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**Redcliffs Residents Association**

**Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on 25th March 2015 at the Redcliffs Function Centre, 9 James Street.**

**Present**: Fletcher Stanton (AGM Chairperson and Committee member), Peter Crowe (RRA Chairperson), Pat McIntosh (Secretary), Allan Boucher (Treasurer), Chris Doudney (Vice Chairperson), Peter Croft (Committee member), Grant Bargrove (Committee member), Chris Bartlett (Committee member). Residents: Janet Brookes, Denis Morgan, Dave Bryce, Bart Bryce, Jan McLauchlan, Shirley Marshall, Barrie Walker, Dave Kennedy, Darren Fidler, Dave Swann, John Cook, P Hall, Alison Sunderland, Craig Sunderland, and others.

**Guest Speakers**: Councillor Paul Lonsdale, Ross Herrett, (Council Planner, Christchurch City Council), Neville Dell (Community Shed,) Tuula Rapley (Redcliffs Library).

1. ***Welcome and introductions*.**

Fletcher Stanton welcomed the guest speakers, committee and residents. Apologies were accepted from The Hon Ruth Dyson MP and Councillor Yani Johanson.

2. ***Minutes.***

The minutes of the 92nd AGM on 19th March 2014 were circulated. Fletcher Stanton moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Grant Bargrove . Carried.

3. ***Chairman’s Report.***

The Chairman’s report was read by Peter Crowe, outlining the activities of the Association in

the previous year, and the involvement in planning issues and community support activities. The RRA had organised a public meeting regarding the Coastal Pathway plans and set up the Fun Day in Redcliffs Park in November as part of Neighbourhood Week.

4. ***Financial Report***

The Financial Report for the year to 31 Dec 2014 was submitted to the meeting.

Balance at 1 Jan 14 $2808.73

Income $1606.74

Expenditure $4333.70

Balance at 31 Dec 14 $81.77

A questioner sought clarification of the item relating to the rental of the

Information Centre, and it was explained that the lease had now been relinquished.

The acceptance of the report was moved by Grant Bargrove, seconded by Chris

Doudney. Carried.

5. ***Election of Committee.***

No new nominations for committee had been received by the Secretary by the due time. The

current committee had expressed a willingness to stand again and with no objections being

raised they were duly elected. A late nomination for David Bryce had been received and was

referred to the committee for consideration. Darren Fidler indicated that he had emailed the

RRA address the previous day and wished to propose himself for the committee, and he

questioned the process. It appeared that the circular email to residents advising on the

correct procedure for nominations had not been received. However Darren’s email had been

received after 5pm (the cut-off for nominations) and lacked a proposer and seconder so could

not be considered at the AGM. The RRA Chairman asked him to apply to the committee for

consideration of co-option at the next meeting.

6. ***Other business.***

Redcliffs School. Grant Bargrove introduced the subject of the widespread concern within the Redcliffs community regarding the Ministry of Education announcement of their proposal to close Redcliffs School. There was to be an emergency meeting at Sumner Hall the next day. Other speakers supported this.

Peter Crowe assured the meeting that the RRA would offer total support to the school in its plans to fight the proposed closure, and would make representations in the consultation process.

7. ***Speakers.*** The Chairman introduced the four speakers for the evening.

**Ross Herrett.** Ross is a senior Council Planner and on the management board of SCIRT. He presented the latest modification of the plans for the improvement of Main Road through the village, with particular reference to the restoration of some of the roadside parking near the shops and Barnett Park, which had been requested by the business group and the RRA.

**Neville Dell.** Neville spoke about the activities of the Community Shed at 99C Main Road.

**Tuula Rapley** Tuula spoke about the Redcliffs Library rebuild. The plans for this are progressing and she displayed drawings for public comment and feedback. It is anticipated that the rebuild will take place on the original site and that the library will have community space also, accommodating flexible space for small group meetings, children, the elderly and Plunket. A project manager has been appointed. She requested support with fundraising and submissions to the Long Term Plan review to inform council of the public support for the library and request funding for the future.

**Councillor Paul Lonsdale.** Paul congratulated the Residents Association for their involvement and described the main issues facing the area. The city plan consultation document has been released and he welcomed submissions. He discussed the representation review, and asked for more people to be involved. He described the long-term plan process which includes ten-year and thirty-year plans, and called for involvement, the closing date for submissions being 28 April.

8. ***Questions to the speakers***

Chris Doudney asked Ross Herrett whether there was to be further consultation about the seawall repairs. Ross indicated that the work is scheduled to start in May or June and no further consultation was intended.

John Cook asked Paul Lonsdale whether any decisions have been made about the use of the land affected by the Port Hills red zone clearance. Paul said that no decisions have yet been made.

There being no more questions Fletcher declared the meeting closed.

**Good evening and welcome to our Residents 93rd AGM**

Throughout the past year your Committee have applied a great deal of energy and time working on the following:-

**The Coastal Pathway** - we wholly supported this, but struggled to have input into the decision making. **PLANTING** and parking were 2 of our concerns.

**The Main Road Master Plan** – **WE** supported lowering the speed limit through Redcliffs and made submissions to the **CCC** and the Community Board regarding the proposed loss of car parking which we strongly felt would adversely affect our business community

**The New Sea Wall** - **We** made submissions to the **CCC** regarding loss of green space. We also supported the Yacht Club in their concerns with the footing design of the sea wall.

**The Bike Skills Park** in Beachville Rd – **We** **supported** the need for such a park but strongly **felt Redcliffs** Park being already a more family involved area would be more suitable - we made submissions to this effect

**We** also supported **Submissions for laying all power lines underground** and **Retaining the Social Housing in Beachville Road.**

Throughout the year we have been working in conjunction with the **CCC** to see the reinstatement of what was known as the **Table Tennis Rooms**. **Our Aim** is that this building should once again become a **Community HUB.**

**And Fletcher Stanton** of our Committee continues to support people needing assistance in driving the shopping bus.

**So to sum up**:- Your Committee has presented numerous submissions and met with **Planners, Councillors and Community Board** **Members** on many occasions. The reason being is our total belief that we the residents of Redcliffs SHOULD have input into ALL decisions that affect the culture and daily life of our community.

**I acknowledge and thank:-** The RED CROSS and the CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL for their financial support. The `Community Shed’ for the use their premises. And Yani Johanson and Paul Lonsdale for their support.

**To Sum up** A word of thanks to **YOUR** Committee. They have jobs, families and commitments just like you all. Yet they have given their **time and energy** to support our Association. I would like to acknowledge their support both **to you and myself.**

**FINALLY We** have all heard this week of the Governments plans to close Redcliffs School. I think this decision is ill-thought and based on dollars NOT on Community NEEDS. I would like to offer the Redcliffs School and Board our Associations Full Support in overturning this decision.

**THANK YOU**