

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

### **Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 13th July, 2021.**

1. **Attending:** Ken Cowan(KC), Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Daniel Caley (DC), Jane Caley (JC), Graeme Carrie(GBC), Anthony Piggins (BS), Natasha Tomlinson(NT).
2. Apologies : Phoebe O'Brien (LoA), Sean O'Brien(SO),
3. **Open Forum :** Kirk Mac Gibbon, Piha Bowling Club(PBC) President presented a request for funding based on their debt to WATS (Liquor supplier.) Discussion on ways PBC could improve income and attract donations. Questions arose concerning the R&R funding a debt. The request tabled for further discussion and later decision.
4. **Elected Representatives:** Sandra Coney for the WRLB provided the following notes:
  1. Piha Stream: WRLB Chair has written to head of consents (Ian Dobson) supporting Piha R&R and questioning whether consent and/or fees can be waived.
  2. Piha Radar Station: Working bee to remove gorse undertake. AC to make arrangements to limit access and preserve historic remains.
  3. ANNUAL Plan: WRLB budget adopted including funding for Piha Weed bin; rubbish removal for Piha Clubs, store & café; Library funding; new residents' pack.
    - **KC** to enquire for details of Residents Pack, content and consultation.
  4. Weed Control: Piha Rd. 70 Kmph zone cleared of gorse, lily, pampas, etc., Alligator weed has been cleared from Marawhara & Wekatahi Streams pus Claud Abel Reserve. Weed control carried out on dune bank south of Piha stream.
  5. Glen Esk Road sites: No further progress.
  6. Glen Esk Weed control: Regional Parks says no funding available for area requested by R&R.
  7. Taitomo Track: A new Consent application has been lodged. WRLB requesting the consent be notified due to past submissions by Piha community and R&R.
    - WRLB to be asked if Home Track/Mackenzie Track are being closed and what is the process.
  8. Piha Reserves: WRLB in conjunction with Iwi, Te Kawerau a Maki, has officially named Piha Esplanade Reserve and North Piha Strand, Mid Beach from Little Lion Rock to Marawhara Steam (Sth. Of North Piha Campground,) Waitetura. The North Piha Esplanade, from Les Waygood Park to North Piha carpark has been named Kohunui.
5. **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 8th June, 2021.

**MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED: JC/HB**
6. **Matters Arising:**
  1. AT – Slow Vehicle Signs: Awaiting response to our latest letter on this subject.
  2. Post Office Diversification: No input from committee. Item to be carried froward to next meeting.
  3. Library to Domain footpath project: AP & GBC have scoped the project and will provide provisional costings for committee approval.
  4. Post Office Computer: Now in operation. Thanks to Daniel and Simon Caley.
  5. Community Garden Project: **NT, JC & KC** to pr3sent Community Garden proposal at WRLB meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

## 7. Financial Report: GC

1. Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.
2. Discussion on PO Insurance. **GC** to investigate cost of raising cover to \$80K and report to the committee by email for a decision.

**MOTION 2: That the financial Report for the period ending June 30 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved.**

**CARRIED: GC/JD**

## 8. Water Quality Report: GBC

1. **GBC** reported on the salinity testing he had undertaken and subsequent discussion with Nick Vigar (AC Healthy Waters – Safe Swim Mgr.) Nick is intending to propose to AC that “exploratory” stream clearance over the summer should be allowed without Resource Consent.
2. No repose from WRLB to letter requesting confirmation of funding availability for a Resource Consent Application.

## 9. Website/Facebook:

1. **SO** stuck in Sydney due to Covid border closures. Intends to spend MIQ time on website remake in conjunction with **KC**.

## 10. General Business:

1. **Piha News: KC** explained that Piha Centre Society wanted to withdraw from production of the Piha Community News and were offering the work to Piha R&R. The committee were generally in favour of taking this on and **NT** offered to lead the project on the understanding that she would be paid for the Work.

**MOTION 3: That \$500 be set aside for NT to undertake preparatory work on publishing with a goal of publishing the first edition in Sept./Oct. time frame, but no later than Labour w/e.**

**CARRIED:**

**JC/GBC**

### 2. Committee Brain Storm – Is there a better way:

- (i) It was generally agreed that the committee’s current projects, some long-standing, were stalled significantly due to Council unwillingness or inability to progress major and minor works long sought by the local community. Some dissatisfaction was expressed about waste of the committee’s time and energy on projects that were going nowhere.
- (ii) There was uniform agreement to shift attention to more community-based projects that could be supported or spearheaded by the R&R Committee. In this light it was noted that the community garden idea was making progress due to the efforts of NT and JC and the supporting efforts of the Committee.
- (iii) The brain-storming part of the meeting included a review of both procedural elements of the meetings, and also possible projects that could be promoted by or through the R&R.

### ***On Procedural issues.***

- (iv) It was agreed that the monthly written reports from Sandra Coney were useful as transmitting important information, and perhaps more productive than personal monthly presentations, given that the Committee could identify issues about which further information was sought. Follow-ups on matter arising from her report could be handled between meetings and reported.
- (v) It was agreed that the written financial report from GC was an effective summary, and time saving. Likewise, questions arising from the report could be addressed as they arise.

- (vi) There were various suggestions about streamlining the R&R meetings, with DC suggesting that monthly meetings could continue but take two different forms:- a “Focus” meeting, that could be held at someone’s home, where particular items of interest would be discussed, and in the following month a “Maintenance” meeting where the required business protocols were undertaken; it was anticipated that the latter would be attended by most Committee members, or at least enough to form a quorum.
- (vii) These formats for the monthly meetings were agreed and model is expected to be implemented immediately.
- (viii) It was agreed to continue with monthly meetings and that the August meeting would be a “maintenance” meeting.

***On community projects***

- (i) It was agreed that more time and effort at meetings needs to focus on what the R&R can do to initiate and/or support local Piha community projects.
- (ii) Noting that there are numerous local based groups, many not necessarily connected or familiar with the projects or works of other groups, it was proposed that the R&R Committee should arrange a meeting aimed at providing platform for various groups to meet/connect, and make a brief statement about the work they do. This will entail identifying the various groups in the Piha area. It is envisaged that, say, two representatives from each organisation in Piha could be invited for a collective forum on “What do we need in Piha?” Target date to be Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at the Bowling Club. R&R to provide finger food, tea and coffee. Bar to be available if possible, all subject to Bowling Club acceptance.
- (iii) The Committee considers that the reintroduction of The Piha News is a further worth community project, and as noted, funding was approved for this project.

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 August, 2021. 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.