

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association**  
**Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

- 1) **Attending:** Ken Cowan (KC), Ron Gorter (RG), Geoff Calvert (GeC), Graeme Carrie (GBC), Nicola Harvey (NH), Brett Ngawaka (BN). Dan Real (DR). Graham Cleghorn (GC) via Internet.
  
- 2) **Apologies:** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Tony Dunn (TD)
  
- 3) **Open Forum:** We welcomed Paul Bidwell and Jeff Weston to the meeting.
- 4) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.  
**MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.**  
**CARRIED: KC/RG**
  
- 5) **Matters Arising:**
  - a) Nil
  
- 6) **Financial Report: GC**
  - a) Graham Cleghorn presented the reports and previously circulated comments.
  - b) GC noted that the budget now included the Piha Community News (PCN), based on figures agreed with the sub-committee which is based on a net zero result for each issue.
  - c) It was reiterated that the costings and budget for PCN would need to be reviewed as issues were released and a decision made before the AGM on a recommendation for revised membership fee structure.
  - d) GC also noted that the R&R had received funds from Red Cross and other donors for Cyclone Gabrielle relief and had distributed those funds as directed by Jenene Crossan and her group. These transactions were not detailed in the report nor included in the budget.  
**MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending April 30<sup>st</sup>, 2023 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled be approved. CARRIED: KC/GBC**
  
- 7) **Water Quality Report: GBC**
  - a) GBC briefly described the history of the Piha Lagoon with regard to pollution and detailed the current position with testing and the resulting conclusions reached that have proved that regular flushing with salt water mitigates the risk of pollution.
  - b) GBC also advised that Auckland Council Healthy Waters were not currently carrying out testing as previously agreed.
  
- 8) **Post Office:**
  - a) **PO Boxes:** Currently 7 Boxes available. 99 Box payments received to date; 10 Unpaid.
  - b) KC and GC are currently reviewing Chris W. Annual Leave and Sick pay entitlements following some adjustments and propose to conclude this issue with her before next meeting.
  - c) GC noted that the agreement reached last meeting was not to pay out accumulated Annual Leave, but to allow Chris W. to take that leave in 2023 and be paid.
  
- 9) **Piha News:**
  - a) GC advised that the following had been agreed with the PCN sub-committee:
    - i) The first issues will be 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> October this year.
    - ii) PO Box holders financial by 31 May will receive a free copy of the June and October issues.
    - iii) Ordinary financial and life members can collect a free copy of the June and Oct. issues from the Post Office.
    - iv) The R&R will subsidise the PCN account for the free copies at \$2.50 per copy.
    - v) The Piha Store will buy 50 copies at \$5.00 per copy and the remainder will be sold for \$5.00 each at the Library, Gallery and Post Office.
    - vi) Printing volumes and budget issues will be reviewed after the October issue.
    - vii) The financial goal is that the PCN will not be a financial burden to Piha R&R.

#### 10) Website/Facebook:

- a) **BN** explained that he had spent some time looking at the Website and made some minor changes and added the April Meeting Minutes, but found the Squarespace platform difficult to navigate.
- b) **Jeff Weston** supported **BN's** comments and offered to try and assist.
- c) **KC** to put **BN** and Jeff in touch with Isaac Ennor who had assembled the website.
- d) **BN** to add the Resilience Plan information to the website.
- e) **KC** also noted that assistance was needed to introduce articles and keep the website updated and relevant.

#### 11) Piha Resilience Plan:

- a) **RG** had previously circulated the Draft "Piha Resilience Operating Framework and Resilience Plan." and spoke to it.
- b) It was resolved that these documents be approved and socialized over the next several weeks as a prelude to a future, possibly mid-July, community meeting.
- c) Aside from socialisation of the plan, the next vital step is to identify lead and secondary people for each cluster, up to and including the community meeting.
- d) **RG** offered to take on the role of Piha Resilience Co-ordinator for a period of three years. The offer was gratefully received and unanimously endorsed.

#### 12) General Business:

- a) **Succession Planning:** **KC** noted that **GC** has resigned but is still undertaking Treasurer duties as a replacement Treasurer has not been identified. **KC** also advise that he is not going to stand for the Position of President at the next AGM but would continue on the committee, possibly as Secretary, to provide continuity.
- b) **Skate Park and Bus Service:** Held over due to the impact that Cyclone Gabrielle will have on Council operations.
- c) **GBC** advised that a Piha community member had said that a new Law had been passed, initiated by the Protect Piha Heritage Society (PPHS), prohibiting Curb and Channelling or footpaths in Piha. **KC** noted that he was sceptical that this was correct, but would follow up with PPHS and WELB.
- d) **MOTION 3: That Paul Biswell and Jeff Weston be co-opted on to the committee.**

**CARRIED: KC / RG**

Meeting closed at 8:52 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**