

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at 4 Rayner Rd, 7.00 pm, 11th April, 2023.**

- 1) **Attending:** Ken Cowan (KC), Ron Gorter (RG), Graeme Carrie (GBC), Tony Dunn (TD), Nicola Harvey (NH), Dan Real (DR).

- 2) **Apologies:** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Geoff Calvert (GeC), Graham Cleghorn (GC), Brett Ngawaka (BN).

- 3) **Open Forum:**
 - a) Jenene Crossan attended to share her knowledge and experience gained as lead coordinator during and after the Cyclone Gabrielle storm event.
 - b) Jenene had applied to Red Cross for grants to support immediate need and future resilience. \$39K had been granted and deposited in the R&R account, from which \$27K had been distributed. A further grant for the set-up of three community resilience hubs is pending.
 - c) Jenene and a small group will administer the remaining \$12K plus the Give-a-Little funds to be received by the R&R and not already allocated to Piha SLSC for their generator.
 - d) Jenene noted that Auckland Council have appointed Simon Fraser to the position of Piha Community Liaison Advisor and that she was to meet with him the next day. **KC** and **TD** committed to join the meeting by way of introduction and leading to the desire by Jenene for relinquishment of her role in the storm recovery efforts.
 - e) Jenene agreed to coordinate with **RG** and **DR** on completion of the Piha Resilience Plan.

- 4) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 14th February, 2023.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 14th March, 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: KC/TD

- 5) **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Nil

- 6) **Financial Report: GC**
 - a) Graham Cleghorn was unable to be present but had provided commentary to his report by email. (Refer Agenda.)
 - b) **KC** noted that we had received Red Cross funds as noted above in item 3) b, and also the funding applied for to The Trusts on behalf of the Piha SLSC for generator maintenance.
MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending March 31st, 2023 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled be approved. CARRIED: KC/GBC

- 7) **Water Quality Report: GBC**
 - a) **GBC** advised that as a subsequence of the restrictions for access to Piha, regular water quality testing by Auckland Council Healthy Waters had not been continued.
 - b) The pumping out of the Claude Abel pond following the storm event had probably made any test results questionable.
 - c) It was resolved that, should it be seen that the Lagoon was stagnating, the R&R would undertake to open the stream mouth.

- 8) **Post Office:**
 - a) **PO Boxes:** Currently 8 Boxes available. 99 Box payments received to date; 11 Unpaid.
 - b) **KC** and **GC** currently undertaking review of Chris W. Annual Leave and Sick pay entitlements relative to holiday pay accumulation contrary to her employment contract.
 - c) Resolved that back payment of annual leave accumulated since 2020 be approved.

9) Piha News:

- a) **TD** reported that he and **GC** had met with the new Piha Community News group and discussed all relevant issues. All seems very organised and impressive.
- b) It was resolved that any decision of advising members of revised position due to the Piha News or a change in annual fees will be tabled pending community reception and success of the first two issues.

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) Refer to the notes under item 3) Open Forum.

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. And also reinforced the need to attract additional committee members.
- b) Library – It was noted that the Library Trustees had requested an outside tap be installed and that we were waiting on a decision for 50% payment of the Electrical Invoice received. Resolved that we go ahead with the outdoor tap.

Meeting closed at 8:29 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th May, 2023, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**