

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 14th March 2022 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present / Apologies / Welcome

Present:	Christine Toner (Chair)	Tony Burns (Treasurer)	Ashley Rule
	Pat McIntosh (Secretary)	Peter Croft	Martin Ward
	Chris Doudney	David Bryce	Evan Price
	Ann Ebert (Minutes)	Chris Bartlett	Robyn Pearson
Apologies:	Marie-Claude Herbert	Duncan Currie	
	Jae Youn Lee - Community Recreation Advisor, Christchurch City Council (due to illness)		
Guest:	Cllr Vicky Southworth – Ecan Consultations		

2. Declaration of Interest – none presented

3. Deputations / Submissions / Petitions – none presented

4. Notice of motions – none presented

5. Minutes of previous meeting:

- a. Previous Minutes of meeting held Monday 14th February 2022. Accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. **MOVED:** Christine Toner / Seconded Pat McIntosh
- b. Matters arising – no matters were arising.

6. Correspondence:

a. Inward

Rosemary Neave	Drawing attention to the sale of social housing in Beachville Road
Cllr Vicky Southworth	Advising of forthcoming ECan consultations - see notes below. See item 7 below.
Sara Templeton and Yani Johanson	Re sale of social housing in Beachville Road
Erin Hammond	Requesting more copies of the Pledges (refer to Dave)

b. Outgoing:

CCC	Requesting guidance on best way to report wandering stock in Barnett Park.
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Adrian Thein CCC	Requesting detailed plan of Coast Pathway, Moncks Bay Beach – correspondence ensuing.
Arohunui and Tim Lindley	Red Zone in Raekura Place. Meeting arranged with Tim Lindley and Christine Toner.
Newsletter funding	Contact number now know to follow up on to arrange funding

7. Environment Canterbury Draft Annual Plan / Consultation

Cllr Vicky Southworth attended the meeting to outline the Ecan Draft Annual Plan requirements and highlighted some of the areas which were being considered for inclusion in the plan. A link to the Draft Annual Plan is [Annual Plan | Mahere ā Tau 2022/23 | Have Your Say \(ecan.govt.nz\)](#) - Vicky highlighted areas such as:

- Climate change / ecological impacts
- Bio Diversity projects
- Flood infrastructure improvements / prevention
- Fresh water managements
- Regional policy Statement Review
- Coastal environment planning

Public Transport – a big emphasis is being put on increasing bus patronage in order to reduce gas emissions and encourage people to walk, bike or take public transport. Ecan is looking at options to encourage travel and considering introducing free transport to certain groups of the community and / or ‘flat-fare’ charges across three different zones.

Floods in May 2021 - noted that repairs to the value of \$12m for damage caused by the flooding in May 2021 would come from general rates spread out over ten years rather than from local catchment areas. It has been recognised this was a national emergency.

To assist with feedback / community input on the Draft Annual Plan committee members and residents are encouraged to put in submissions. RRA website and newsletter to reference this. Anybody with specific wording they think would be helpful could be circulated to committee members.

8. Finance:

Tony Reported as emailed to committee members 13 March 2022 1730hrs.

During Feb we received a Barnet Park Project Grant of \$8,950 and - for the first time I can recall - an interest payment of 5 cents!

I have refunded Sue Cooke \$135.59 for some initial spend on equipment out of the Barnet Park money. Expenses to be paid to Martin.

The current balance at the end of the month was \$10,586.07.

*So far during March, we have refunded Pat nine months' worth of secretarial expenses (\$240) plus I am expecting a WebSlice bill for our web-hosting. **Meeting agreed that this could be paid to Pat.***

*For those who are interested, the detail of the remaining balances on the separate Pest Free Post Hills, Strengthening Communities and Barnett Park 'accounts' are shown on the additional worksheet in the attached file. I sense that it might be appropriate going forward to break these out separately on the cash flow statement? This was discussed and it was **MOVED: that financial report be accepted – Tony / Ashley seconded.***

Applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund for funding opportunities close on 26th April 2022. Any ideas to be brought to next meeting for discussion i.e. paper newsletters, history project, moa etc

9. Reports of Sub Committees:

- a. CCC, Coastal Pathway: (CCPG/CCC) Questions have been asked about the possible encroachment on the beach at Moncks Bay in the Coastal Pathway plan. Attempt to clarify this has raised uncertainty on who is leading the project, CCC or CCPG, and to whom RRA should direct their concerns / questions. The confusion on the structure / lines of communication on this project still remain. Ashley Rule addressed the question of the beach with Fulton Hogan (Emma) who provided plans and confirmed that part of the current beach will remain (from the car park to the rubbish bin). Thereafter the rock revetment will be installed to the boat shed. This query highlighted the fact that RRA are not represented by CCPG. Christine advised that Ross Herrett was aware of this communication problem and the matter was discussed at their Governance Group meeting. Ross is to arrange a joint meeting, the purpose of which will be to resolve issues and improve communications. RRA will be represented by CT, PM, AR and EP. Pat McIntosh noted that Kirsty Reuppel had received \$200,000 from the Rata Foundation which has not been spent - where has this funding gone or where is it sitting? Also noted that CCPG had arranged the installation of plantings without CCC knowledge or any follow up maintenance being arranged. Martin Ward highlighted the need for the first meeting of the two groups should be around setting processes.

Regrassing Beachville Espalande - Pat advised Neville Tucker put grass seed put down but there was no evidence of this now. This could be raised at meeting with Ross.

