

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association Committee Meeting held at 7:30 pm on 1 March 2019 at Barnett Hall, Piha

Present: Ken Cowan, Hanneke Bouchier, Graham Cleghorn(Via Skype), Randall Morton, Graeme Carrie, Mike Hales, Warren Smith, James Dickenson, Anna Comrie-Thomson.

Apologies: Paula Legel, Geoff Calvert

Open Forum: Sandra Coney – discussing Council and WRLB matters.

- Taitomo requires restoration but a plan is yet to emerge. Pest plants (e.g. gorse/ pampus) requires attention and risk of propagation is high. Recommends Steven Bell/Rachel Kelliher be approached regarding R&R concerns.
- Lily pond continues to be treated every 3 months to deal with the Mexican Lilies. Bacterial count has been monitored. Algae is also present, but not considered a problem.
- A total Firework ban is being pursued by Council
- No real progress with state of Piha Road – the promised consultation has not yet occurred.
- Flooding: the T&T Report has been released internally. Soon to be disseminated; camp ground and gallery related issues not yet addressed. Options for future management: tunnel/ dams/ house-lifting/ dredging, etc for public consultation.
- Plans to phase out the septic tank pump-out scheme have been opposed in public submissions. Current council proposal lacks evidence-based support. Quality-assurance is threatened. WRLB is opposed to the proposed new scheme.
- Kauri die-back: Public meetings have been held; many decisions regarding track closure have already been made, and the perception is that meetings are for information rather than consultation. Revision of the Regional Parks Management Plan is pending and may provide critical overarching control.
- Plans for a trial of a Pump-track in Piha are in train. Site for this requires resource consent.
- 'Healthy Waters' is seeking meeting with R&R regarding lagoon dredge-out.

1. Previous Minutes, 1 Feb 2019. Confirm minutes from meeting of 1 February 2019

RESOLUTION 1

That the minutes of the 2 November 2018 meeting be confirmed.

CARRIED..... Hanneke Bouchier/Graeme Carrie

Matters Arising

- KC has drafted a formal submission and has been seeking signatures, protesting the proposed changes to sewage tank pump-out scheme.
- No progress despite letter to AT requesting community engagement meeting to discuss upgrading of Piha Road.
- Ritchies' data re: speeding compliance and accident incidents. Letter to be sent this week.
- Sign re petrol availability at Piha yet to be erected.
- No change regarding bench seat next to lagoon. **Graeme Carrie to liaise with Sandra.**

2. Correspondence, Inward and Outward

RESOLUTION 2

That the correspondence inward be received and outward endorsed.

CARRIED..... Ken Cowan/Hanneke Bouchier

3. Financial Report: Graham Cleghorn

- Grant of \$7446 for library maintenance received/ insurance costs also covered.
- Box rentals and membership are lagging – a prompting letter is planned, for outstanding fees payment.
- Post-office sales for January have been down
- Library roof water-blasting/cleaning plans are pending

RESOLUTION 3

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

CARRIED Graham Cleghorn / Mike Hales

James Dickenson:

- Info provided on weebly.com for a membership register/ website:
- \$440 pa, unlimited numbers/forum facility/submissions, etc. (Current website = \$414 pa.)

4. Library Report

- Some financial matters covered earlier in Financial Report, above.
- Some discussion regarding sizing of proposed heat pumps. R&R suggests Library Trust reviews unit sizes in quotation before making a decision.

RESOLUTION 4

That the R&R write to the library trust expressing our agreement for the purchase and installation, subject to agreement that ongoing maintenance of Heat Pumps be the responsibility of the Library Trust.

CarriedKen Cowan/ G Cleghorn

5. Post Office Report

- See matters under Financial Report, above.
- Graeme Carrie identified a situation where an item took 45 days to be delivered. Will contact the post-office to address this problem

6. Water Quality Report

- **Andrew Chin**, “Strategy and Resilience Manager” = Point of contact for R&R on Council.
- WRLB organising meeting between Healthy Waters and R&R (Refer: final item, Open Forum.)

7. WRLB Matters

- Two surf schools parking trailers still in parking lot outside SLSC. Ongoing correspondence!

8. Combined R&R Matters

Nothing added

9. R&R Lion Rock Award

- Further time required for development of concept.

10. MoE Land

- Trust establishment documentation complete and awaiting approval of involved parties. Nothing further to report

11. Website/Facebook

- Graham, James and Mike to explore utility possibilities of switching from Wordpress to weebly.com
- GC currently unclear about how weebly.com will manage accounts as excel file working well.
Action: JD to explore public announcement/dissemination of Agenda items 1 week in advance of R&R monthly meetings.

12. General Business

- Footpaths- no progress
- Traffic speed – nothing new to report, but is a priority elsewhere with AT.
- 59 Piha Road – Advice received from WLRB that a Notified Consent application for this property on which the R&R has previously objected based on non-conformance with Environmental Court requirements for the property.
Action: KC to circulate information on the Resource Consent application and documents.

Meeting closed 9.40 pm

Next Meeting: Friday, April 5, 2019 7:30 pm.