

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at 4 Rayner Rd, 7.00 pm, 14th March, 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),
- 2) **Apologies:** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Dan Real (DR).
- 3) **Open Forum:**
 - a) Sandra Coney, Glenda Northey and Kylie Bailey attended to present and discuss their plan to re-establish the Piha Community News. The proposal centres around continued involvement by the R&R and a subscription being included in Piha R&R membership. A change in membership fees would necessitate a SGM or AGM decision. An SGM before 31st October, 2023 would potentially cost the R*R \$1,500, while an AGM decision might cost up to \$3,000 all depending on advertising revenue and community uptake. A longer introductory period with good uptake would make an AGM decision more likely to be positive.
MOTION 1: That we proceed with the Piha Community News as presented, with a review of whether to propose a subscription raise at an SGM or AGM by the September meeting and a financial review in 12 months from now. Carried: KC/TD
 - b) **GC** and **TD** volunteered to be the R&R representatives on the Piha News Sub-committee and attend the proposed first meeting on Saturday 18th once time and venue are confirmed.
 - c) **KC** to provide contact details for **GC** and **TD** to the Sub-committee.
- 4) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 14th February, 2023.
MOTION 2: That the Minutes of the 14th February, 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record. CARRIED: KC/RG
- 5) **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Nil
- 6) **Financial Report: GC**
 - a) Graham Cleghorn – Presented the monthly reports & approval of accounts for payment. It was agreed that the Post Mistress wages be raised to meet the minimum wage change and to maintain a margin above minimum that reflects the current status.
 - b) GC working on transition to MYOB or XERO accounting to facilitate change over to incoming Treasurer.
 - c) Resolved that Box holder Doggett be removed and her Box released for rent.
MOTION 3: 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
- 7) **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 - a) **GBC** presented and explained the content of an Auckland Council Healthy Waters spreadsheet that showed the incidence and levels of E.Coli and Enterococci against Salinity levels.
 - b) The spreadsheet also clearly shows that the ingress of salt water has a positive effect on the levels of E.coli detected.
 - c) Healthy Water are to target their testing on times when tidal flow in into the lagoon as from March 1st.
- 8) **Post Office:**
 - a) **PO Boxes:** Currently 8 Boxes available. 98 Box payments received to date; 12 Unpaid.
 - b) KC and GC currently undertaking review of Chris W. Annual Leave and Sick pay entitlements.
 - c) Discussion on need for better computer for the Post Office, especially with new accounting system. GeC offered unused laptop.

9) Piha News: NT

- a) Refer to notes in Open Forum ((Item 2)

10) 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.

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

12) Piha Bus Service: Held over due to the impact that Cyclone Gabrielle will have on Council operations. **KC** to ensure the subject is reactivated at Combined R&R level.

13) Piha Resilience Plan:

- a) **RG** presented a modified basic plan outline that will be the basis of the completed Resilience Plan for each household.
- b) **RG** has met with Gary (Police) and Paul Newnham (Piha SLSC) for a debrief and is now wanting to connect with key people that responded to the recent emergency.
- c) **TD** will get his wife (Kath Dewar) to liaise with **RG** and provide a list of people.
- d) **KC** noted that the leading figure from the Piha SLSC emergency hub was Jenene Crossan and that she should be contacted / involved.

14) General Business:

- a) **Succession Planning:** **KC** noted that **GC** has resigned, but is still undertaking Treasurer duties as a replacement Treasurer has not been identified.
- b) **RG** to talk with Mark Kessner regarding joining the R&R committee.
- c) It was noted that Jami Parkinson had spent considerable time at the Library working to resolve the roof leak problem. Also there was an electrical issue that is difficult to define whether indoor or outdoor for responsibility under the lease. **KC** to propose a 50/50 split with the Library Trust.
- d) The issue of dirt dumped at the Domain following the storm was raised. **KC** to try and ascertain who is responsible for removal and reinstatement of the grass.

Meeting closed at 8:39 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th April, 2023, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**