

## Redcliffs Residents Association

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 10th April 2017 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: David Bryce (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Secretary), Tony Burns (Treasurer), Andrea Heffernan, Peter Croft, Marie-Claude Hebert, Christine Toner, Darren Fidler  
Apologies: Chris Doudney, Chris Bartlett  
In attendance: Daryl Latham (Community Board)

Andrea Heffernan was welcomed onto the committee having been elected at the AGM

2. Declaration of interest. None.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March were moved by Christine, seconded by Peter and accepted.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None.
5. Notice of motions. None. Marie-Claude sought clarification of the process of notifying motions and there was discussion around procedural issues.
6. Correspondence in. Email from Meagan Clark of the Preparedness Guide congratulating the RRA on its webpage. Email from Matt Kamstra regarding due diligence on a commercial property locally. Peter requested a copy of the latter. **Sec**  
Correspondence out. Email to Marie Byrne, CCC Community Development Advisor re Responsiveness Plan stocktake.
7. Finance. The Treasurer presented a draft budget for discussion. It is possible that \$300 belonging to the now defunct Redcliffs Environmental Association may be transferred to the RRA and Tony will pursue this. The committee authorised the secretary and treasurer to prepare and submit an application for a grant for running costs to the Community Board. **Action: Sec, Treas**
8. Reports of sub-committees:
  - a. *CCC, Coastal pathway, Sea wall.* The Coastal Pathway Group plan a planting day at Redcliffs Park on the weekend of 13-14<sup>th</sup> May.
  - b. *Main Road Master Plan.* Peter has contacted the Project Manager but not had a meeting yet. Suggested RRA should submit to the Annual Plan consultation.
  - c. *Community Pavilion, newsletter, community and social events, fundraising.*  
Marie-Claude presented a list of suggested events for local people:
    - a yoga class for mothers and children in the safe space behind the library
    - a bird-watching event, maybe a welcome to the godwits, maybe incorporating a plaque describing estuary birds to be placed in Beachville Reserve (committee suggested liaising with Andrew Crossland, Council Ranger and ornithologist)
    - walking events as part of the 2017 Walking Festival, led by people with special interest in the area and tied in with the production of GPS maps for cellphones.
    - a night market or swap market outside the function centre or in Beachville Road
    - a movie night at the Function Centre

- a painting event with supplies and tuition – could involve the Sumner Art Society and use the facilities at the Shed
- a spring cleaning session involving renovations to give old things a new life

The Committee endorsed these suggestions and expressed a willingness to facilitate as far as possible. **Action : Marie-Claude**

d. *Website, email, communications.* No report.

e. *Environment.* *Drayton:* Dave reported on the progress at Drayton Gully with working bees on Anzac Day as part of the Serve for NZ organization and on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Council has put signs at the entrances to the reserve. The group has applied for 300 plants and has an arrangement with Trees for Canterbury taking donations for plants for the reserve. They also undertake a 6 monthly bird count. They have installed 25-30 traps for rats and mice.

*Barnett Park:* Bridie Gibbings has offered native plants for Barnett Park and Neralie Brittenden, Pat and Dave are considering discussion around this. A proper planting plan is needed with local input. Peter raised the issue of current very poor maintenance of public areas and gardens and his opinion that Sumner was favoured when it came to gardening work. Darrel Latham reported that he was hearing the same complaints from the entire ward.

*Estuary:* the committee agreed to take responsibility again for cleaning our stretch of the estuary foreshore in the Clean-up on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and will contact Tanya Jenkins. **Action: Sec**

## 9. General business.

a. AGM debrief – the AGM went well. A questioner from the floor requested that the RRA should advocate for improving Main Road through the village. It is noted that this has previously been raised by the RRA and is already on the Council list of works starting October 2017.

b. Setting up a Redcliffs Response and Resilience Team – there was discussion around this being a suitable activity for the RRA to engage in on behalf of the residents. Peter pointed out that SBUT is looking for funding for the development of a local plan but Pat indicated that this was not inconsistent with forming a local group and she has invited SBUT to attend and in turn they have invited her to the next trust meeting. The committee agreed to form a sub-committee to facilitate this issue.

c. Moncks Cave Reserve – Peter and Pat attended a public meeting with council staff to learn their plans for rehabilitation of this area. It was generally agreed that the cave entrance was prone to a high risk of rockfall. The Council geotechnical advisor had recommended that the easiest way to mitigate this risk was to fence off the cave area. Several residents were concerned about the height and visual appearance of the proposed fence and staff agreed to look at this again. There will be some clearance of vegetation, clearing of sightlines into the cave and restored access to the footpath and seat, which will be welcome.

d. Council Annual Plan. Darren urged people to submit to the annual plan and has produced a list of proposals affecting this area. This will be circulated to the mailing list of residents. It was generally agreed that it was more effective to have a number of individual submissions rather than a consolidated one. **Action: committee and Sec**

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Redcliffs Library.