

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at 4 Rayner Rd, 7.00 pm, 21st February, 2023.**

- 1) **Attending:** Ken Cowan (KC), Ron Gorter (RG), Geoff Calvert (GeC), Graham Cleghorn (GC) via Internet, Graeme Carrie (GBC), Tony Dunn (TD), Nicola Harvey (NH), Brett Ngawaka (BN), Dan Real (DR).
- 2) **Apologies:** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Antony Piggins (AP).
- 3) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 13th December, 2022.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 13th December, 2022 be accepted as a true and correct record. **CARRIED: KC/DR**
- 4) **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Nil
- 5) **Financial Report: GC**
 - a) Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment.
MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending January 31st, 2023 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled be approved. **CARRIED: GC/GBC**
- 6) **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 - a) **GBC** reported that AC are undertaking testing of the Lagoon/Piha Stream waters and presented a spreadsheet showing the results which will be emailed to committee members.
 - b) Test results clearly show that when the saline sea water flows into the lagoon the E coli count reduces to well below the recommended safe-swim levels.
 - c) The storm water outlet above the RSA is a major contributor to pollution levels, exacerbated by the recent weather event.
 - d) Pumping of contaminated water from Garden Road continues, but the recognised threat of cross contamination is now reduced by restricting pumping to only when the tide is ebbing.
- 7) **Post Office:**
 - a) **PO Boxes:** Currently 6 Boxes available. 95 Box payments received to date; 14 Unpaid.
 - b) No input from Jami Parkinson regarding a quote to repair the PO roof.
 - c) Window now repaired, thank you **BN**.
- 8) **Piha News: NT**
 - a) Sandra Coney, Glenda Northey and Kylie Bailey have formed a “Piha News Group” and presented a *Proposal on Piha Community News* outline plan to the committee via Email.
 - b) **GC** tabled a “Comments on Proposal to Revive the Piha Community Newspaper” paper that rationalised the proposal and detailed Key Risks and Problems.
 - c) Discussion included proposition to look at a subscription model outside of R&R subscriptions, but generally concurred with the **GC** paper.
 - d) **KC** and **GC** to revised the paper and forward it to the Piha News Group who will attend the next committee meeting to discuss their proposal.
- 9) **Website/Facebook:**
 - a) **KC** reiterated that the new website requires an in-depth review for correctness of content and updating of the information published.
 - b) **KC** also noted that assistance was needed to introduce articles and keep the website updated and relevant.

9) **Skate Park:** Held over due to the impact that Cyclone Gabrielle will have on Council operations.

10) Piha Resilience Plan:

- a) **RG** noted that the recent Cyclone Gabrielle had highlighted the urgent necessity for completion of the Piha Resilience Plan, but also that the storm had highlighted the need for the plan to extend forward to include the recovery phase for the situation in which Piha now finds itself.
- b) **RG** will write a paper for discussion at the next meeting that will incorporate the recovery phase.
- c) **KC** noted that the people who had come forward and volunteered for various roles during the Cyclone Gabrielle would be the obvious candidates for being Cluster Leaders or Cluster Volunteers under the Plan.
- d) **TD** and **GeC** were tasked with collating a list of those volunteers for future reference.

11) General Business:

- a) **Public Transport:** Held over due to the impact that Cyclone Gabrielle will have on Council operations. GBC interested in being on Combined Ratepayer Public Transport Sub-committee.
- b) **Succession Planning:** **KC** noted that **GC** has resigned, but is still undertaking Treasurer duties as a replacement Treasurer has not been identified. GC is evaluating Xero and MYOB and intends to set the accounts up on one or other to make it easier for the new Treasurer, when appointed, to take over. **BN** noted that Non GST registered enterprises on Xero could access a special rate, but that multiple invoices would be a problem.

Meeting closed at 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th March, 2023, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**