

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 6.00 pm, 12th April, 2022.**

1. **Attending:** Ken Cowan(KC), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Graeme Carrie(GBC), Tony Dunn (TD), Antony Piggins (AP),. (GC via internet)
2. **Apologies :** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Dan Real (DR), Sean O'Brien
3. **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 10th August, 2021.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 15th March, 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: KC/TD
4. **Matters Arising:**
Auckland Transport: The following issues previously raised have again been raised with AT by letter on 17th March but no response received yet:
 - a) **Slow Traffic signs:** Written again to try and initiated these as in other areas of NZ.
 - b) **Slip on Piha Road:** Request for status update.
 - c) **Piha Road Upgrade:** Request for status update to include 35 Piha Rd undermining.
 - d) **Piha Road Hill:** Request for stormwater drain clearance before winter rain events.
 - e) **Seaview Road:** Request for status update on rebuild previously promised including footpath resolution and weed control on road corridor.
 - f) **Speed Limits at Piha:** Submission to AT included proposed speed limits and calming and shared road options for the Piha Village. **KC** to forward to AT as a proposal separate from the submission.
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 March 31st be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled, be approved. CARRIED: GC/GBC
6. **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 1. **GBC** noted that he had been in touch with Nick Vigar (AC Safe Swim) but Nick was off work with Covid. Nick had advised that AC was keen to start E.Coli testing but was concerned with cost of travel. GBC has proposed that Greg Lucas will deliver samples to Aqualab for testing for a fee of between \$5 and \$10. We are awaiting further developments pending Nick's return to work, but AC are still pursuing Consent for stream clearance over the summer when and if required to keep the stream flowing and allowing salt water ingress.
7. **Post Office:**
 1. **PO Boxes:** Currently still 14 Box payments outstanding. **GC** to send out invoices again.
 2. **Computer/Phone:** While a computer and/or a phone would be convenient, it is difficult to justify the cost of either against current income. Keith Franich has donated a mobile phone, but it would be used rarely and it would be sensible financially to consider paying some part of Chris' phone cost. Agree, no change at this time. **KC** to pursue remedy for the tablet malfunction.
8. **Website/Facebook:**
 1. **SO** is recovering from the aftermath of time lost due to his Covid experience. Further progress on website delayed. **TD** interested in being involved in website development, maintenance and posting. **KC** to provide **TD** with Current website info and access.

9. Piha News: NT

1. **Tash** is expecting to collect Piha Panui (Piha News) from the printer and distribute to local enterprises this Thursday morning.
2. **GC/KC** to work on mailing copies to R&R members not resident in Piha as a courtesy.
3. **KC** pointed out that to ensure Piha Panui remains a free publication, the committee must assist by encouraging advertisers and soliciting local interest articles for publication.

10. General Business:

1. **Piha Wetland Trust:** Discussion of current status. Community interest is evident for a walking/cycle track development. AP possibly interested in being appointed to Wetland Trust. To be discussed with **HB** on her return from illness. **KC** to follow up on AC MOU status with Sandra Coney.
2. **Community Garden Proposal:** **KC** to follow up on progress with local Board.
3. **Auckland Transport:** The following issues were discussed:
 - (i) **Bus Service:** TD advised that Bush & Beach had suitable buses and had put a proposal to WRLB but had no feedback. **KC** and **TD** to follow up with WRLB members and Shane Henderson (Councillor).
 - (ii) **Te Ahuahu Bus Stop:** Glenda Northey is looking for support for flashing lights installed to warn vehicles of children at school bus times. **KC** to contact, express support and seek advice on how Piha R&R might best assist.
4. **Succession Planning:** **KC** reiterated that it is important that additional members be recruited to the committee. Change is good for any organisation and older incumbent members have been in place for 10 years or more.
5. **Community projects:** **KC** again asked the committee to consider community projects that Piha R&R might initiate or support in order to benefit the community and help raise awareness and support for the Association.

Meeting closed at 7:22 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th May, 2022. 6:00pm at Piha Bowling Club.