

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association Committee Meeting held at 7:30 pm on 5 April, 2019 at Barnett Hall, Piha

Present: Ken Cowan, Hanneke Bouchier, Graham Cleghorn (Via Skype), Randall Morton, Graeme Carrie, Mike Hales, Warren Smith.

Apologies: Anna Comrie-Thomson James Dickenson [*apologies accepted: KC/GC*]

Open Forum: Sandra Coney – discussing Council and WRLB matters

- Flooding report – this to be presented at a Public Meeting this month (April) under auspices of ACC. Focus is T&T report - only covers residential sites on Glen Esk road. Several options to be presented, some not very practical or appealing. Process is flawed: presenting non-viable options is not due consultation. Camp-ground, Gallery, etc at risk from some options. WRLB has concerns about the process, and does not want to be seen to be involved.
- Septic pump-out – budget sits with WRLB. \$100K being made available from ACC to supplement the work program. How this will be disbursed is not clear.
- Piha Road - plan includes inserting drains on either side of the road. Resource consent submission process has stalled. Anawhata Road, unsealed section - no plans for sealing.
- Regional Pest management plan – Waitakere Ranges Park rules have been changed and now an Auckland-wide proposal applies. Pampas, Agapanthas, and other plants no longer included. Lilly pond is steadily resolving thanks to staged program.
- Wetlands – possible that added funds may be made available for work on the grounds.
- Piha Stream/lagoon meeting @ WLRB offices with engineers, Piha R&R, and the Board, 8 March 2019 – Piha R&R reps proposed work (e.g. bob-cats) to redeploy sand to mitigate flooding risk. Piha R&R needs to negotiate with stakeholders (esp Waitakere Ranges Protection Society) to resolve objections, to enhance chances of getting resource consent.
- Auckland Transport – Bruce Thomas is the new point of reference for WLRB to approach for matters of signage (e.g. height clearance)

1. Previous Minutes, 1 March 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/Graham Cleghorn

Matters Arising

- Paula Legat has resigned as of last meeting.
- Letter sent to Ritchies re compliance and incidents – No response
- Sign re petrol availability at Piha to be erected **Graeme/Ken**
- Incomplete repairs by council to bench seat next to lagoon. No progress to date.

2. Inward and Outward Correspondence

RESOLUTION 2

That the correspondence inward be received and outward endorsed.

CARRIED..... Ken Cowan/Hanneke Bouchier

Further discussion ensued on correspondence relating to T&T report. Public Meeting on T&T report consultation (2-4 pm) on 14 April discussed further

3. Financial Report: Graham Cleghorn

Monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.

Difficulty with internet connection to GC

- Statement shows budget inline with projected.
- Post-office sales for February not resolved due to delayed 'cash-up'. Will appear in next month's report.
- Some post-office box payment overdue with a small number yet to be paid.
- The community centre invoice inadvertently duplicated ... resolved by GC
- Library roof repair almost complete.
- GC proposed: Post-mistress salary needs to be increased to account for change in minimum wage, and suggested to raise salary to \$19.00. This is fiscally manageable.
- GC proposed that box rentals to remain at present tariff.

RESOLUTION 3

That the post-mistress salary be increased to \$19.00 per hour.

CARRIEDGraham Cleghorn / Ken Cowan

RESOLUTION 4

That the financial report for March be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment, as tabled, be approved subject to completion of the library roofing contract.

CARRIEDGraham Cleghorn / Mike Hales

4. Library Report

- Repairs to aluminium windows and water-proofing roof almost complete.
- Letter of approval sent re Heat Pumps, but response from library is pending.

5. Post Office Report

- Slow payment for some boxes. Rental fees need to be reviewed in September, to consider imposing penalty for late payment.
- Wage adjustment for Postmistress

Action: KC to circulate short list of outstanding account holders to the committee members, for personal follow-up, where feasible.

6. Water Quality Report

- Graeme Carrie reported from March meeting where it was agreed in principle that sandbar should be lowered. Further discussion is in progress.

7. WRLB Matters

- Septic Tank Pump-out discussed earlier by Sandra.
- Surf School illegal Parking in lot by Piha SLSC: no action by authorities.

8. Combined R&R Matters

Nothing new added.

9. MoE Land

- Trust not yet registered (document in circulation to stakeholders), awaiting signatures.

10. Website/Facebook

Several issues were discussed:

- GC discussed Weebly. Considered that this is not suitable for our membership profile.
- Other membership applications need to be explored.
- Accounts can be managed by a spreadsheet. Xero is unnecessarily sophisticated.
- MH and JD to review website Apps. Consider benefits of an integrated system for website, with membership database, and accounts.
- A method for a Facebook – or similar - survey to be explored by JD/MH.

11. General Business

- AT are considering the possible viability of a regular bus service to Piha.
- Need to be looking to recruit Committee members/ Secretarial/ Treasurer/ Post Office/ Notice Board/

Next Meeting; Friday, May 3, 2019 7:30 pm.