

Draft Minutes of Redcliffs Residents Association

Held on Monday 8th August 2022 at 7.30pm in the rooms of the Redcliffs Library

1. Present / Apologies / Welcome

Present:	Christine Toner (Chair)	Pat McIntosh (Secretary)	Martin Ward
	Chris Doudney	Richard Mallet	Tony Burns (Treasurer)
	Evan Price		Ann Ebert (Minutes)
Apologies:	Robyn Pearson	Duncan Currie	Peter Croft
	Ashley Rule	Chris Bartlett	

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

3. Deputations/submissions/petitions - None

4. Notice of motions - None

5. Minutes. Previous meeting minutes of 13 June 2022 were accepted as a true record of the meeting. **Proposed – Christine, seconded Pat Carried**

Matters arising from the minutes: Proposed Chris Doudney, seconded by Martin Ward that the RRA look into changing banking services from Westpac to Kiwibank on the basis that Kiwibank support sustainability and environmental awareness. CARRIED.

ACTION: Tony Burns to investigate what is required to do this i.e. timeframes, location of bank, signatures required.

6. Correspondence:

In: From Ruth Dyson asking for support for grant application for Barnett Park. See item 9 (a).

From Peter Croft, copy of email from Liz Beavan re proposed development 95 Main Road – RRA on the list for contact if matter goes to Community Board. See item 9(d). An enquiry made with the developer currently indicate, from the Traffic Management Plan, that entry and exit of this site is from Augusta Street or a left turn off the Main Road. This is yet to be confirmed.

From Elaine Greave indicating Tracey McLellan will support safer speed limits and asking for further information.

Out: To Fulton Hogan expressing concern about cyclist safety along the Moncks Bay works, particularly at weekends.

To CEO of CCC re proposal to recognise and mark the urupā site at 156 McCormack's Bay Road, forwarded to Mayor, Cllr Sara Templeton and community board members. See item 9 (c).

To Police from Christine regarding safety concerns for cyclists re speeding at Moncks Bay works.

7. **Finance:** Tony advised:

- During July we received interest on the account to the tune of \$1.59.
- Received, on behalf of the Barnett Park project, a sum of \$2,200 from the Casino Grants.
- Spent \$30.88 on web-hosting fees.
- Current balance is \$11,514.05, of which \$10,051.25 is the Barnett Park 'account' balance.
- Forecast - invoice from Barnett Park contractor weeders estimated at \$6,000 + GST is expected
- The Barnett Park Greening group won an award from the Sumner Ferrymead Foundation of \$3,000 from 2022 Environmental & Sustainability Awards. **ACTION: Pat to write a reminder re this payment.**
- Question raised by Martin whether RRA should consider being GST Registered. While RRA doesn't invoice anything it would be an advantage to RRA in cases of payment invoices and the recipients of grants. **Proposed: Martin, seconded Evan that the Treasurer be asked to investigate the processing for registering RRA for GST. CARRIED.**

8. **Reports of Sub Committees:**

- a. **CCC, Coastal Pathway** - maintenance issues. Query made with CCC and Coastal Pathway regarding the upkeep of the coast pathway and whose responsibility it is. No response received from CCC and Coast Pathway Group members were unable to advise on maintenance responsibility. **ACTION: Pat to follow up with CCC**
- b. **Coastal issues** – no issues raised. Currently there are many rocks on edge of beach and thought this is possibly a good time for these to be removed. Members encouraged to send 'SNAP SEND SOLVE' photos requests.

Christine updated the meeting of a talk to be held by the Brighton Observatory of Environment and Economics (Simon Watts) 9th September 6.30pm 'What can Covid teach us about climate change'.

