

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 6th June, 2021.

1. Attending: Ken Cowan(KC), Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Daniel Caley (DC), Jane Caley (JC), Graeme Carrie(GBC), James Dickenson (JD), Sean O'Brien(SO), Anthony Piggins (BS), Natasha Tomlinson(NT), Mike Hales (MH).
2. Apologies : Phoebe O'Brien (leave of absence due to relocation), Blair Strang (Resigning?)
3. Open Forum : Kirk Mac Gibbon, Bowling Club President outlined the Club overall position including financial and the status if the green. He proposed to comes back to the committee with a detailed submission for assistance with funding to complete the bew green. Kirk was thanked for his presentation and praised for his efforts in reforming the Club into a welcoming community facility.
4. Elected Representatives: Sandra Coney for the WRLB provided the following notes:
 1. Opening Piha schoolhouse and Wetland Trust event this Sunday.
 2. Community Facilities has completed work at Piha: painting/repair of Domain toilets; work on Piha Schoolhouse and West Coast Gallery to give escape routes in case of flooding completed; picnic tables still to go in at schoolhouse
 3. Piha road 70 kph zone: CF work to control gorse, pampas, Formosa lily and other pest plants underway, mostly completed. Anawhata and Lone Kauri Roads done in April.
 4. CF has cut back pest plants banks in village area
 5. Piha weed bin safe for another year, funding in Board's annual budget
 6. Les Waygood – Campground Physical works commenced in April and are due to finish early June 2021. The works include the following: • Remove the existing roof material off the male amenity building and replace with Terracotta tiles (to match the female toilets) • Repair the soffits and replace guttering where required • Remediate and paint all external joinery to a functional condition and replace a broken window latches. • Remediate all areas of damaged "stucco" to match existing • Replace existing kitchen amenity roofing with corrugated iron • Replace the faulty toilet
 7. On behalf of board provided input into Auckland Council submission on FENZ Draft Auckland Fire Plan 2021-2024, emphasising issues relevant to outer areas. This plan is about fire prevention rather than fire fighting.
 8. Exhibition of photos by Arne Loot currently at Te Uru, called Party at Piha. Photos are of Brian Rainger's parties in the 1950s and 1960s.
 9. Sites in Glen Esk Road still under discussion as to whether regional parks or local parks. Has not yet come to Board. A brief outline of a community garden proposal would help the board argue for this. Happy to help Tasha and Jane put something together.
 - i) Resolved: JC & NT to put plan together. KC to get advice from Sandra regarding content.
5. Confirm minutes from meeting of 11th May, 2021.
 1. Date references for April and May Minutes to be corrected. GC
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 11th May, 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record subject to corrections being made. CARRIED: JC/HB
6. Inward and Outward Correspondence:
MOTION 2: That the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed. CARRIED: BS/HB
7. Financial Report
 1. Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.
MOTION 3: That the financial Report for the period ending May 31 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved. CARRIED: GC/JD
 2. Discussion on contribution to Piha RSA for cost of ANZAC Day stream clearance.
MOTION 4: That a \$400 contribution be made by direct payment to Dig-it Excavators (Willie Beggs) with the proviso that we pay the balance, should Piha RSA not pay. CARRIED: GC/JD

8. Library Report: Invoice to Piha Library Trust for Maintenance contribution to be sent. **GC/KC**

9. Post Office Report: **KC**

1. There are still outstanding post office boxes unpaid. **KC** to revise list and circulate for further input from committee members.
2. **JC** advised that the computer donated by **DC** was ready for installation and that Simon Caley and **DC** have possible option for invoicing. **JD** suggested that invoicing in Widows 365 would do the job and offered to fund the cost. To be further clarified.
3. **SO** asked whether additional items could be sold at the Post Office, e.g. Tee shirts. Resolved that committee members research options and forward details for consideration.

10. Water Quality Report: **GBC**

1. **GBC** provided a commentary on the salinity testing and inspection of the Lagoon by Nick Vigar (AC Healthy Waters – Safe Swim Team) late April which proved the efficacy of tidal flushing.
2. **GBC** Also noted that Nick Vigar now has a salinity test meter available and will be visiting Piha to agree protocols for R&R to undertake and report testing.
3. **KC** to follow up with the Local Board on prior letter requesting confirmation of funding availability for a Resource Consent Application.
4. **GBC** table a letter received from Te Kawerau A Maki that approves and supports “the displacement of sand, when it impedes regular tidal flow, by blocking the sea entrance and exit of the Lagoon.” This will be a key factor in obtaining any consent from **AC**.

11. Piha Wetlands Trust: **HB**

1. The formal opening of the school house will take place on June 13th.

12. Auckland Transport matters:

1. Piha Road works: No useful input from **AT**. Subject to be held in abeyance for now.
2. Slow Vehicle signs: Response to post on social media exceeded 150 within 24 hours. **KC** to write further letter indicating community response and requesting action.
3. Footpaths: **AT** response considered to be frivolous time wasting. Discussion on Piha R&R committee undertaking works required from Library to west of Domain entry.
4. Resolved that **AP** and **JD** would organise the necessary materials and equipment and a working bee would be undertaken with assistance of selected local people.

13. Website/Facebook

1. **SO** advised that a preliminary edition of the revised website was now running. **SO** and **KC** to review and progress.

14. Waitakere Tracks:

1. **JD** tabled a report and spoke to it. Report to be circulated. In **JD**'s opinion **AC** seems to be working overtly to discourage critical analysis of it's KDB actions to date. **JD** to monitor and report further.

15. General Business

1. **Code of Conduct:** **KC** noted that he had breached the Code of Conduct with his email to **AC** relative to the change of Community Facilities officer for Piha. It should be noted that Council officers and elected members should be treated respectfully. Also that the R&R committee acts to represent the Piha community and not necessarily the personal views of committee members.
2. **JD** noted that due to work pressure he may be unable to attend some future meetings.

Meeting closed at 9:37 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th July, 2021. 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.