

## Redcliffs Residents Association

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Chris Doudney (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Peter Croft, Dave Bryce, Marie-Claude Hebert, Darren Fidler Chris Bartlett.  
Apologies: Christine Toner Absent: Andrea Heffernan  
In attendance: Topsy Rule (Redcliffs Environment Association and Sumner Museum)
2. Declaration of interest. Dave declared that he is involved with the Drayton Reserve project, which is making a request for a grant.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 were amended at item 8c, and were moved by Chris Doudney, seconded by Pat McIntosh, and accepted.  
The minutes of the Finance Sub committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 were received.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None.
6. Correspondence in. Email from Susan Smith wondering when the footpaths and roadway in the village are to be fixed. Responded.  
Email from Redcliffs School asking for support for the land swap with Redcliffs Park.  
Email from Friends of Redcliffs Park asking for support against the land swap.

Correspondence out: Downer regarding Beachville Esplanade landscaping concerns.  
Letter of support for John Cook's application to the Light Bulb Moments fund for predator traps for a Redcliffs trap library.

7. Finance.
  - a. The current balance is \$230.24 with no monies owing.
  - b. Closure of REA  
Topsy Rule was present to confirm the intention of the Redcliffs Environmental Association to close the society and transfer any remaining monies to the Redcliffs Residents Association. The Treasurer proposed that this be accepted (seconded Pat McIntosh) and the committee agreed to accept the donation with many thanks to Topsy. The Treasurer was tasked with contacting Westpac Bank to make suitable arrangements for this to happen.
  - c. Grant applications.  
Pat reported on the status of our current grant applications to the Discretionary Response Fund and the Strengthening Communities Fund.
  - d. The RRA received a request from David Bryce on behalf of Drayton Reserve volunteers to apply for a grant of \$1400 to purchase seedlings from Trees for Canterbury for planting this winter. This was required because of a shortfall of 200 in the number of plants that had been expected from Council, due to the urgent need to supply plants for the regeneration of the Port Hills reserves affected by the February fires. However it was felt important for the local environment to continue the planting

programme as planned this season. The Committee approved his request and agreed to make the application to the Discretionary Response Fund on behalf of the volunteers.

e. The RRA received a request from the Sumner Silver Band to apply for funding for their percussion instruments with a quote for \$2970. The Committee approved this request and agreed to apply for this funding on their behalf.

f. The Treasurer reported that the Companies Office had questioned the lack of an appointed auditor, even though at the last Society meeting there was no motion for the accounts to be audited and they were accepted by the meeting. It was agreed that the Constitution could be read as being ambiguous on this point, although the Committee felt that the intent of the constitution in rule 20.1 was clearly to provide for a suitable auditor if required, not to mandate the appointment of an auditor in the absence of a request for a review or audit, as per rule 20.3. The Committee suggested that an amendment to the constitution be proposed at the next Society meeting to move Para 20.3 to the front of the section and clarify that an auditor need only be appointed if required. It was agreed the Secretary will communicate this to Companies Office.

## 8. Reports of sub-committees:

a. *CCC, Coastal pathway, Sea wall.* The secretary reported on the annual general meeting of the CCPG which is currently working on the design of the pathway through the dunes near the Sumner surf club. There has not been any progress in dealing with the Moncks Bay gap. Fundraising efforts continue. Darren Fidler asked about pedestrian crossings near Barnett Park.

b. *Main Road Master Plan* Peter reported no progress at present. He is awaiting the publication of the annual plan.

c. *Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising.* Marie-Claude has discussed with the Shed and got their agreement to her using half of their noticeboard for a community calendar, and she demonstrated a mockup. The committee discussed also trying to create a local events calendar on a webpage as well as in physical form and on Facebook.

d. *Website, email, communications.* No report

e. *Environment.* Dave has arranged for a landscape plan for the frontage of Barnett Park. He has published a further report on Drayton reserve where a drone flight has been undertaken, seedlings have been ordered, and the pest control programme has eliminated two weasels, and a number of rats and mice and rabbits. They have a Good Nature possum trap. He now has 90 people on his email list and 20 to 30 of them are active.

f. *Response and Resilience Team* Pat reported that a further meeting for the response and resilience team will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, and there is considerable local interest following the article in Bay Harbour News. It is hoped to set up a community emergency hub for Redcliffs.

## 9. General business.

- a. A resident has posted on Facebook an enquiry about the parking on the section next to the service station. It is understood that a planning application is in progress for the rebuild of BP Redcliffs.
- b. A motion was put congratulating Peter Croft on his award for services to the community and unanimously carried.
- c. Redcliffs Park. The council has started consultation process for a land swap between Redcliffs Park and the school site. The RRA has received requests for support both for and against this proposal. In view of this, it was felt inappropriate to make a submission or recommendation to residents but to facilitate the consultation process and encourage people to make their own individual submissions. It was also proposed that the RRA should write to the Ministry of Education regarding the proposal to move the school and to seek clarification from the Minister on the possibility of a review process for site selection, noting that it is unclear from the information provided whether the school will definitely be closed if the proposed land swap does not take place. The committee agreed unanimously to ask the secretary to write to the Minister.

10. Other business

- a. Dave complained about residents, visitors and contractors parking on the footpath in Monks Spur Road. The committee agreed that Dave should undertake a mail drop along the street to remind homeowners that parking on the footpath is illegal and inconvenient.
- b. Peter has received a request for support from a business owner who is frequently troubled by members of the public asking to use the toilet. It was agreed to write a letter to the community board requesting toilet facilities in the village centre.
- c. Christine proposed that the original parts of the school building be awarded heritage status, and that this request be communicated to the community board

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at the Redcliffs Library.