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Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 4th November 2019 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Darren Fidler, Peter Croft, David Bryce, Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith, Marie-Claude Hébert
Apologies: Fletcher Stanton, Chris Bartlett
Absent: Duncan Currie
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 7th October 2019 were moved by Christine Toner, seconded by Pat McIntosh and accepted.
Matters arising: re new Community Board, Christine offered to go their first business meeting to speak to our paper outlining local concerns. **Action – Christine**
Re shellfish gathering, there was discussion about the lack of response from Public Health and why getting action was complicated. The Sec will continue to contact Public Health for more information. **Action - Sec**
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence: In: Linda Rutland, Susan Smith, Edna Graham and Peter Hyde congratulating us or thanking us re advocating for remediation of Clifton Beach. Topsy Rule re history of Sumner Beach. Scott Babington of CCPG – circulated, replied. Deb Casutt and Ann and Bill Newsom re shellfish survey.

Correspondence: Out: Various letters to Coastal Pathway Group re their membership, plans, proposed liaison, constitution etc. Various letters to CCC, ECan, Fulton Hogan, and elected reps re Clifton Beach, copies to Bay Harbour News. See item 8 a. Message of congratulations to Dr Darrell Latham, Dr Tim Lindley, Councillor Sara Templeton and Vicky Southworth (ECan) following local elections. Replies received. Letter to Community Board summarising ongoing issues and RRA thoughts about the Long Term Plan. To Alisdair Hutchison to thank him for his donation.
7. Finance. Tony has circulated the cash flow for this quarter. Current balance is \$3162.30. This includes a very generous donation of \$1000 from Alisdair Hutchison, which he wishes the committee to use in approximately equal measure for the sustainability programme and for advocacy to protect and enhance Redcliffs for its residents. There was a discussion about the best way to approach spending this and Dave offered to speak to Alisdair to see whether he had any particular projects he favoured. The Chair asked the Committee to draw up a list of suitable options before the next meeting.

8. Reports of sub-committees:

a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The secretary updated the committee on progress with tackling the damage to Clifton Beach from all the rocks left behind following the works to build the Coastal Pathway and seawall. As yet CCC is unwilling to accept responsibility for the state of the beach and denies that the rocks and other debris constitute "spoil" needing to be cleared; they say they expect the beach to "rebalance" and they propose looking again at the end of February, but the impression gained is that Council is trying to fob us off and is suggesting looking at it again in 4 months, but on rather spurious grounds for the delay. ECan is to get a coastal process engineer to report on the situation. Peter said that from his past experience trying to get action was a waste of time and he did not expect we would get anywhere with Council. Darren noted that Council has limited time and resource and has to balance that across wide variety of needs and wants. He asked for clarification on how many residents had so far contacted the RRA on this issue and was told six, and this was discussed. The Secretary pointed out that the RRA had also had encouragement and support following taking up the issue from the editor of Bay Harbour News, the local councillor and community board member and the coastal pathway group, and that we were now also acting on behalf of the Sumner Community Residents Association. There was discussion about the possibility of direct action by residents to help clear the rocks and the need to avoid the penguin nesting area, which was thought to be quite close to Shag Rock although Council refuse to tell us the exact location. Pat has spoken to a local geologist to give a report on the location, depth and possible origins of the rocks. Marie-Claude offered her expertise also. Christine suggested that we keep Bay Harbour News informed but do not actively seek publicity at this stage, while still awaiting responses from Council.

Raekura Park – Christine reported that decisions on the use for the community building had been deferred until early 2020 and more applicants were being sought.

b. Main Road Master Plan. No report

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Beachville Road is to hold a Neighbourhood Day event in March. Marie-Claude suggested buying some beach toys for children to use at the small beach at Beachville Reserve and placing them in an honesty box at the Reserve. The committee approved the proposal and agreed that a modest amount of money could be spent on this as a trial over the summer months.

Action – Marie-Claude

d. Website, email, communications. There was discussion about using Mail Chimp instead of Campaign Monitor. This would have the advantage of being free instead of costing about \$80 per year for mailouts, and it would be compatible with the newsletters of Sumner and Mt Pleasant. It was agreed to look into this but it would require migrating the mailing list details.

Action - Philippa and Pat

e. Environment. Dave reported on the Eco Village project and Drayton Reserve.

f. Response and Resilience Team. No report.

9. General business.

a. There was discussion sparked by Duncan's concern for the risks of indiscriminate mixing of pedestrian and cycle traffic on the coastal pathway and whether there should be separation or a speed limit. Various people pointed out that it was designed as a shared use path and was not intended for cyclists travelling at speed. However a speed limit would be impossible to enforce and it would be better to expect all users to behave with consideration, awareness and courtesy.

b. It was agreed to have a stall at Estuary Fest on 22nd February to promote the Eco Village project.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd December 2019 at the Redcliffs Library.