

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.30 pm, 13th April, 2021.

1. Attending: Ken Cowan (KC), Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graham Cleghorn (GC) Via Internet, Jane Caley (JC), Graeme Carrie (GBC), Blair Strang(BS),
2. Apologies: Phoebe O'Brien(PO), Sean O'Brien(SO), Natasha Tombleson(NT).
3. Open Forum: JC introduced Antony Piggins as a guest interested in being involved with Piha R&R.
4. Elected Representatives: **KC** noted that he had discussed with Sandra Coney of WRLB the issue of her report taking up too much of the meetings. Sandra has suggested a bi-monthly attendance with reduced time and a written report on odd meeting dates unless a pressing issue arose.

Sandra Coney for the WRLB provided the following Report:

1. Alligator weed in Domain – control to start soon and in Piha Stream around Eel Bridge
2. Alligator weed and Mexican water lily in Marawhara, Wekatahi, Claud Abel Lily Pond – Had meeting with Healthy Waters and they say they have budget to carry out this control now.
3. Healthy Waters lagoon – at same meeting raised that HW should gain consent for opening mouth and then R&R could use. Impressed on them level of community support and that it need not be notified. They said they would go away and look at that.
4. Piha Kidz Charitable Trust – WRLB has given land owner consent for cycle track in Les Waygood Park. They have been working with Thomas Dixon of Council on location etc
5. Schoolhouse and wetland – Community Facilities due to install two picnic tables consulting with Wetland Trust abt location. West Coast Gallery tidying building. Gallery and Wetland Trust planning event at some stage to introduce community to space and building.
6. Weeds on loop of Piha Stream opposite gallery. I pursued this with Community Facilities to see if they would support/lead a community clean up. They have come back and told me it is regional parks, so I have a request in to them.
7. Heritage Conference was held 11 April with numerous Piha-themed presentations.
8. Seabird event has been postponed till 1 May.
9. Have fielded complaints about vehicles parking on remnants of Radar Station at end of Log Race Road. Have put in complaint to regional parks. Waiting for reply.
10. Piha Pro cancelled. Hope to hold in 2022.
11. Weed Bin. The Board is currently working on its detailed work programme for 2021/22. There is a proposal from staff to cut back on community weed bins at Piha and Huia (the only two places with full time bins) to keep within budget of \$70,000. Ecomatters who manage this contract say to maintain existing level of service will cost LB \$23,000 more.
What is proposed is that the bin will be there abt 8 months of the year, but not during winter. The Piha bin is well-used all year and there are a number of people in the community who run it, tape it up when full and putting in the new plastic liner when a new bin appears. I am trying to make sure the bin stays 12 months of the year at Piha but am not sure abt the level of support from the rest of the Board.
Otherwise specific Piha items in budget seem secure – annual grants to Piha Library, payment of waste pick-up for non-residential premises, grant to West Coast Gallery.

5. Confirm minutes from meeting of 5th February, 2021.

MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 5th February, 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED: JC/GBC

6. Inward and Outward Correspondence:

MOTION 2: That the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed.

CARRIED: HB/GBC

7. Financial Report

- Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.

MOTION 3: That the financial Report for the period ending February 28 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved.

CARRIED: HB/JC

8. Library Report

- The Heat Pumps are now reinstalled. Regular maintenance will be required to minimise salt water corrosion and ensure longevity. The balance of the invoice has been paid.

9. Post Office Report: **KC**

- Post Box rentals slow coming in but new box renters secured for some boxes.
- **KC** to circulate list of outstanding Box holders for phone follow up.
- Computer needs replacing. **BS** to request on Face book. **JC** to check with **DC**.
- Additional shelving from the Bowling Club now in place. Thanks to **NT, MH, GBC, KC**.

10. Water Quality Report: **GBC**

- Discussion has been undertaken with Nick Vigar, Safe Swim Manager, Healthy Waters, following his response to the R&R letter. GBC and KC to meet with Nick on site to discuss the issues and receive instruction for salinity testing. Testing will assist in building the case for stream mouth sand clearance.
- WRLB (Sandra) seems to be getting some traction for a consent with Healthy Waters.
- **HB** is putting together the information required to make a Resource Consent Application.
- **HB/KC** to draft a letter to WRLB noting that any R&R application for a Resource Consent to AC is dependent on a positive commitment from WRLB relative to their invitation to the R&R to apply for funds approval from Board.
- **Resolved;** that a Resource Consent application to Auckland Council be made before 1st August, 2021. Water level in the lagoon very high due to King Tide and high level of sand accumulation. Ideal time for opening the stream missed due to Council inaction.

11. Piha Wetlands Trust: **HB**

- Two year lease now in place with West Coast Gallery Trust. To be reassigned to Wetland Trust on expiry. Opening event still in planning stage.

12. Auckland Transport matters:

- Piha Road Project: Latest response from AT indicates no further work on the Piha Road until November 2021 at the earliest and probably not till 2022.
- **BS** to contact National road Carriers Assn., Ritchies Coachlines, etc., to try and obtain written complaints concerning the state of the road, especially in the project area, to support the R&R case.
- Footpaths: Letter to be written to AC, AT, WRLB, Govt. Rep. Deborah Russel and Govt Minister outlining the health and safety concern related to the footpaths and/or lack thereof in critical areas of Piha. **KC**

13. Website/Facebook

- SO on vacation, but has reported that progress is being made and that he expects to have advanced further by next meet

14. General Business

- **ANZAC Day parade:** **KC** noted that he had marched for the R&R for several years and would be happy for someone else to march. **BS** volunteered to represent the R&R this year.
- **Life Saving Events:** Notice received of Northern Region Life Saving Events at Piha in November 2021 and January 2022. No action required at this time.
- **South Beach Toilets:** Outdoor shower needs proper drainage to prevent build-up of water and sludge. **KC** to write to Council.
- **Domain Trash Bin:** The bin adjacent to picnic table by the entry needs replacing, preferably with a “double” bin. **KC** to write to Council.
- **Skate Park:** Discussion on the issue of a Piha skate park. There is a “loose” skate park group advocacy and raising funds but issues include; 1) two scales, older people and children; 2) location; noise factor. R&R might consider funding for child facility on existing Half Court location next to the Domain playground area. WRLB have stated unequivocally, “no skate park on the Domain,” so if any significant structure is contemplated a suitable location must be agreed by all parties. **Resolved** that the skate park group be contacted with the intent of working together to assess alternative sites and see if it might be possible to reach some consensus from which the concept of a local Piha skate park for adults and/or a kiddie facility might be progressed. **BS** to contact the group.
- **MOTION 4: That Antony Piggins be co-opted onto the R&R committee. CARRIED: JC/HB**

Meeting closed at 8:57 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th May, 2021. 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.