

## Redcliffs Residents Association

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Amanda Booth, David Bryce, Peter Croft, Chris Doudney, Robyn Pearson, Evan Price, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward.  
Apologies: Duncan Currie, Chris Bartlett, Darren Fidler, Marie-Claude Hébert, Philippa Mein Smith
2. The Chair welcomed Martin to his first committee meeting and had a round of introductions. There were no declarations of interest. The Chair also proposed discussing members' specific interests and this was canvassed but it was felt that this was not the right time for people to commit.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of were moved by Chris Doudney, seconded by Robyn Pearson and accepted. Matters arising: Christine reported that she had bought morning tea as a donation for the Four Square staff, which was appreciated.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence: In: From David King of CCC alerting us to the placement of markings on the Coastal Pathway. From Liz Beaven regarding the maintenance schedule for parks (circulated). From LCH Community Board an extract from the Report commissioned by CCC re the rocks on Clifton Beach and a Memo to them from Kirsty Mahoney – see attachment and item 9a.  
Out: To Heath de Garnham operator of Four Square, sending our appreciation for his help to the Redcliffs community and also asking if we might reuse the community notice board. To Community Board, Dr Darrell Latham and Cllr Sara Templeton about the removal of the Main Road Master Plan from the draft Long Term Plan.
7. Finance. The treasurer presented an updated cash flow statement for April. During April, we spent \$139.99 on Secretarial Expenses (refund to Pat) and \$30.88 on RRA web-hosting (WebSlice). We have also received a sum of \$215 from CCC - which we believe is a grant from the Light Bulb Moment Fund, from which we applied for money for possum traps. The bank balance at the end of April is \$1047.95.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
  - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway.
  - b. Main Road Master Plan. The suburban master plans for Sumner and Redcliffs have been pushed out beyond 2031 in the draft Long Term Plan. The Community Board have minuted their support for the Master Plans to be reinstated.  
A proposal by David, seconded by Robyn that we write again to the Community Board calling for a 40kph speed limit from the causeway to Shag Rock was moved and carried. Also it was suggested that this be publicised in BHN **Action - Sec.**

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Chris Bartlett will take over the newsletter after Philippa has produced the next one.

d. Website, email, communications. No report

e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. Chris Doudney is organising the local input to the Mother of all Cleanups on Saturday, meeting at 10am at Celia Street jetty. Drayton Reserve volunteers will be working at Glenstrae. Ashley reported on the flooding and severe sedimentation in Cliff Street caused by blocked drainage combined with clay runoff from building sites in Emily Heights. Residents have contacted the developers who say they plan to take remedial action and also contacted Council. The committee noted the serious concerns both in terms of nuisance to the residents and also sedimentation damage to the estuary. Christine suggested that the RRA reports the problem to ECan and the Estuary Trust. Evan pointed out that Moncks Spur does not drain properly in heavy rain either. Pollution incidents can be reported to ECan.

Martin reported that he and other interested residents were starting to plan the greening of Barnett Park with restoration of native habitat, and he has obtained a copy of the latest Barnett Park Management Plan from 1992. He and Pat had met with the Regional Park Ranger and the Head of Parks Planning and Asset Management that morning and amongst other things they reported that plans for reopening the west side track to the caves were well advanced but on the east side there was still significant hazard from loose rocks and this would be left alone at present.

Archeological investigation is needed before further tree planting work and the planting programme was hoped to start in 2021 or 2022. They are looking at fire control and planting fire resilient species on the boundaries. CCC is studying skink and gecko populations in the Park. The current Management Plan looks satisfactory but needs to be implemented consistently.

Dave reported on the problems with drainage and leaks in Drayton Reserve. There is a new co-operative collaboration set up by Council called the Community Waterways Partnership Charter but it is not clear what resources this currently has. Work is ongoing to restore the burnt area so it has been a very busy time.

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

## 9. General business.

a. Rocks on Clifton Beach – update, Pat. See attached memo from CCC staff to Community Board. The committee approved further representations to Council and the Community Board to encourage them to plan for remediation of the beach, and to protest about the fact the Council staff were challenging the finding of Non Compliance rather than seeking to deal with the problem.

b. Sub-committee structure and membership - there was some discussion of this and it was proposed that there should be a sub-committee devoted to coastal issues. The Chair solicited feedback on members' interests but at this stage there was no wish on the part of the committee to have a prolonged discussion so this will continue to be considered.