- c. **Community and social events, fundraising, newsletter** - **ACTION: Evan to follow up on a 'meet the candidates' opportunity for elected members and mayor candidates for the Redcliffs and Sumner communities.**
- d. **Website, email, communications, Facebook** – nothing to report

- e. **Environment, Eco Village, climate change action** – meeting advised that David Bryce has resigned and Chris Doudney has been asked to step into this role for RRA. Mention was made of the work done by David on ‘Pledges’ which would be an important aspect for RRA to keep going and supporting. The question was raised as to how we could best mark David’s contribution to the RRA and the community in general over the many years he has been involved. Suggestion made of a Community Award.

ACTION: Pat to write a formal letter of thanks to David initially and to make enquiries with the Community Board for an appropriate award for him and what information would be required.

- f. **Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs** – See Appendix 2

- The Barnett Park Greening group won an award from the Sumner Ferrymead Foundation of \$3,000 from 2022 Environmental & Sustainability Awards.
- Various ‘livestock’ and vegetation have been discovered in the area. Item 9a below refers to an application for funding to further investigate ways the area could be developed and encourage such valuable findings.
- Work continues with the weed control in the area.
- Eastern track to the cave is now safe with the removal of the rocks. CCC have a new design for the steps to the cave which they anticipate will be completed in by Christmas 2022.
- West side track bluffs to be surveyed by CCC (Aurecon) for stability any necessary mediation.
- Predator Free – Richard reported that work continues with the trapping and achieving good results. CCC have visibility of what the network of tracks looks like and are supporting the work. To keep on top of progress made so far, more traps need to be installed. To cover the costs of this it was suggested an approach be made to local community groups such as Rotary, Lions, Masonic Lodge etc.
ACTION: Richard to prepare draft letter with which to approach these groups, supporting the regreening programme and offering to present to them on work to date.

- g. **Response and Resilience Team** – Pat reported that Andrew Kirk and Sarah Cornell, CCC Resilience Coordinator Civil Defence and Emergency Management group of Council Representatives, have provided lists of groups to RRA of other community groups. Pat has now contacted those on the list to encourage networking opportunities.

9. General Business.

- a. Motion to support an application for funding. Proposed Martin Ward, seconded Pat McIntosh: that the Te Awa Kura/Barnett Park Regreening Committee approach the Rata Foundation for a grant of \$40,000 to be used for 'ecological survey, mapping and planning' and for contract removal of boneseed and banana passionfruit to allow

natural regeneration of native seedlings with selected additional plantings of eco-sourced seedlings. **MOTION CARRIED**

Noted that Ruth Dyson has been instrumental in working on and preparing this application – RRA acknowledges Ruth’s valuable work and contribution. RRA committee asked that their thanks be passed to Ruth for this. **ACTION Martin**

- b. Consultation on stormwater – see Appendix 1 - Martin
- c. Proposal to mark the urupa site at 156 McCormacks Bay Road – CCC advised this is red zone land and no plans were in place to do anything with this land at the moment. RRA’s interest was noted. Signage could be included in the Heritage funding RRA would possibly get for the Coastal Pathway
- d. Proposed development 95 Main Road, update – Peter Croft was not present to update this point – reference to item 6 ‘Correspondence In’ for an update.

10. Any Other Business – Article on Alistair Hutchison for Community Award for contribution to the local area. **ACTION: Pat to write congratulatory letter.**

Chris D advised that the Community Board meeting minutes noted that a buyer for the former Opawa Children’s Library building is being sought.

Zoning change to land in the local area – 196 & 198 Main Road Redcliffs changed to Commercial. **ACTION: Ann to investigate with Council.**

11. Summarise decisions / Responsibilities/ Special items for next meeting agenda

12. Next Committee Meeting at Redcliffs Library. Time 7.30pm Date 12th Sept 2022

13. Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Response received from Christchurch City Council 20 June 2022

Hi Martin,

The staff response to the Redcliffs Residents Association submission was as follows.

