

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 10th October, 2023.

1) **Attending:** Ken Cowan (KC), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Geoff Calvert (GeC), Matt Harley (MH), Nicola Harvey (NH), Joel Macreadie (JM), Dan Real (DR), .Jeff Weston (JW).

a) **Note:** GC, GeC, NH & JW via Internet.

2) **Apologies:** Paul Bidwell (PB), Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graeme Carrie (GBC), Tony Dunn (TD), Ron Gorter (RG), Brett Ngawaka (BN).

3) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 12th September, 2023.

MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 12th September be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED: KC/DR

4) **Matters Arising:**

a) Nil

5) **Financial Report: GC**

a) Graham Cleghorn presented the reports and previously circulated comments.

b) **GC** outlined that Piha News expenses and impacts on the budget. It was reiterated that we are still in a learning phase and that it had been agreed that the R&R would give the PCN group 12 months to re-establish publication. Any changes to be made after that time.

c) **GC** noted that he is in the process of working on the transition to Xero of the R&R accounts with the goal of starting the new financial year, (1 Nov. 2023,) on the Xero system.

MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending September 30th 2023 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled be approved.

CARRIED: GC/MH

6) **Water Quality Report: GBC - Nil**

7) **Post Office:**

a) **PO Boxes:** Currently 11 Boxes available. All rents able to be collected have been collected.

b) Discussion regarding PayWave and Credit Card payments. **KC** to discuss with **GC** regarding Credit Card payments and action if agreed.

c) **KC** to chase Jami P. regarding roof repairs.

d) **MH** to seek PO Box customers. **KC** to solicit box holders via weekly newsletter.

8) **Piha News:**

a) **GC** presented the Piha Community News budget, now included in the R&R budget.

b) The next editions of PCN in December will provide a clearer picture of the financial status of the publication and will be the guide to Membership fee recommendations to the AGM in January.

c) It was noted that there may be a variety of options to increase the marketing of the publication and the appeal to potential customers.

d) Resolved that **KC / TD** should endeavour to have representative of the PCN group attend the next committee meeting.

e) It was agreed that the R&R should have a presence at the Te Piha Market on 22nd October that would include PCN sales and a membership drive. **KC** to organise a table. Committee members to work shifts to cover the 10:00am to 1:00pm market period.

9) Website/Facebook:

- a) Discussion regarding identifying a webmaster to undertake the maintenance of the website and publication of news / blogs, etc.
- b) Discussion on existing content and accessibility of the website. It was resolved that all committee members should review the website and share comments by email with a view to agreeing revisions at next meeting.
- c) **JW** to implement any changes he sees fit.
- d) **JM** to review and discuss with Jess (wife.)
- e) **MH** to initiate a survey to obtain community feedback.

10) Piha Resilience Plan:

- a) **RG, MH and NH** had attended a Zoom meeting with Red Cross personnel to push the submission for additional funding to support our resilience plan and seek support for training. **MH and NH** reported a successful and encouraging meeting.
- b) **RG** provided the following report on progress subsequent to the on-line meeting:
On the resilience side we made our submission to Red Cross on time
Submission total is \$77,000 and covers:
 - 3 x 2.7 metre containers to store supplies & equipment,
 - Gensets and comms equipment,
 - Shelter and wellbeing resources (water tanks, first aid kits blankets, etc.).R.C came back acknowledged receipt plus complemented us on the supporting material (resilience plan, resource and costings which we had prepared and attached).
They also noted that the process will take a bit longer due to the number of submissions.
The three containers can be used to form the basis for each hub and hopefully we can leverage off the acquisition of resources to gain the critical mass we need.

11) Piha Recovery Plan:

- a) **MH** reported that he had received little further input from the community but that he is continuing to keep in close contact with Healthy waters regarding storm water issues.
- b) **KC** reported that he had attended a meeting with the Ombudsman Peter Bochier at Piha SLSC regarding Government and Auckland Council response and recovery subsequent to Cyclone Gabrielle. The meeting focused mainly on stickered homes, but the storm water and road problems were raised as issues, as was the difficulty with interacting and getting action from Auckland Council and Auckland Transport.
- c) No response has been received from the Auckland Recovery Office to the R&R letter of 27 September regarding storm water clearance and the Marawhara Stream Bridge debris.

12) General Business:

- a) **Succession Planning:** **KC** reiterated that **GC** has resigned but is still undertaking Treasurer duties until Xero is in place and a replacement Treasurer appointed. **KC** reiterated that he does not intend to stand for President next year.

Meeting closed at 8:36 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th November, 2023, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**