

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 6.00 pm, 8th February, 2022.

1. **Attending:** Ken Cowan(KC), Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Graeme Carrie(GBC), Dan Real (DR). (GC & GBC via internet)
2. Apologies : Antony Piggins, Tony Dunn
3. **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 10th August, 2021.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 14th December, 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: KC/HB
4. **Matters Arising:**
 1. **Skate Park – DR** raised the subject of the Skate Park and attendees provided a summary of the history from the R&R perspective.
5. **Financial Report: GC**
 1. Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.
MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending October 31st be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved with the addition of Earth (Tash.) \$500 for preparing Piha News and Pumphouse Print \$948.75 for the Piha News.
CARRIED: GC/GBC
6. **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 1. **GBC** Advised that his scheduled meeting with Nick Vigar, Healthy Waters, and the AC Coastal Engineer had been postponed till February 14th. The Lagoon is still in good condition with continuing sea water flushing at king tides since the August rain event. Current salinity test level under the Domain Eel bridge 27 and 5-8 at Lagoon mouth which is pleasing. E.Coli testing results not yet available.
7. **Website/Facebook:**
 1. **SO** was not available. Revised website format to be reviewed as soon as practical.
8. **Piha News: NT**
 1. **NT** has stepped back from the R&R committee but is keen to continue with Piha News (Piha Paanui,) and is working toward a publication for Easter weekend in April.
 2. Piha Paanui has generally been well received in and by the community.
 3. Discussion followed with regard to financial viability and, cost to members and cost. **KC** suggested that one easy solution was to solicit sufficient advertisers to cover the cost of production and make future copies free also. Downside is that it would not encourage new memberships. Upside is much less work for the committee. \$1,500 is the approximate break even point.
 4. Some comments have been received from the community and the committee that need to be discussed with NT before the next issue goes to print, including:
 - a) Some criticism of the font selected.
 - b) "Piha Community News" should be retained on the front page along with "Piha Paanui."
 - c) Is "Paanui" correct, or should it be "Panui" i.e. To read, announce, advertise??
 - d) Issue number and time or date should appear on the front page.
 - e) There should be a Banner with the Editorial/Production/Printing/etc. details.

5. Further distribution through Piha Store, Library, Post Office, etc., with letter box drop if required.
6. Production quantity to be reassessed before next printing.

9. General Business:

1. **Piha Wetland Trust:** As the RR Representative on the Wetland Trust, HB reported that trustees have not met for some time. Meanwhile, a suggestion has been made by the President for a change of name for the Trust, for reasons set out in an email circulated to trustees. The Committee expressed concern that steps seems to be underway without any prior involvement or feedback from the representative organisations. Following robust discussion on the issue and reasons concerning a name change, the Committee opposed any such a step being taken at this time.. Letter to be sent to the Trust concerning this issue. HB also advised her wish to step down as Trustee and seeks a replacement.
2. **Community Garden Proposal:** We have received no further news from the Local Board, but indications are that they are proposing that the Glenesk Road portion of No. 14 be designated as a Local Park under control of the Local Board and made available to the Piha Community Garden project.
3. **Draft Regional Parks Management Plan:** Following discussion regarding the impact of the yet to be completed Kauri Science Report being undertaken by AC in conjunction with DoC, it was agreed that the extent of the reports impact made it impossible to make informed submissions. KC/HB to write back to AC reiterating the request for a delay to submissions.
4. Auckland Transport: The following issues were discussed:
 - a) **Slow Traffic signs:** Write again to try and initiated these as in other areas of NZ. **KC**
 - b) **Speed Limit Reduction:** Write to request that speed limits in Piha, west of Te Ahuahu Road, be reduced to 30 Km/h as currently posted in Glenesk Road. **KC**
 - c) **Slip on Piha Road:** The slip on Piha Road, east of the Karekare Rd, is causing serious concern with parents due to the potential of a subsidence under a School Bus. KC to request projected schedule for completion of remedial works.
 - d) **Piha and Seaview Roads:** **KC** to write requesting an update on prosed road repairs.
5. **Domain Gates:** The Domain parking areas are again being ripped up by hoons doing wheelies, especially following Bowling Club events when the Gates are not locked. KC to write.

Meeting closed at 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th March, 2022. 6:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **Time and date to be confirmed.**