1. Sediment from construction and excavation sites - the Council's plan for sediment control can be found [here](#). We agree that improperly sited/constructed Stormwater outfalls can be a source of sediment and will include this source in the sources table. A new target will be added to the SMP to read: "Remediate at least one hillside stormwater outfall per year where the discharge is causing erosion and sediment discharge."
2. The Sediment Discharge Management Plan is intended to, among other things, make it easier for both Councils to deal with offending sites.
3. "Goal 1.5" in the consultation material "investigate ways, etc ..." paraphrases the goal in the SMP. The full Goal 1.5 is Investigate the feasibility of techniques listed in Schedule 3g of CSNDC for remediating adverse effects of sediment discharges on receiving environments, by 2022.
4. A flexible approach to hillside planting will be applied where possible, subject to Council priorities, funding and land ownership.
5. We agree that priority should be given to remediating sediment discharges from roads and tracks which cause the greatest environmental damage.
6. Re Goal 6 and "Operational funds need to be allocated for these activities in the Annual and Long Term plans to help ensure this Goal can be met." Additional funding is being requested for these activities.
7. "Two missing goals." We agree that failed stormwater discharge points should be prioritised for restoration, and new outlets should be designed in ways that avoid past mistakes.
8. Regular checks and routine maintenance: The SMP responds to consent conditions. Consent conditions do not require the Council to consider day-to-day operation of the stormwater network in the SMP. Day to day operation is carried out by the Three Waters Unit in a way that is consistent with the Land Drainage Activity Management Plan. Activity Management Plans contain levels of service for infrastructure and day-to-day maintenance.

The Ihutai-Estuary and Coastal Draft Stormwater Management Plan was approved by Council on 9 June 2022.

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Communications and Engagement

DRAFT Record of meeting between CCC Rangers and Te Awa Kura/Barnett Park Regreening Group

Redcliffs Tennis Club. 75 Main Road, Redcliffs. 27th July @10.30am.

Present: Paul Devlin, Alison Evans, Martin Ward, Matt Rose, Jude Turner, Richard Mallet, Ruth Dyson, Cynthia Roberts, and Sue Cooke

1. Weeding update – volunteer and contractors - Sue and Alan
 - Wide ranging discussion following written report from Sue. Boneseed and banana passionfruit have been cleared from the area above the track on the west side but follow-up spot weeding is planned for next month. Current focus is on the eastern side where banana passionfruit is rampant and is a challenge and we need help with it.
 - The Wildlands contractors did an excellent job in the lower part of the valley and we have asked for a quote to finish that work. Group requested further funding support. **Action: Paul/Sue**
 - J4N teams organised by Rangers particularly appreciated and a commitment was given of more to come. Thanks. **Action: Alison/Sue**
 - Matt was asked to include in his spraying programme the densely packed area of mostly gorse in the small gully above the Sub Station at the bottom of the track immediately after the bridge. **Action: Matt/Sue**
 - Alison was asked to raise with Di the need for weeding (blackberry and banana passionfruit) immediately behind 'her' new planting in the dog exercise area. **Action: Alison**

2. Sabre Saw trial
 - Group reported Sabre saw very heavy and unwieldy in action so returned with thanks.
 - An alternative Stihl brand battery "mini (chain) saw" is being evaluated by Matt. **Action: Matt/Paul**
 - Paul is considering commissioning a chain saw user course for battery operated saws. **Action: Paul**

3. Ecan Management of weeds
 - Martin reported on discussions with Ecan (Noel Crump) about proposed coordination of volunteer and Council activity to control boneseed.
 - Ranger team keen to point out that long term management of boneseed needs a strategic approach and native seedlings planting to shade/smother very young emerging boneseed is best for long-term control.
 - Alison spoke about a trial being undertaken in Diamond Harbour and suggested arranging a visit/workshop for the Group. Yes please. **Action: Alison**

4. Predator control
 - Richard outlined the trap types used and the general location for possum and rat and mustelid trapping underway by the Predator Free Redcliffs team for the Group. He reported 'Night Sight' and thermal imaging observations of high numbers of possums in the valley floor and bushy areas on the flanks.

