

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 10th August, 2021.

1. **Attending:** Ken Cowan(KC), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Graeme Carrie(GBC), Anthony Piggins (BS), Natasha Tomlinson(NT).
2. Apologies : Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Jane Caley (JC), Phoebe O'Brien (LoA), Sean O'Brien(SO),
3. **Open Forum :** Nil
4. **Elected Representatives:** Sandra Coney sent an Apology.
5. **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 13th July, 2021.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 13th July, 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: KC/GBC
6. **Matters Arising:**
 1. **AT – Slow Vehicle Signs:** KC to follow up with Auckland Transport. May be time for R&R to take action.
 2. **Post Office Diversification:** Suggested Post Cards of Piha, Brochure of Piha attractions and “things to do.” Possible interest from Karekare card maker. **KC & NT** to follow up with Karekare contact.
 3. **Library to Domain footpath project:** GBC, with assistance from Claire, has laid clay/gravel mix sourced with assistance from Ranger Simon Stoddart. Letter of thanks to go to Simon. **GBC/KC** Photo to go on R&R Newsletter and Facebook page. **KC/GBC.**
 4. **Community Garden Project:** **NT, JC & KC** presented the Community Garden proposal at WRLB meeting on 22nd July. The presentation by NT was well received, but no feedback has since received from WRLB.
 5. **Piha Bowling Club Funds Request:** It was agreed that the proposal for Piha R&R to pay down debt in order that the Club be eligible to seek grants from the Waitakere Licencing Trust was not acceptable and probably would not meet Trusts approval. PBC need to put an acceptable fund-raising plan in place. R&R could then assist with that plan.
7. **Financial Report: GC**
 1. Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.
 2. PO Insurance cover has been raised to \$80K at an additional cost of \$158 per annum.
MOTION 2: That the financial Report for the period ending July 31st be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved. **CARRIED: GC/GBC**
8. **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 1. **GBC** reported on the salinity testing over July/August that had further proven that the lack of salt water flow into the lagoon was being prevented by sand blockage. No significant salt water intrusion has been measured since the April 24 stream mouth clearance.
 2. No progress with Auckland Council or Safe Swim with regard to consenting stream clearance.
9. **Website/Facebook:**
 1. **SO** was to have undertaken work on the Website while in MIQ. No word from Sean and he is now in the South Island till next school term starts. **KC** to follow up.

10. Piha News: NT has been collecting ideas and is excited to get under way. No input received from PCCS Secretary or Treasurer. KC to chase Secretary Anna Shatky, GC to follow up with Treasurer Amy Headifen. KC to arrange meeting with KC, NT and MH.

11. Community Gathering: It was agreed that, as there has been no progress in accumulating a list of invitees, the proposed date of September 1st was probably no longer practical. KC to initiate list of potential groups and circulate for committee to fill in details where known. Revised date to be dependent upon completion of attendee list and suitable notice once invitations sent.

12. General Business:

1. **Combined R&R group:** KC explained the purpose of the Combined R&R Group and that it also was reviewing the way meetings were conducted with a view to revising the current procedures. To that end each R&R had been asked to advise their top three or four priorities for the Waitakere Ranges area to be addressed by the Group.

It was agreed that the priorities for Piha are:

- a) Kauri Dieback, or more precisely the re-opening of ALL Waitakere Tracks.
- b) Public Transport
- c) Water quality
- d) Roads and the attention of Auckland Transport.

2. **Piha Domain:** GBC noted that he had discussed with John Jury, UMS, the matters of; Domain Road edge disintegration, Eel Bridge rust problem and the Library carpark area. GBC to follow up and report on best method for R&R to proceed.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th September, 2021. 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.