- b. **Social housing sale** – Chris – submitted a letter to CCC last week on property at Beachville Road used for social housing being put on market by CCC / OCHT to CCC. This was due to be sold on Thursday.
- c. **Coastal Issues** – no update to report
- d. **Community and Social events, fundraising, newsletter** – no update to report
- e. **Website, email, communications, Facebook** – AE to be added to distribution list and website admin. Suggested made that website have more information added after each meeting and RRA should taking more interest in its use – suggested a link to each month's meetings. AE to advised CT when minutes go on the website.

- f. **Environment, Eco Village, climate change action** – David. Another report re emissions on climate change. Pledges are still available. Craighburn Lane having repairs done to drain by CCC which was proven not to be correctly done and has had detrimental effects on the environment, to be replaced by drip irrigation system in a soakage.
- g. **Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs** – Martin – planting gone well. 800 seedlings planted last year have been cleared, two days week weeding is scheduled, 300 seedlings to be planted in May. New possum trap line up to climbers cave.
- h. **Response and Resilience Team** – Robyn advised that a Sumner community group is in contact with housebound people without support. Suggested that we ask Sumner to include Redcliffs people in this. Reminder that we be mindful of people in in our neighbourhood at this time especially.

10. General Business.

- a. **AGM** – Date set for Tuesday 17th May 2022. Notice period needs to be advertised four weeks prior to the meeting. Pat is awaiting confirmation of the Redcliffs School hall. Speaker has been confirmed (Colin Meurk). Vaccine passes will be required. Presentations from Barnett Park Eco, Coastal Pathway committee members suggested – equipment needed for presentations.
- b. **Lions Club offer** – considering a noticeboard. Locations for this loosely discussed. On hold until next meeting.
- c. **Draft submission on the Ihutai Estuary and Coastal Stormwater Management Plan consultation.** Martin – see Appendix A following. Draft submission prepared. Request from Martin that submission made by RRA. Deadline 26th April 2022. Martin recommended a combined RRA submission be made plus others to submit using similar wording.
PROPOSED: that the submission be put forward from the RRA. MOVED Christine Toner / seconded Chris Doudney. AGREED by committee members
- d. **CCC draft annual plan** – submission. Pat has put together several items mentioned at previous meeting. The need for a public toilet in Moncks Bay to be mentioned and included in this submission. Christine and Martin to work together on submission subject which close on 18th April 2022. Christine / Martin to discuss further.

11. **Any Other Business** – nothing received

12. **Summarise decisions / Responsibilities/ Special items for next meeting agenda**

13. **Next Committee Meeting at Redcliffs Library Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm**

Meeting closed 9.28pm

Draft Submission on the Ihutai-Estuary and Coastal Draft Stormwater Management Plan

We commend the City Council for developing this plan and ask for it to be strengthened and implemented without delay to reduce the sedimental release from our hillsides and walking tracks, and subdivisions, and the resulting siltation in the waterways and the estuary.

Our principal concern is the control of sediment run off which is an environmental problem at both source and destination and one that also concerns groups of property owners in some lower lying streets.

In particular we support:

1. “Possible ways to control contaminants” (page 10)
2. “Sediment”. (from construction and excavation sites). The document notes that “The Council requires building sites to put in place erosion and sediment control measures to manage on-site erosion sediment.”, and comments that “This has been a difficult and often poorly managed on-site. However, erosion and sediment control measures are now being regularly checked by building inspectors.”

It is pleasing to see that the Council recognises that this issue has been poorly managed in the past and the Association has received complaints from residents on this matter which have been relayed to Council staff. However we are not confident that the requirement for sediment control measures to manage on-site erosion and sediment is actually being implemented which suggests that Building Inspectors may not be enforcing these requirements.

1.2 “Port Hills sediment”. (from slips, underground tunnelling, bank erosion). The possible controls identified are to “Fence and vegetate unstable valleys, slips and watercourses”.

We strongly support this approach and advocate for additional measures; to create local detention structures like dams, ponds, and wetland areas to intercept flood flows and silt runoff.

3. Goal 1.4 “To have less than 10 percent of all consented construction activities on the Port Hills reported non-compliant due to sediment discharges – by 2025” (page 12).

We support this goal but urge the final plan to identify serious and persistent offending sites to be targeted first with enforcement of controls and consent conditions. One such in Redcliffs is the Emily Heights Subdivision.

4. Goal 1.5 “To investigate ways to reduce the environmental effects of sediment discharges – by 2022” (page 12).

Once again, a priority should be given to locations where greatest environmental damage is currently underway in particular those ones where the discharge plumes from major single point stormwater discharge points enter the estuary.

The following two recommended actions for the Surface Water Improvement Plan flowing from these goals (1.7 and 1.8) are supported with qualification.

5. Goal 1.7 to “Plant severely eroding natural areas of the Port Hills from Sumner to Hoon Hay Valley.” (page 12).

We request that this approach be more flexibly applied to not just severely eroding but areas where erosion poses greatest risk of ecological/environmental damage or its reduction or elimination gives greatest ecological/environmental benefit based on ecological assessment.

6. Goal 1.8 to “Put in place best-practise sediment controls on Port Hills roads and tracks – by 2025” (page 12).

Once again, a priority should be given locations where greatest environmental damage is currently underway in particular those ones where the discharge plume from major single point stormwater discharge points enter the estuary.

7. Goal 6. “To limit the quantity of stormwater from all new development sites to pre-development levels, and minimise stormwater increases from re-development sites through consent conditions”.

This is a commendable Goal but one that requires a much greater commitment from Council in monitoring and enforcement than it has shown in the past. Progress on this Goal requires more resourcing of consent (and rule) monitoring and enforcement.

Operational funds need to be allocated for these activities in the Annual and Long Term plans to help ensure this Goal can be met.