

**Minutes of the Piha Ratepayers' and Residents' Association**  
**Committee Meeting held at Piha Bowling Club, 7.00 pm, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.**

- 1) **Attending:** Paul Bidwell (PB), Ken Cowan (KC), Graeme Carrie (GBC), Graham Cleghorn (GC)Online, Ron Gorter (RG), Matt Harley (MH), Nicola Harvey (NH), Joel Macreadie (JM), Brett Ngawaka (BN).
- 2) **Apologies:** Hanneke Bouchier (HB), Geoff Calvert (GeC), Dan Real (DR, Jeff Weston (JW).
- 3) **Confirm minutes:** Confirm the minutes from meeting of 10th October, 2023.  
**MOTION 1: That the Minutes of the 10<sup>h</sup> October be accepted as a true and correct record.**  
**CARRIED: KC/GBC**
- 4) **Financial Report: GC**
  - a) **GC** presented the Cash-flow report.  
**MOTION 2: That the Financial Report for period ending November 30th 2023 be received, transactions endorsed, and accounts for payment as tabled be approved. CARRIED: GC/BN**
  - b) **GC** tabled again the Annual Accounts and noted that there are no changes since his presentation last month.  
**MOTION 3: That the committee recommend the Annual Accounts for approval by members at the AGM.**  
**CARRIED: GC/KC**
  - c) **GC** advised that he will cease his duties as Treasurer as of January 31, 2024. He noted his time constraints and his difficulties with learning the intricacies and practical application of Xero and suggested that the previous spreadsheet system may still be the preferable option.
  - d) **GC** was thanked for his efforts as Treasurer and for transferring all the accounting data to Xero.
  - e) It was resolved that the committee reach out to the community for someone, preferably with Xero knowledge, to step up to the role of Treasurer.
- 5) **Post Office:**
  - a) **KC** reported that PO Bos rentals had been received and rentals were continuing to be paid.
- 6) **Water Quality Report: GBC** Reported that the Piha stream is continuing to flow and seawater is entering the lagoon on a regular basis. AC - Healthy Waters are not currently carrying out pollution testing.
- 7) **Piha News: KC** noted that the next issue is due out this week and reiterated the decision from last meeting that the committee had committed to the next two publications, at which time the way forward should become clearer.
- 8) **Website/Facebook:**
  - a) Discussion regarding identifying a webmaster and whether it might be appropriate to consider merging the Piha News operation with the website / weekly newsletter.
  - b) Resolved that **RG** will raise the issue with Kylie Bailey to get her thoughts on the possibility of some form of mixed media model.

**9) Piha Resilience Plan:**

- a) **KC** reported that we the Red Cross has raised the grant amount to \$68,450 and that he has signed the Terms & Conditions form. Money transfer expected shortly.
- b) **RG** discussed the way forward regarding purchase of equipment and where the proposed containers of equipment might be located.
- c) **RG** also noted that **JM** and **BN** had committed to work with him and be trained to the position of co-coordinators for the Resilience plan.
- d) **RG** also noted that Cluster coordinators had now been identified for all except the two clusters the top of the hill. (Piha Road and Te Ahuahu Road.)

**10) Piha Recovery Plan:**

- a) **MH** noted that there was work being undertaken at the Marawhara Stream Bridge to clear debris and reinstate the pond used as emergency water supply by the Piha Fire Brigade.
- b) **KC** has received a copy of the Ombudsman's report on Cyclone Recovery and will circulate to the committee.
- c) Piha Road slip is due for completion this week and **AT** have indicated that road repairs will follow, but nit in writing.
- d) No further progress from **AC** or **AT** on storm water drain clearance or flood mitigation.

**11) Annual General Meeting:**

- a) **KC** noted that Barnett Hall has been booked for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January. AGM to start at 7:30pm but committee members need to arrive at 7:00 to assist with set-up and greeting of attendees.
- b) It was resolved that Martin Neale of AC - Healthy Waters be asked to be keynote speaker on the subject of Piha Lagoon pollution. **GBC** to organise.
- c) It was resolved that the committee recommend a membership fee in crease to \$25 per member.
- d) It was resolved that the committee recommend that PO Box fees remain at \$100 per annum.
- e) It was confirmed that all present would stand to remain on the committee for the following year. **KC** to obtain confirmation of intent from **GeC**, **TD** and **JW**.

**12) General Business:**

- a) **R&R Survey:** **MH** discussed the results of the R&R Survey, which were largely positive. **MH** to circulate and **KC** to share in the newsletter. It was particularly noted that there was a desire for more community functions and **MH** is looking at ideas.
- b) **Piha Safety Sign:** **KC** noted that complaints had been received and a letter forwarded to WRLB.
- c) **Seaview Rd Footpath:** It was noted that the footpath immediately above Beachvalley Road is dangerous and unsafe for walking. **KC** to write to **AT**.
- d) **Piha Hero Award:** It was suggested that this concept be resurrected, and in particular that Jenene Crossan should be recognised for her post-Cyclone Gabrielle efforts on behalf of the community. It was suggested that this might be combined with a community function as above.
- e) **Committee Social:** A social function for committee members and partners was suggested and tentatively scheduled for early February.
- f) **President:** **KC** reiterated that he is stepping down, but would continue an te committee in the Secretary role. **MH** committed to take over as President, with **RG** as Vice-President.

Meeting closed at 9:04 pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, 7:00pm at Piha Bowling Club. **TBC**