

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 5th October 2015 at Redcliffs Community Shed

1. Present: Chris Doudney (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Secretary), David Bryce, Chris Bartlett, Darren Fidler, Grant Bargrove, Peter Croft
Apologies: Fletcher Stanton
In attendance: Rod Romeril (Resident), Christine Toner (Resident), Diana Saxton Community Recreation Advisor, Lee Butcher & Karen McConnachie from Council.

2. Declaration of interest. None.

3. Minutes.
The minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2015 were moved and accepted.

Matters arising.

- a. Dave suggested that the estuary clean-up proposed for 1st November not be held as he had walked the relevant area and much of it is currently inaccessible due to the sea wall repairs. He recommended instead that for the time being a roster be drawn up so individuals will carry out on-going rubbish collection and maintenance. The committee agreed.

- b. The secretary reported that the SBUT directories and Farmers' Market flyers had been delivered to all dwellings but that the last RRA newsletter had not been, due to insufficient being printed.

- c. Liz Kerslake, the Bridge2rocks Timebank Coordinator, has asked to come and present to the committee at the December meeting.

5. Motions. – None.

6. Correspondence in. Two new local residents had contacted the committee and been welcomed - Sue Swift in Main Road and Chris Roberts in Beachville Road.
Correspondence out. The Secretary has written to Islay McLeod to ask if there was any progress in her move to have more community notices in the local press.

7. Finance. The Treasurer reported that there is currently \$6,300 in the account. He recommended that the RRA sign up for internet banking to improve efficiency of operations. A motion to do so was proposed by Chris Doudney, seconded by Pat McIntosh and carried.

8. Reports of sub-committees.

- a. *CCC, Coastal pathway, Sea wall.* No updates to report.

- b. *Main Road Master Plan, SCIRT.* Peter Croft reported that work has started to move the footpath in Main Road. He suggested that the RRA write to council to see if they would entertain the idea of supplying plants that the locals will then maintain, and requesting a copy of the landscape plan for Beachville Road and Main Road.

- c. *Community Pavilion, newsletter, community and social events, fundraising.* Lee Butcher as project manager for the Pavilion presented an update on the work done on the project and the scope of works. He indicated that the draft costing for repairs to the

same standard came to around \$118,000 and with suggested betterments such a windows and decking, to around \$220,000. There was considerable discussion and a number of suggestions that the current estimates were considerably too high and that the work could be satisfactorily undertaken for much less, and within the Council budget. David Bryce suggested that actual quotations be solicited for elements of the work and Chris Doudney indicated that he had already initiated this process. It was also anticipated that some work could be undertaken by local volunteers. Lee asked the RRA for suggestions as to how the funding gap might be bridged particularly if betterments were to be included. Lee also asked the RRA for a fuller outline of intended future use of the building, in terms of users and frequency of use, to include in his report for the Community Board. Chris Doudney requested a copy of the draft report in order to help with further consideration of useful input. He agreed to circulate interested users and collate an estimate of likely usage and their particular requirements.

Regarding the Fun Day on 1st Nov, in the absence of Fletcher some ideas were discussed and commitments made to assist with this community event. Peter will arrange the Silver Band, Grant will assist with the barbecue, Darren will liaise with Moa Kids and the Redcliffs School, Dave will contact the Christchurch 360 pathway group, Pat will contact the Coastal Pathway, Mt Pleasant and the Farmers Market, the Community Shed and the Riding School. Pat will liaise with Fletcher when possible.

d. *Website, email, communications.* Chris Bartlett reported on the website and it was agreed to allow the old domain to lapse. He will ask Google about the usage of the old website and also arrange the upload of the document archive from redcliffsinfo.

e. *Environment.* Dave reported on the plant maintenance day in Barnett Park and progress on the predator control project.

9. General business.

- a. Bike repair stands. The secretary has contacted the Community Board to make them aware that the installation of a bike repair stand in the village would be very welcome. She has also contacted the Coastal Pathway Group (CCPG) to discuss the issue. The committee will ask the CCPG to provide a copy of their plans. Action- Sec
- b. Fees to advertise on the website. Dave suggested that since the website provides an opportunity for local businesses to advertise their services, the committee might consider charging a fee. It was generally agreed that the directory needs to be comprehensive and should not exclude anyone who does not pay, so instead a letter will be sent round asking local businesses for donations for the work of the RRA. Action - Sec
- c. Concern re antisocial tenants in Avonheath Courts. Grant reports that the tenants involved have been given 3 months notice to leave and meantime security guards have been provided.
- d. Speed enforcement through the village. Darren is to include a notice in the newsletter reminding of the need for slower speeds in residential areas. Action - Darren

- e. Illegal parking on the footpath. Darren will also remind residents about the need to avoid parking on footpaths.
- f. Toilet reinstatement in Barnett Park. The Community Board have not responded positively to the request for reinstatement as they say there is no capital expenditure for this, but instead talk about "including the need for additional toilets in the next Annual Plan". The committee agreed on the importance of reinstating the public toilets and will further correspond with the Community Board and SCIRT.
- g. Skate park discussion. Since the Council has agreed to abandon the proposal to build a skate park on Sumner Esplanade and instead look elsewhere, there was some discussion about the possibility of siting a facility in Barnett Park, where there is underused space and no affected neighbours. It was pointed out that the park is in some respects run down and needs attention, as well as improved foot access. Dave will request the council provide the management plan for the Park. Action - Dave
- f. Edible tree planting. Chris presented a paper proposing the RRA support a programme of edible fruit and nut tree planting in Redcliffs streets, pointing out the advantages to the public and the environment. Dave responded in detail and indicated a number of disadvantages including tree maintenance requirements and cleaning up costs and the encouragement of vermin. It was proposed to investigate whether there were suitable sites in Redcliffs where a community orchard or garden could be set up.
- 10. Other business. Darren asked that the open invitation on the website to Redcliffs residents to attend RRA committee meetings be rephrased in a more friendly and encouraging way. He was invited to submit suggestions for this.
- 11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd November 2015 at the Redcliffs Community Shed