

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers and Residents Association
Committee Meeting held at 7:30 pm on 3 May, 2019 at Barnett Hall, Piha**

Present: Ken Cowan, Graham Cleghorn(Via Skype), Graeme Carrie, Anna Comrie-Thomson, Warren Smith.

Apologies: Hanneke Bouchier, Randall Morton, Mike Hales, James Dickenson
[*apologies accepted: KC/GC*]

Open Forum: Sandra Coney had sent an apology and an email with some update information on Council and WRLB matters

- Buses – Auckland Transport will start a commuter eservice from Piha to Glen Eden. Details are not available and there are issues of funding and reduction of existing services yet to be sorted out.
- Surveying at Knutzen/Kitekite Falls Tracks – Not yet clear what is happening or what is being proposed. Sandra is to meet with Mace Ward.
- Sandra confirmed that the “Rock the Rahui” event was not funded by the Local Board or the Council’s Kauri Dieback money. The WRLB had received application for funding which was declined by the Local Board.
- Piha Road – AT have present a plan to the WRLB that is much reduced in scope. Now only from the lookout to Pendrell Road and in two phases. Phase 1, four retaining walls to seaward side of the road and scheduled for early 2020, and Phase 2, the rehabilitation of the roadway and stormwater catchment.

1. Previous Minutes: Confirm minutes from meeting of 5 April, 2019

RESOLUTION 1: That the minutes of the 5 April, 2019 meeting be confirmed.
Ken Cowan / Warren Smith **CARRIED**

2. Matters Arising

- Further letter sent to Ritchies re compliance and incidents – Still no response. **Resolved to try a phone call.**
- Sign re petrol availability at Piha to be erected. Still in hand. **Graeme/Ken**
- Incomplete repairs by council to bench seat next to lagoon. No progress to date. Further letter has been sent. **Follow up required.**

3. Inward and Outward Correspondence

RESOLUTION 2: That the correspondence inward be received and outward endorsed.
Ken Cowan / Anna Comrie-Thomson **CARRIED**

4. Financial Report: Graham Cleghorn

Monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.

- Statement shows budget inline with projected.
- Post-office sales for April include March takings.
- Library roof repair now complete and payment due.
- Post Mistress Salary has been adjusted as agreed.

RESOLUTION 3: That the financial report for April be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment, as tabled, be approved.
Graham Cleghorn / Graeme Carrie **CARRIED**

5. Library Report

- Repairs to aluminium windows and water-proofing roof complete.
- Ken had conversation with Maureen. Library Trust is applying for funding for Heat Pump installation.

6. Post Office Report

- As of 1st May, Boxes, 95 Paid, 17 outstanding and 6 available for rent.
- Wage adjustment for Postmistress has been made.
- Graeme Carrie has organised for Council Contractor UMC to mow the grass around the PO.
- List of outstanding PO Box account holders is being addressed by Committee members.

7. Water Quality Report

- Graeme Carrie and Ken Cowan have written a proposal for the opening of the stream mouth to be discussed with Piha Coastcare and WRPS for their approval before presentation to AC.
- Graeme has presented the proposal to Pat LaRoche, Coastcare, and she has indicated a positive letter will be forthcoming.
- It was suggested we get approvals from Piha SLSC , etc.

8. WRLB Matters

- Septic Tank Pump-out – early indications from WRLB board members is positive for retaining the present arrangement. Nothing official.
- Surf School illegal Parking in lot by Piha SLSC: no action by authorities. **Requires follow up.**

9. Combined R&R Matters

- Ken reported he is working a project to erect “Gateways” to the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area.

10. MoE Land

- Hanneke: No report due to Hanneke’s absence at the meeting.

11. Website/Facebook

Mike and James not in attendance so no progress noted.

- GC discussed requirements for a membership Data Base system and he is investigating.
- Still need to consider changing website application to a more user friendly option.
- GC reiterated that accounts can be managed by a spreadsheet and present system works well.
- 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.

12. General Business

- Need to be looking to recruit Committee members and particularly someone to work with Graham Cleghorn on accounts (Treasurer.)
- Speed on Piha Roads: It was resolved that this an issue that we should still pursue, considering AT push to reduce speed in Auckland City. **KC to contact Megan Vertelle for results of her past survey.**

Next Meeting; Friday, June 7, 2019 7:30 pm.