

Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association
Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 12th September, 2023.

- 1) **Attending:** Ken Cowan (KC), Paul Bidwell (PB), Graham Cleghorn (GC) via Internet, Tony Dunn (TD), Ron Gorter (RG), Nicola Harvey (NH), Brett Ngawaka (BN), Dan Real (DR). Jeff Weston (JW).
- 2) **Apologies:** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Graeme Carrie (GBC), Geoff Calvert (GeC), Matt Harley (MH).
- 3) **Open Forum:** Introduction of Joel Macreadie and his interest in joining the R&R Committee.
- 4) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 13th June, 2023.
MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 8^h August, 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.
CARRIED: GC/PB
- 5) **Matters Arising:**
 - a) Nil
- 6) **Financial Report: GC**
 - a) Graham Cleghorn presented the reports and previously circulated comments.
 - b) **GC** explained the possibility of a short period overdraft due to the impact of Piha News expenses.
 - c) **Gc** outlined the Piha News expenses and impacts on the budget. It was agreed that we need to give the Piha News time to settle before any decisions are made relative to Membership fees change, but that the goal of nil cost to the R&R remains a priority.
 - d) **GC** noted that he was in the process of working with the accounting company in Taupo on the transition to Xero of the R&R accounts with the goal of starting the new financial year, (1 Nov. 2023,) on the Xero system.
MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending August 31st 2023 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled be approved. CARRIED: GC/TD
- 7) **Water Quality Report: GBC - Nil**
- 8) **Post Office:**
 - a) **PO Boxes:** Currently 8 Boxes available. 108 Box payments received, 10 boxes available for rent. All rents able to be collected have been collected. 4 Unpaid.
 - b) **JW** reported that the computer had been delivered to the Postmistress and that he had provided appropriate training. He has made himself available for assistance but has not been called upon.
 - c) **PB** reported that he had seen **TD** delivering the computer to the PO.
- 9) **Piha News:**
 - a) **GC** presented the Piha Community News budget, now included in the R&R budget.
 - b) The next editions of PCN December will provide a clearer picture of the financial status of the publication and will be the guide to Membership fee recommendations to the AGM in January.
 - c) It was noted that very few members have collected their free copies of PCN from the Post Office. **KC** to email all members to advise that their free copies are available at the Post Office.
- 10) **Website/Facebook:**
 - a) **KC** noted that we should continue to seek someone prepared to take on the role of webmaster for the R&R. Meantime, the weekly newsletters are continuing to be published.
 - b) **BN** noted that with the changing horizons of Social Media and the advances in AI, the website issues may resolve themselves.

11) Piha Resilience Plan:

- a) **RG, PB, and KC** had met to discuss the status of the plans and the next steps.
 - i) It was recognised that there has been little engagement from the community.
 - ii) That a critical mass needs to be established before we engage publicly with the community.
 - iii) Reaching the critical mass will require one-on-one engagement to grow the team.
 - iv) Committee members need to seek the critical cluster leads in their areas.
 - v) We need to engage with, and seek representatives from the Fire Service, First Response, Surf Clubs, service clubs. etc.
 - vi) Communicate through our website, email database and posters at the Piha Library noticeboard.
 - vii) Reach out to Red Cross to seek assistance with organisation and training, etc.
- b) It was resolved that each committee member should attempt to identify at least one potential cluster leader for their cluster area by next meeting.
- c) **PB** reported that the posters are now on display at the Piha Community Library and that we should all encourage community members to have a look.
- d) **KC** to contact Jenene Crossan with a view to obtaining a copy of the contact list compiled following Cyclone Gabrielle.
- e) **KC** has arranged a "Zoom" meeting with Red Cross, at their request, to discuss funding for Resilience hubs at Piha. **PB** not available. **KC, RG and NH** to attend.

12) Piha Recovery Plan:

- a) The draft Recovery plan was presented to Auckland Council Healthy Water at a meeting called by them at the Piha SLSC on August 26. The plan was well received.
- b) Subsequent to the 26 August event, the Draft Piha Recovery Plan was formally submitted as a working document.
- c) It was recognised that in order to achieve any progress on Recovery work to storm water drains, road maintenance, Domain rehabilitation, etc., it will be necessary to build relationships with particular personnel within Auckland Council and Auckland Transport.

13) General Business:

- a) **Succession Planning:** **KC** reiterated that **GC** has resigned but is still undertaking Treasurer duties until Xero is in place and a replacement Treasurer appointed. **KC** reiterated that he does not intend to stand for President next year but would continue with secretarial duties. However, it was pleasing to note the increase in younger active committee members.
- b) **Skate Park:** Discussion regarding the history and prospects for a skatepark. Resolved that there are more important issues to focus on at present, but that the R&R should continue to work toward facilitating a successful outcome.
- c) **Library Tree:** An aged karamu is threatening to damage the Library building. **DR** volunteered to remove dead branch. The remainder to be cut back severely in the hope that it will continue to grow and maintain the stability of the bank.
- d) **Incorporated Societies:** **KC** advised that due to a 2022 law change, all Incorporated Societies are required to re-register after October this year. This may require changes to the constitution for the R&R to comply with the new regulations. Required changes to annual accounting requirements are being incorporated in the change to Xero accounting.
- e) **Soom Meetings:** It was suggested that the R&R committee change to "Zoom" meetings for the future. Discussion regarding pros and cons and the possibility of alternate Zoom meetings. It was resolved that no changes would be made immediately, but the proposal should remain "on the table" for further consideration.
- f) **MOTION #: That Joel Macreadie be coopted on to the committee** **CARRIED: KC/PB**

Meeting closed at 8:28 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th October, 2023, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**