

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 7th December 2015 at Redcliffs Community Shed

1. Present: Chris Doudney (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Secretary), Peter Croft, Darren Fidler, David Bryce, Fletcher Stanton
Apologies: Grant Bargrove, Chris Bartlett, Christine Toner
In attendance: Neralie Brittenden, Liz Kerslake, Robin Arnold
2. Declaration of interest. None.
3. Presentation from Liz and Robin from the Bridge2Rocks Timebank. This has been going for 3 years, volunteer led until Red Cross funding enabled Liz and Robin to be employed as co-ordinators. It currently has 73 members including families and groups, and is growing rapidly with a large number of transactions now taking place. The RRA and individual committee members were invited to get involved and agreed that the enterprise was valuable for enhancing social connectedness as well as for individual activities and support. Liz and Robin were thanked for their efforts on behalf of the community.
4. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 2nd November 2015 were moved and accepted.
Matters arising. Peter suggested approaching Council for an update on the current plans for the community centre and library so we could inform residents. Sec.
5. Notice of motions - none
6. Correspondence in. Sara Templeton has responded with questions regarding the request for reinstatement of the public toilet. Vicki Hyde sent an email offering free Christmas bunting – Peter will respond to this.
Fletcher has a letter from Don saying that he was unwilling to continue with newsletter deliveries as he felt efforts were duplicated, and criticising the latest newsletters as “boring”. Fletcher was asked to reassure him that his deliveries were essential as only a minority of residents got email newsletters, and to ask if he would consider continuing his rounds.

Correspondence out. Sec to Council about the noisy manhole cover – this is getting fixed. Sec to Downer re Beachville Road steps – no response as yet.
7. Finance. The current balance is \$5,736.15. The RRA received \$700 in donations for the Fun Day and spent around \$900.
8. Reports of sub-committees.
 - a. *CCC, Coastal pathway, Sea wall.* Nothing new to report
 - b. *Main Road Master Plan, SCIRT.* Peter found SCIRT about to plant grasses in the flower beds, without any reference to previous planting plans, and asked them to desist. He has written requesting a more attractive planting scheme for the village, even if some delay is entailed. The RRA agrees to help with plant maintenance.

c. *Community Pavilion, newsletter, community and social events, fundraising.* Chris Doudney has been getting quotes for the work to repair the pavilion.

d. *Website, email, communications.* Darren reported that Facebook is up to 60 users now and getting some traction.

e. *Environment.* Dave has invited Dr Colin Meurk to give a talk on 12th February at 7.30 in the Function Centre. No news regarding pest control or the food forest. Dave has been planning a volunteer group to work in Drayton Gully. Neralie Brittenden presented to the committee her concerns about the sorry state of Barnett Park. She lives next door and has a problem with dead trees and inappropriate planting, and she requested the help of the RRA in repairing the Rotary Club drinking fountain and repainting the seats. The committee supported her but felt that any representations to council should be co-ordinated and that it would be useful to canvas local opinion about a new integrated plan for the Park. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion at the AGM. Meanwhile Neralie will contact Rotary to see if they would be willing to undertake the repairs and Fletcher offered paint and suggested the Shed might get involved. The Committee will contact Council to request a review of the management plan. - Dave

9. General business.

a. Fun Day 2016 – a date has been nominated for the Sunday after Labour Day and Pedalmania has been booked. A sub-committee of Fletcher, Pat and Grant will get together in the New Year to start planning.

b. Sumner Lyttelton corridor – geotechnical risk mitigation works. The Council and Ecan published their plans for this extensive work and undertook a very short notice consultation on limited aspects of the resource consents and the appearance of the rockfall bund at the corner of Wakefield and Nayland Streets in Sumner. The committee collated responses and offered comments expressing concern about the proposed permanent closure of the footpath past Moa Bone Cave, aesthetic and environmental aspects and the proposed long stretches of two metre high chainlink fencing intended to prevent future public access to the rock bunds and the base of the cliffs, including areas where there was no apparent rockfall hazard at all. Sumner CRA has similar concerns. It was pointed out that the rockfall hazard should be significantly reduced after the mitigation works compared with pre-earthquake risks so it was not logical to impose a greater restriction on public access at the end of the works. The RRA has safety concerns regarding the footpath closures as this will require pedestrians to cross a busy Main Road twice, runners and walkers will be inclined to use the cycle lane rather than crossing the road, and it is likely that some people will continue to wish to view the cave and will do so from the carriageway. There has been no attempt to assess the increased risk to the public from closing the footpath as compared with the residual risk of rockfall after the mitigation works have been undertaken. There is room for the footpath to be moved further from cliff at this point. The RRA has written to Phil Clearwater who chairs the ITE committee and he has responded offering a meeting. Ruth Dyson MP has supported the RRA and is also concerned about the lack of meaningful consultation.

10. Other business.

Redcliffs School. Darren outlined the school's plans to submit further proposals to the Ministry of ways of enabling the school to stay open. The school has until March to do this.

It was agreed to have no meeting in January as too many people will be away.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 1st February 2016 at the Redcliffs Community Shed.