carpark in the effluent disposal field area.
  - e) Les Waygood Park. Council to refurbish campground facilities.
    - i) Community Facilities (in council) running this. John Cranfield.
    - ii) Unitary plan designation has changed to Recreation.
    - iii) May have renewed the lease to the United Surf lifesaving for campground area. Sandra to confirm. **KC**
    - iv) Sandra to provide plan of Les Waygood park showing designated areas to enable coordination of "pump track" with Piha Kids Trust. **KC**
  - f) Piha toilet block (opposite store) to be refurbished.
  - g) Picnic tables to be installed at Piha Wetland Trust area.
  - h) Piha Road Project: Discussion on history and current status in line with letter received from AT.

4. Confirm minutes from meeting of 5th February, 2021.

**MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED: JC/GBC**

5. Inward and Outward Correspondence:

**MOTION 2: That the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed.**

**CARRIED: HB/JD**

6. Financial Report

- Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.

**MOTION 3: That the financial Report for the period ending February 28 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved.**

**CARRIED: HB/SO**

7. Library Report

- a) Following assessment by R&R (BS) that the Heat pump installation was defective, the Heat Pumps are to be removed and reinstalled. Scheduled for 12 March. **BS / KC**

8. Post Office Report: **KC**

- Post Box rentals slow coming in but two new box renters.
- Computer has died. **JD** and **DC** may have suitable replacement available. 73 payments received.
- Additional shelving required. Bowling Club **NT** and **JD** have shelving available.

9. Water Quality Report: **GBC**

- Water level in the lagoon very high due to King Tide and high level of sand accumulation. Ideal time for opening the stream missed due to Council inaction.
- NZ Surfing Assn. have noted to the R&R that children and youths are no longer able to use the lagoon for surf board and surf club training.
- Awaiting response to our letter asking for details on progress from Healthy Waters.
- Resolved to progress a Resource Consent application to open the stream mouth with WRLB funding. **HB** to assess twin stream consent for use as template.
- Require either; Proof clearance work is not dredging; or Resource Consent.
- Should Healthy Waters response and attempt to apply for Consent be unsuccessful, committee to consider options for opening the stream.

10. Piha Wetlands Trust: **HB**

- Auckland Council seems to be in charge. Still awaiting release of interim lease to West Coast Gallery Trust.

11. Auckland Transport matters:

- Piha Road Project: General agreement that the AT response was hugely disappointing and incomplete. Our response should note unacceptability of Chip Seal, reiterate request for a public meeting and request projected timeline. Also whether current works are to be covered or removed ? **KC**
- Proposed actions to support local views that road is unsafe include setting up an email box to collate local input on crashes and near misses on Piha Rd, and setting up a camera to video driver crossing the centre line. **JD**.
- Proposed that we try and make contact with the Professional Drivers Union for support. **SB**
- Consider whether there is a proper basis for highlighting safety of bus travel for school buses.

12. Website/Facebook

- SO presented an overview of the current website with recommendations and explanations of proposals for up-dating and modernisation.
- SO prosed that he would be prepared to undertake the work as time allowed, but was unsure of the projected final cost.

**MOTION 4: That SO be authorised to undertake a revision of the Association website, starting immediately, to incur costs up to \$1,000 and to provide an estimate of final costs at the next meeting.**

**CARRIED: KC / BS**

13. General Business

- **KDB:** JD noted that AC have agreed to undertake a review of their assessment process for KDB. This review will hopefully provide a basis for review of the track closures for the whole of the Waitakere Ranges and elsewhere.
- **Piha Domain:** SO raised the matter of permitted activities in the Domain. Sandra says no, a skatepark will not be permitted because it; a) takes up too much space required for increased

visitor (parking) usage; b) The Domain lies in a flood Plain. She noted that any challenge to the permitted use would have to be made at Court.

- **Pump Track:** a meeting of JD/SO/DC/BS with Kids Charitable Trust are under the impression that the fledgling Pump Track at Les Waygood Park has been quashed by the revised lease to North Piha Lifeguard Service. This needs to be clarified. Situation to be assessed against a map of the area, (see 4 b iv) Consider a meeting between all stakeholders to review map and boundaries for activities.
- **Targets:** JC identified that the committee must set targets for goal achievement. Agreed.
- **Elected Representative:** It was generally agreed that a timeframe should be set for presentation of local representative, to ensure that Committee has sufficient time to deal with all of its agenda. Consider asking Sandra to raise only new matters, and answering specific questions from the committee. Try to ensure a time frame of say 20 minutes. Consider whether local representative input is required at every R&R meeting.
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Meeting closed at 9:46 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th April, 2021. 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.