

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 6.00 pm, 15th March, 2022.

1. **Attending:** Ken Cowan(KC), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Tony Dunn (TD), Antony Piggins (AP), Dan Real (DR). (GC via internet)
2. **Apologies :** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graeme Carrie(GBC), Daniel Caley (DC).
3. **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 10th August, 2021.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 8th December, 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: KC/DR
4. **Matters Arising:**
 1. **AT – Speed Limit Consultation:** It was agreed that the proposed speed limit reductions on Anawhata, Lone Kauri and Karekare Roads were sensible. Proposed reductions on Piha Road are probably a good safety measure for tourists and visitors, but likely to be ignored by locals. **KC** to do submission.
 2. **Speed Limits in Piha:** It was resolved that **KC** write to AT requesting advice on road calming measures within the village, including speed limit reduction, shared road signs, road marking, etc. with specific mention of children at Te Ahuahu Rd Bus Stop.
5. **Financial Report: GC**
 1. Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.
MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending October 31st be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved with the addition of Waitakere Ranges Protection Society Subscription \$35.
CARRIED: GC/GBC
6. **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 1. **GBC** was not available. KC noted that at a recent meeting, GBC/KC with Nick Vigar (AC Safe Swim and Matt McNeil, (AC – Coastal engineer,) it was proposed that AC move to obtain Resource Consent to open the Piha Stream mouth to ocean flushing when not occurring naturally, before the end of 2022. **KC** to circulate GBC Email report to AC.
7. **Post Office:**
 1. **PO Boxes:** GC has sent invoices with repeat due this week. Some success with currently 23 outstanding payments.
 2. **Computer:** Current tablet has malfunctioned. Discussion on options was presented by GC. It was resolved that a request be placed on local Facebook for donation or cheap option, otherwise purchase a Laptop of similar specification to that presented by GC at approx. \$800.00 if no response.
8. **Website/Facebook:**
 1. **SO** was not available. SO and KC have reviewed website progress to date and agreed strategy going forward. Further meeting scheduled for March. TD expressed interest in being involved in that meeting.
9. **Piha News: NT**
 1. **Tash** is working on having copy produced by the end of March to allow printing and distribution for Easter.
 2. **GC** is preparing a financial paper looking at the feasibility of having Piha News free and supported by advertisers. To include rates sheet and be circulated when available.
 3. **Committee members** keen to assist Tash with obtaining local interest stories.

10. General Business:

1. **Piha Wetland Trust:** Discussion of current status and possibilities for progress and opportunities for community involvement, particularly with reference to the walking/cycle track. **KC** to follow up with Piha Wetland Trust,
2. **Community Garden Proposal:** **KC** to follow up on progress with local Board.
3. **Auckland Council 2022/23 Budget Consultation:** Main point of interest for Piha is the proposed revision of rubbish collection services. Proposed phasing out of Pay As You Throw (PAYT) will result on additional Rubbish and Recycle bins at the roadside permanently and the probably cessation of Rubbish Bags that have been promised to remain available. **KC** to submit.
4. **Auckland Transport:** The following issues previously raised to be actioned.
 - a) **Slow Traffic signs:** Write again to try and initiated these as in other areas of NZ. **KC**
 - b) **Slip on Piha Road:** The slip on Piha Road, east of the Karekare Rd, is causing serious concern with parents due to the potential of a subsidence under a School Bus. **KC** to request projected schedule for completion of remedial works.
 - c) **Piha and Seaview Roads:** **KC** to write requesting an update on prosed road repairs.
5. **Succession Planning:** **KC** reiterated that it is important that additional members be recruited to the committee. Change is good for any organisation and older incumbent members have been in place for 10 years or more.
6. **Meeting Days and Times:** Following discussion with those present, it was resolved that Committee Meetings would be held on the second Tuesday each month at the Piha Bowling Club at 6:00pm. Time to be reviewed with members affected by travelling from work. Details to be made available to the community with an invitation to attend and present items of interest or concern.

Meeting closed at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th April, 2022. 6:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.