

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 6th November 2017 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Darren Fidler, Chris Bartlett Peter Croft, Dave Bryce, Tony Burns
Apologies: Chris Doudney, Marie-Claude Hebert (sent later)
In attendance: Dr Scott Babington, Peter Franklin and Hanno Sander from the Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 2nd October 2017 were moved by Christine Toner, seconded by David Bryce and accepted.
Matters arising. The committee discussed the plans for input to the Redcliffs School Fair.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence in. Community Energy Trust, Rekindle wanting to have information put on our website; Sarla Donovan asking about who is responsible for Beachville Esplanade; Alexander Shaw, new resident wanting a welcome pack; Helen Johnson NZ Bumblebee Conservation Trust re wildflower garden. There was discussion about the response to the latter, with some feeling it was a good idea, but Dave pointing out that bumblebees were not native, being imported to pollinate clover crops and not necessarily to be encouraged in this environment.

Correspondence out. To Community Board re Redcliffs School site - funding for facilities. To Ross Herrett re beach access Beachville Reserve and maintenance.

7. Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group liaison. Scott Babington was invited to present an update on the current status and plans for the pathway development. He described what had been happening along the pathway. At Redcliffs Park a lot of weeding was needed prior to mulching which will be done shortly. The RRA offered to help (and some committee members have already been involved with this). It is planned that maintenance will be shared between CCPG and Council until the planting is established. Car parking on the path is a problematic issue and the CCPG is looking at providing signage to discourage this and would like to consider bollards. The Group wish to minimize unnecessary signage though, such as ones Council have erected unexpectedly and the old Rotary/Probus advertisement board – they plan to meet with Council to discuss strategy related to signage and to further discuss with Rotary the possibility of removing their sign, which has out of date information. There is an emphasis on native planting for the landscaping which was supported and welcomed by the RRA Environment sub-committee. The RRA raised a concern about the aesthetics of a set of red cycle stands that had been placed on Beachville Road East and suggested that the overall plan for landscaping of this area needed to be reviewed, since the original plan had been rendered moot by the completion of the sea wall remediation project which had led to modifications of the original concept plan. The

Community Board had approved the concept plan with the proviso that further community consultation would take place regarding the enhancements in Beachville Road East and this will be an opportunity for community input and seeking new ideas. Christine raised safety concerns about the section of shared path along Main Road and offered the help of the RRA with reminders to drivers to watch for pathway users. Scott agreed that signs to indicate the shared use character of the pavement were needed. Scott will provide pictures of the planned rebuild of the Boat Shed (old rowing club). The design of the Moncks Bay section will be very challenging and it was agreed that temporary tidal protection work will be needed to repair damage to the old path caused by exceptionally high water over the winter. The RRA and CCPG representatives agreed that further cooperation will be productive, and CCPG committee members would be very welcome to attend any RRA committee meetings.

8. Reports of sub-committees:

a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. No further discussion

b. Main Road Master Plan. Peter has met with planners and been told that the steps to the water have been designed but there is no money allocated at present for the work. Two pedestrian crossings are planned for Moncks Bay and Main Road near Barnett Park. It was suggested that the exit from Beachville Road into the village be redesigned to make it safer.

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. The RRA along with Neighbourhood Support could set up a tent at the School Fair if there is anyone free to arrange this.

d. Website, email, communications. Christine and Pat will get together to work on ways to keep continuity of communications when people are away.

9. General business.

a. Request for bins for dog poo, Beachville Road – held over to next meeting

b. Protecting notable trees. Chris Doudney has suggested that the RRA write in support of providing protection to the mature oak and elm at the Redcliffs School site and the committee agreed to ask the secretary to do this.

c. Held over

d. Held over

10. Other business

Peter proposed that the RRA write to the Ministry of Education and the Community Board requesting that no demolition of buildings or removal of trees be undertaken at the Redcliffs School Site until there had been adequate consultation with the community and an opportunity to seek alternative uses for the buildings.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 4th December 2017 at the Redcliffs Library.