- A new trap line is to be established in the valley floor with traps set on posts.
- Alison reminded Group of the Volunteer Agreement and asked for coordinates of current and proposed trap positions. **Action: Richard**
- Warning signage was suggested for the stile location commencement of the valley floor track which Paul asked to be made to look uninviting. **Action: Richard/Rosemary**
- Rangers sought assurance that no Timms or AT 400 traps were in use. Predator Free Redcliffs use neither in the Park although some are used together with other traps by property owners trapping at the Park's perimeter.

5. Ecology Update and Improving stream quality

- Cynthia referred to the written report and discussion focussed initially on the benefits to freshwater ecology and bank erosion reduction of modifying the cross-sectional profile of the streams and creating deep pools. Also the possibility of some form of wetland being created for sediment control and the establishment of kahikatea grove.
- Groups involvement with Three Waters (Stormwater) was explained and Paul asked to be copied into ongoing discussions. **Action: Martin**
- Cynthia asked for support (including modest financial support) for Brian Patrick to undertake an invertebrate survey of the valley. **Action: Cynthia/Alison**
- Alison advised she is establishing a reference collection of local invertebrates in a newly established lab in Victoria Park Headquarters.

6. List of plants - Nick Head and Cynthia.

- Cynthia referred to the Group's Google Drive list for all to update with confirmed identifications. **Action: All**

7. Planting – 2022 and 23

- Sue is keen to continue planting this winter in the more accessible areas lower in the valley and asked for information on plant availability. Paul advised there was heavy demand for plants but Sarah Mankelow may have access to some and they would check. **Action: Paul**
- Agreed the Group needed to identify numbers and species choices and place and 'order' for 2023 planting soon. Three or four hundred might be able to be supplied free by Rangers, but larger numbers, if available, would have to be charged for. Ordering would follow ecological niche 'mapping' proposed for this spring. **Action Cynthia/Sue**
- Rangers can organise weed mats and surrounds.

8. Rifle Range Paddock - grazing and/or planting (and spraying land above the track).

- Matt Rose explained how fencing had been checked and made secure, that the leasee was not very keen to graze this block due to access, frequency of unleashed dogs traversing it and restrictions on its availability due to stream flows. Group sought possible early access for stream modification and/or wetland construction and planting.
- Paul agreed to call a pause on the proposed grazing with a review next year.

9. Eastern track to cave – update on work

- Design for the stair access to the Main Cave (Paratu) has been completed and budget is available for their construction plus repair of the track. Schedule for the opening is June 2023.

10. Western track - bluff rock remediation revised risk assessment

- Paul advised that a contract had been let to Aurecon for a detailed survey of the bluffs on the western side to review the rock fall concern. The results will be used in the revised DOC risk assessment process to determine acceptable risk for users of the track below them. Best outcome for track opening may involve some risk management for users such as recommending not stopping along some sections of track for example. Paul will advise progress. **Action: Paul**

11. Land above Barnett Park - according to 2004 public document. Fencing above bluffs will keep sheep out.

- Sue expressed concern about inadequate fencing along the top of the bluffs on the western side allowing sheep into Te Awa Kura/Barnett Park and enquired if landowner Rutherford could be persuaded to fence above them. Matt thought not likely but was continuing to discuss the need for improved fencing with him.
- Martin reviewed actions taken to find out if commitments made in a 2005 CCC consultation brochure to acquire land between Barnett Park and John Britten Reserve could be 'revived. They can not. Paul explained that they were likely made with an expectation that a then proposed sub-division would release land as part of a development agreement with the Council. It did not proceed.

12. Sea to Summit Big picture Plan for park and Time frame

- Cynthia explained the Group's vision for the valley and Paul endorsed it noting that similar proposals were underway with Ranger support in Sumnervale, Avoca Valley, Bowenvale and elsewhere.