## 10. Other business.

Speeding jet skis – Ashley raised the subject of jet ski users frequently ignoring the speed limit in the estuary. He asked that all instances be reported to the Harbourmaster so records can be kept of the extent of the problem. This can be done online via the Harbourmaster’s Office on the ECan website or if urgent then to 03 328 9168 or by Snap Send Solve.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at the Redcliffs Library.

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**Memorandum**

**Date:** 29 March 2021  
**From:** Kirsty Mahoney, Project Manager Transport  
**To:** Waikura / Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board  
**Cc:** Liz Beaven, Community Board Advisor  
 Carolyn Gallagher, GM Infrastructure, Planning and Regulatory Services  
 Richard Osborne, Head of Transport  
 Ron Clarke, Programme Director Strategic Support  
**Subject:** **Clifton Beach Rocks - Update**  
**Reference:** 21/246381

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**1. Purpose of this Memo**

- 1.1 The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to the Community Board following its request for further information from staff at its meeting held on 31 August 2020 (Agenda Item 4.3).

**2. Update**

- 2.1 The Community Board members requested staff advice on the outcome of the meeting held between Council staff and Environment Canterbury in August 2020 in relation to the matter of the rocks that remain on Clifton Beach.
- 2.2 Council staff met with Environment Canterbury on 6 August 2020 to discuss the rocks remaining on Clifton Beach following the construction of the Coastal Pathway between Shag Rock and the Sumner Surf Lifesaving Club.
- 2.3 Environment Canterbury sent a compliance monitoring report (dated 7 August 2020), which was received by email on 14 August 2020, advising that there was non-compliance with condition 22 of CRC183112, which states:
 

22	<i>The consent holder shall remove all spoil and other waste material from the site on completion of the works.</i>
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- 2.4 The Community Board also requested staff to seek the Environment Canterbury technical monitoring reports for the Coastal Pathway construction specifically relating to the rocks that remain on Clifton Beach. Environment Canterbury staff have confirmed that the Compliance Monitoring Report (**Attachment A**) is the technical monitoring report that relates to the rocks on the beach.
- 2.5 Council staff sought legal advice regarding the non-compliance issued, and also sought an independent assessment of the rocks on the beach, and whether these rocks are naturally occurring or spoil material resulting from construction.
- 2.6 The non-compliance stated that the Council is in breach of one of the conditions of consent for establishing the Coastal Pathway, referring to conditions 16 and 22 of CRC183112, which state:
  16. *All material excavated from Sumner Beach shall be reused on site or removed from the site and disposed of off-site at a facility authorised to receive such material.*

22. *The consent holder shall remove all spoil and other waste material from the site on completion of the works.*
- 2.7 The non-compliance alleged in Environment Canterbury’s notice is that rocks and stones on the surface of the beach are “spoil” that has been left on the site in breach of condition 22, despite the recognition in condition 16 that all material excavated can be reused on the site.
- 2.8 It has taken the Council as consent holder some time to investigate the cause of the surface rocks referred to in the non-compliance report. The independent assessment report (**Attachment B**) concluded:
- After a review of relevant information, Aurecon concludes that the rocks on Sumner Beach were present prior to the construction of the coastal pathway and have not been imported from Oxford Quarry. However, given the understanding that the rocks were not an observed problem prior to the construction of the coastal pathway, we infer that the rocks may have been brought to the surface during the construction of the coastal pathway as stated in the ECan Compliance Monitoring Report (Appendix A). As described in section 1.2, the construction works involved the excavation of a large trench along the length of the pathway. The previously buried rocks seen in test pit records may have been retained near ground level after backfilling of the trench. The larger rocks in the intertidal zone have been repeatedly exposed and re-covered in line with the natural beach processes.*

**3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 Council staff consider that the rocks are not “spoil” or “waste material” left on the site and so is not in breach of condition 22. It is excavated material that has been reused on the site in compliance with condition 16. Accordingly, we consider that there is no breach of the Council’s resource consent and that the non-compliance by Environment Canterbury was wrongly issued.
- 3.2 Council has advised Environment Canterbury of its consideration and is awaiting their response.

**Attachments / Ngā Tāpirihanga**

No.	Title	Page
A	Compliance Monitoring Report - 7 Aug 2020 - CRC183112 - Christchurch City Council	
B	FINAL Sumner Beach Rocks Report_Rev1	

**Signatories / Ngā Kaiwaitohu**

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