

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 6.00 pm, 10th May, 2022.**

1. **Attending:** Ken Cowan (KC), Graham Cleghorn (GC) via "Zoom", Graeme Carrie (GBC), Tony Dunn (TD), Sean O'Brien (S)), Antony Piggins (AP).
2. **Apologies :** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Dan Real (DR), Natasha Tomlinson(NT).
3. **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 12th April, 2022.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 12th April, 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: KC/TD
4. **Matters Arising:** Nil
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 April 30th be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, plus \$500 for Piha News Editor NT, be approved.
CARRIED: GC/GBC
6. **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 1. **GBC** noted that he had been in touch with Nick Vigar (AC Safe Swim) who advised that a report supporting the "Scientific Investigation" of opening the Piha Stream mouth was being produced to facilitate a consent to allow the opening of the stream to facilitate tidal flushing of the Lagoon. Also that Safe Swim would re-commence E.Coli testing in June or July this year with assistance from Piha R&R..
7. **Post Office:**
 1. **PO Boxes:** Currently 7 Box payments outstanding, 109 Paid, 2 R&R use. **GC** has sent out invoices again to all outstanding box holders.
 2. **Computer/Phone:** Craig Tyler repaired the Tablet and so the need has gone.
 3. **GBC** reported that he has trimmed the surrounding bushes and UMS are now mowing again.
8. **Website/Facebook:**
 1. **SO** demonstrated the new website which is nearing completion. **SO, KC** and Isaac to work together to complete the necessary work before handover to **KC** and **TD**.
9. **Piha News: NT**
 1. **NT** completed the Autumn issue for distribution by Easter as planned.
 2. **KC** and **GC** have determined that mailing to non-Piha resident members is not financially viable.
 3. Autumn issue well received and praised for content and improvement over the Summer issue.
 4. Comments / suggestions for further improvement include:
 - Add year to "Autumn" and issue number for reference in the future.
 - Font sizes on front cover to give more prominence to Piha R&R.
 - Front cover should reflect Piha people or scenes, possibly a continuing theme for future issues and be a "lead in" to a news or informative item within the publication.
 5. **KC** and **GC** noted that the committee must assist in encouraging advertisers. If we are to continue with Piha Panui being a free publication. The goal must be to have advertising cover costs of publication by the end of this year.
 6. **NT** is also looking to the committee to assist with encouraging Piha locals to provide copy.

10. General Business:

1. **Piha Wetland Trust:** Discussion of current status. **KC** has been following up with Peter Hosking and Sandra Coney on the status of the MOU with AC. It appears to be held up with Thomas Dixon (AC Parks and Spaces Specialist). Enquiries continuing. It was questioned what the boundaries are for the Wetland Trust. **KC** to distribute map if he can find it.
2. **Community Garden Proposal:** **KC** has spoken with the Local Board. No further progress. Board is trying to make this an Agenda item for their meeting and have Piha R&R attend and speak.
3. **Auckland Transport:** The following issues were discussed:
 - (i) **Bus Service:** **TD** advised that Bush & Beach had suitable buses and had put a proposal to WRLB but had no feedback. Since last meeting **TD** has forwarded Bush and Beach proposal to Councillor Shane Henderson, who has published his intention to make this an election issue, and is awaiting a response. **KC** to push WRLB on this issue.
 - (ii) **Piha R&R letter** of 17 March finally received response in May. No significant progress.
 - (iii) **Seaview Road:** Commitment to undertake *“localised repairs are going to be undertaken along the length of Seaview rd in the next eight to ten weeks.”*
 - (iv) **Piha Road Storm Water:** Commitment to *“program any required works prior to the upcoming winter weather.”*
 - (v) **Piha village speed** calming / speed reduction / shared roads submission content has been sent to AT as a separate letter. No response to date.
4. **Succession Planning:** **KC** noted that he had now been President for 11 years and that change was needed for the good of the Association. **KC, GC** and **HB** all wishing to stay involved but looking for fresh faces to lead the way forward.
5. **Community projects:** **KC** again asked the committee to consider community projects that Piha R&R might initiate or support in order to benefit the community and help raise awareness and support for the Association.
6. **Domain Gates:** Still an issue when the gates are left open by the contractor due to a Piha Bowling Club activity and PBC do not lock the gates. Saturday 7th saw significant damage from by racer who subsequently crashed on Piha Road early Sunday morning. **KC** to raise with PBC President Kirk McGibbon.

Meeting closed at 7:12 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th June, 2022. 6:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. TBC