

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 7th November 2016 at the Redcliffs Community Shed

1. Present: Dave Bryce (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Christine Toner, Fletcher Stanton, Chris Bartlett (Treas), Peter Croft
Apologies: Chris Doudney, Tony Burns
In attendance: Dr Darryl Latham, Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board, Marie-Claude Hebert, resident
2. Declaration of interest. – related to the Redcliffs School decision, Chris Bartlett made it known that he was a close neighbour of the proposed new site; Darren Fidler advised that he was a member of the School Board of Trustees (BOT).
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 3rd October were moved by Dave Bryce, seconded by Pat McIntosh, and accepted, with matters arising dealt with later under their headings.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. – Lee Butcher was scheduled to attend but was unable due to illness.
5. Notice of motions - none.
6. Correspondence in. Liz Beaven advised that she is the new Community Board Advisor. Don and Zylpha Harrison wrote to say that they are no longer willing to deliver the newsletters and the Secretary wrote back to thank them for the many years that they have helped the residents in this way.
Correspondence out. Congratulatory letters were sent to Sara Templeton, Darrell Latham and Tim Lindley following their success in the local body elections. Mt Pleasant was contacted to ask if they still required their temporary building and responded that they did.
7. Finance. The Treasurer reported that he had been unwell and unable to prepare a budget as yet. He and the Secretary will liaise about this and prepare a grant application for 2017.
Action – Treas and Sec
8. Reports of sub-committees:

Sea-wall and Coastal Pathway Pat has been in correspondence with Ros Service at Downer about problems with the landscaping.

Main Road Master Plan Peter will liaise with the Project Manager on this on behalf of the RRA. He will also speak to Ross Herrett about the standard of the road resurfacing.
Action - Peter

Website, email, communications. Given that at present there is no-one to deliver the newsletters there was discussion about other options. There was a suggestion to enroll a volunteer from each street. Fletcher was asked to look for suitable people.
Action – Fletcher
Also it was agreed to make a big effort to enroll residents for the emailed news updates. Christine suggested providing boxes in strategic locations around the village

in which newsletters could be placed for people to take, this was agreed and she will look into the provision of these.

Action - Christine

Environment. A new update on the work in Drayton Gully has been posted and there is a strong team of volunteers working with Dave.

9. General business.

- a. Redcliffs School proposed rebuild in Redcliffs Park

Two motions were tabled for discussion.

1. Motion for meeting on 7th November, 2016 proposed by Pat McIntosh, seconded by Chris Doudney.

"The RRA notes that the Minister of Education intends to rebuild Redcliffs School on Redcliffs Park in spite of the reports received by the Ministry supporting returning the School to the Main Road site and the reasoned responses of the School Board and the local community in support of continuing to use the existing site with appropriate physical risk mitigation. It also notes that no community consultation has taken place regarding alternative local sites for the school.

The RRA believes that rebuilding on the original site can be done at lower cost and allow the return of the school more quickly than using Redcliffs Park and that any adverse effects of the original site can be appropriately mitigated.

The RRA believes that the use of Redcliffs Park will have significant disadvantages for the community as a whole in respect of:

- loss of recreational space and playing fields
- loss of amenity values
- loss of the Community Sports Pavilion and playground
- adverse effects on neighbouring residents and property owners
- adverse effects on the Coastal Pathway, which will pass alongside a built area instead of an open area

The RRA proposes:

1. That Council ensures that adequate community consultation takes place before any transfer of land.
2. Should a transfer of land is deemed appropriate following suitable public consultation, the Council be required to guarantee that if ownership of part or all of Redcliffs Park is transferred to the Ministry of Education then equivalent land in terms of area and amenity value be provided by Council for community recreation purposes.
3. That affected neighbouring residents and property owners be suitably compensated for any loss of value and amenity as a result of the conversion of the Park to a primary school."

Dr Darryl Latham asked to speak on behalf of the Community Board. He outlined the steps that had been taken to date at Council and the staff involved, and he described the consultation process that would take place before any action to transfer land from the Council to the Ministry of Education.

Pat, proposing the motion, indicated that she felt the need for the RRA to state its position and to represent the interests of the residents and property owners of Redcliffs. Darren pointed out that

the first paragraph no longer applied since the BOT now supported the proposed rebuild at this site since they felt the alternative may be no school at all in Redcliffs. Several committee members questioned the usefulness of the motion at this point and suggested that it might be better to wait for feedback from the residents first. Pat offered to withdraw and redraft the motion for presentation later. However, it was put to a vote and fell.

2. Motion for meeting on 7th November proposed by Chris Doudney

Chris Doudney in absentia asked for the following motion to be put:

"The RRA supports the Redcliffs School in its desire to return to its original Main Road site. It does not support a move of the school to a site at Redcliffs Park, because the site is unsuitable for a school location while it is eminently suitable as a unique waterfront park. The additional cost, time, and loss of park amenity for such a move by the school makes it an untenable option. The RRA will seek the further opinion of the Redcliffs community on this issue."

Explanation: We have to have the motion, to enable further opinion and comment to be sought. If the response is strongly negative to the motion, then we will have to amend it. I personally strongly believe that the Redcliffs Park site is too useful as a Park to be lost to the community.

This motion did not attract a seconder.

It was agreed that the subject will be on the agenda for the next meeting, by which time it was felt that the positions of the residents and Council will be clearer.

b. "Towards a predator-free Port Hills"

Pat reported on a meeting held by the Summit Road Society to encourage systematic predator control for environmental benefits, and to extend this from the Hills into the suburbs as has been done in Wellington with extensive community involvement. John Cook in Redcliffs is co-ordinating this locally. Dave is looking for sponsorship for the provision of rat traps.

Action - Dave

b. De-brief re Beachville Esplanade event. About 200 people attended this community event and all went well.

c. Graffiti spotting and busting. Pat reported that she and Tony had met with a member of the Council Graffiti Team and were provided with the kit to tackle tagging where appropriate. The committee was encouraged to report anything seen and to respond quickly to any incidents.

d. SBUT AGM on 16th November at 7pm – RRA committee members invited to attend.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 5th December at the Redcliffs Community Shed