**Redcliffs Residents Association**

**Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 1st November 2021 at the Redcliffs Library**

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), David Bryce, Peter Croft, Chris Doudney, Robyn Pearson, Evan Price, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward

Apologies: Duncan Currie, Tony Burns, Marie-Claude Hébert

Absent: Chris Bartlett

In attendance: John Cook (resident and Coastal Pathway)

2. Declaration of Interest (conflict of interest). None.

3. Presentation – Tanya Jenkins, Manager of the Estuary Trust, presented on their project to undertake significant predator control around the estuary edge. This is funded by DOC under the Jobs For Nature programme, will be under contract to Excel and will last for 3 years. They have $370,000 and will employ David Hunter to manage the project with two employees undertaking regular trap checks. The priority areas are South Shore Spit (targeting stoats), the lower Avon River, (targeting rats and stoats), Linwood Paddocks, Charlesworth Reserve and McCormacks Bay. They will deploy 150 DOC traps, especially designed to avoid by-catch. They hope Council will take on responsibility under the District Plan when the project finishes.

In discussion the committee congratulated Tanya and suggested contacting the Coastal Pathway to integrate their section and also working with Predator Free Redcliffs to circulate the properties immediately adjacent to the estuary and encourage coordinated efforts.

Tanya acknowledged the support of the RRA.

4. Notice of motions. None.

5. Minutes. The Minutes of 5th October 2021 were moved and accepted. Matters arising: Martin had offered a detailed report on the progress in Barnett Park and it was agreed to minute a summary to avoid the need to produce a formal report.

6. Correspondence: In: From Rory Crawford, introducing himself as the replacement CCC Community Recreation Advisor. From the Chairperson of the Christchurch 360 Trail Inc – two emails putting their position on the proposed estuary edge route. Replied. Responses received to our emais out on the subject from: Tim Lindley, Phil Mauger, the Estuary Trust, Kelly Barber, Linda Stewart all in support of our position. Phone call from resident Chris Charlton re his suggestion for his land – see General Business. From Gina Ryan at CCC advising us on the decision to approve new lighting for the playing fields in Barnett Park.

Correspondence: Out: To members of the Coastal Burwood and Linwood Central Heathcote Community Boards expressing the RRA’s position in opposition to the proposed route of the Estuary Green Edge Pathway. To Celine Donovan, new Councillor for Coastal Burwood, congratulating her on her election and updating her on the RRA position on the Estuary Edge.

7. Finance. Tony has circulated the monthly cash flow. The $500 grant from CCC has been received. The SFF grant for trapping in Barnett Park has been received and will be administered on behalf of Predator Free Redcliffs. Net balance is currently $2938.31.

8. Reports of sub-committees:

a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The start date has been announced for the completion of the Coastal Pathway round Moncks Bay. Some members of the committee commented that the design looked uninspired. On the urging of Chris Doudney, the arborist has been contacted about the failure to replant the tree in Beachville Reserve, but there is no response as yet. The committee expressed dismay at the state of the regrassing of Beachville Esplanade and asked the Secretary to communicate their dissatisfaction to Council. **Action - Sec**

b. Coastal issues. Evan reported on the CCC/CCRU meeting last week and has arranged a meeting for Redcliffs for 2nd November. There is disquiet on the part of some residents about the Council’s forecasts of possible sea level rise.

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. There having been no newsletter for some months, Christine undertook to discuss with Chris Bartlett.

**Action - Chair**

d. Website, email, communications, Facebook. No change.

e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. Dave reported that the Pledges were being updated and his recent advice concerns waste and recycling. He has been in talks with Project Lyttelton. In Drayton, weeding and mulching proceed and 1400 seedlings have been planted this season. The bird count recorded two kereru. Another ecological ramble with Colin Meurk is planned for December.

f. Regreeening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs. Ashley and John Cook will seek out new locations for traplines in Barnett Park. Possum trapping is doing well. Martin reported that the boneseed has been blitzed and removed from the permitted areas in the course of a number of volunteer weeding sessions, up as far as the climbers cave. Ecologists plan to walk the park to identify suitable areas for replanting natives. There are still problems with sheep getting in from the west side and this should be reported if seen. After the boneseed the next pest plants of interest will be elder and banana passion vine.

g. Response and Resilience Team, emergency planning. No report.

9. General business.

Christine reported on Chris Charlton’s proposal to CCC to add land to the reserve in Main Road in exchange for red zone land adjacent to his property on which he could rebuild his garage. He is asking for the support of the RRA. It was generally agreed that the proposal would have benefit to the wider community, in enhancing the amenity of Main Road, and should be supported. However there was a feeling amongst some in the committee that this was a private transaction on which it might not be appropriate to comment. After discussion it was agreed by the committee that there was no objection to the proposal, which had many welcome aspects and was both practical and appropriate, and that this should be communicated to Mr Charlton by the secretary. **Action - Sec**

10. Other business.

Christine discussed that next year marked the 100th anniversary of the Redcliffs Progressive Association, later the Redcliffs Burgesses Association. She hopes to pursue the oral history collection next year, which will be an 18 -24 month project.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 6th December 2021 at the Redcliffs Library.