

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association
Committee Meeting held at 7:30 pm on 7 December 2018 at Barnett Hall, Piha**

Present: Ken Cowan, Hanneke Bouchier, Graham Cleghorn, Randall Morton, Graeme Carrie, Mike Hales, Warren Smith, Paula Legel, James Dickenson.

Apologies: Anna Comrie-Thomson

1. Open Forum: no presentation
2. Elected Representatives:
3. Confirm minutes from meeting of 7 December 2018
RESOLUTION 1
That the minutes of the 2 November 2018 meeting be confirmed.
CARRIED.....Ken Cowan/Hanneke Bouchier
4. Matters Arising
 1. R&R - holding a watching brief on proposed changes to sewage tank pump-out scheme. Council is seeking to conduct uniform protocols for septic tanks. Piha has had septic tanks pumped out every 3 years, but this is under threat. Councillor L Cooper advocating that we exit the pump-out scheme; rationale is that current scheme is not successful in reducing lagoon pollution. Rates currently cover current pump-out scheme. Septic tanks are not uniform. Hi-tech systems should be serviced annually - not policed. Large commercial systems also need attention.
ACTION: Follow-up letter to Council to be sent on this issue.
 2. Need for upgrading of Piha Road; buses creating problems; road not wide enough for larger traffic
ACTION: Letter to Bus Company for evidence of speed compliance [Ken/James]
 3. AT consider no incidents have been reported regarding large buses and dangers of lookout.
ACTION: Letter to AT regarding known traffic incidents [Ken/Mike?]
 4. G Carrie has offered to place a sign at Scenic Road turnoff advising visitors that petrol is not available at Piha.
 5. Two surf schools parking trailers permanently and illegally in parking lot by surf club.
 6. Inadequate repairs by council to bench seat next to lagoon. New bench seat is still not fit for purpose.
5. Inward and Outward Correspondence
RESOLUTION 2
That the correspondence inward be received and outward endorsed.
CARRIED..... Graham Cleghorn / Graeme Carrie
6. Financial Report

Graham Cleghorn presented the Monthly and Annual Financial reports, 2019 Budget, transactions for endorsement, and accounts for approval.

RESOLUTION 3

That the financial report for November be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment, as tabled, be approved.

CARRIED.....Graham Cleghorn / Hanneke Bouchier

7. Library Report

Library Roof has been examined to assess water-proofing roof

Roof Repair quote of about \$6000. – Grant Application to WRLB to cover costs [G Cleghorn]

Window framing damage will also be attended to in this work.

New Library Trustee Chair alleged misinformation by R&R, at December AGM. This was strongly refuted by Hanneke and Sandra Coney on behalf of the WRLB at the time and discussed further here to explain facts that were not uniformly understood; no action required at this stage.

8. Post Office Report

Current status: to date, 76 of 118 available boxes paid up. Revenue is falling in line with postal services internationally. Chris (post mistress) salary needs to be reviewed in line with living wage.

9. Water Quality Report

Graeme Carrie to update the current status of water quality testing and council actions.

Lagoon Pollution has been confirmed by the testing; Council has had T&T report that the lack of flow is an essential problem, irrespective of sources from septic tanks, etc.

While mitigating the septic tanks source issues, the Solution should involve a natural washout from the sea, but no environmental impact report for that has been done for any remedial engineering work. Currently, tidal lavage is effective at keeping bacterial count down (recent testing has confirmed this), so no immediate action necessary. Future consideration is how best to maintain tidal ebb and flow for the lagoon. Willie Begs is known to have the resources to clear the sand to allow this. G. Carrie to discuss with Willie.

10. WRLB Matters

Nothing major to report.

11. Combined R&R Matters

K Cowan attends the combined meeting and will circulate minutes. Invites Committee members to join him if interested.

12. R&R Lion Rock Award

Currently no new activity.

13. MoE Land

Hanneke reported that a Trust (the 'Wetland Trust') was to be established involving the 4 interested parties (R&R being one). The school house has been restored and leased to the gallery. The land and building has been acquired by the council, from dept education. Various uses of the building and land will be explored by the Trust.

14. Website/Facebook

Mike analysing website traffic flows to determine appropriate changes.

Ken seeking assistance with postings to website/ facebook.

ACTION: James to explore on-line canvassing public regarding issues and priorities.

15. General Business

Public meeting at Barnett Hall 6.30 pm on To discuss tracks.

Committee responsibilities

G Cleghorn signals his intention to step down as Treasurer in 2020.

Membership register may be available for NFP orgs as a plug-in for Xero.

ACTION: G Cleghorn/James to explore available software to establish membership database.

Post Office – KC looking for assistance

Notice Board – not being used – someone needed to keep this up to date – MH volunteers and receives key from KC.

Water Quality

Other items

- One vacancy on committee, plus Geoff Calvert may be unable to continue.
- Notices needed for roads where pedestrians prevail. Possibly 30km/h appropriate. Footpaths needed.
- Online survey may attract attention to this issue.

Closed 9.40 pm