

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee/Executive meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 3 June 2019 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), David Bryce, Darren Fidler, Peter Croft, Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith
Apologies: Tony Burns (Treas), Chris Bartlett, Pat McIntosh
Absent: Duncan Currie, Marie-Claude Hébert, Fletcher Stanton
Welcome: Philippa Mein Smith, incoming newsletter editor (item 5)
2. Declaration of interest. None.
3. Minutes.
Minutes of the meeting of 6 May 2019 were moved by David Bryce, seconded by Christine Toner, and accepted.
Matters arising:
 - a. Update re April minutes: sports facilities at the Old School site will not be ready this winter; they will be ready by 2020. (See note under Correspondence.)
 - b. Christine will register an EOI for the community building as per minutes of 6 May.
Action - Christine
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None.
5. Notice of motions.
As per Agenda: Proposal to co-opt Philippa Mein Smith to the committee with a special interest in newsletter editing. Proposed Pat McIntosh, seconded Chris Doudney. Approved unanimously.
Philippa is an Adjunct Professor of History at the University of Canterbury and will draw on her academic skills to write and edit the newsletter.
6. Correspondence in. Invitation to Coastal Pathway Group AGM.
Correspondence out. To Predator Free Port Hills and Paul Devlin CCC head ranger re predator control in Barnett Park. (As per Agenda.) It was noted that a resident of Wakatu Ave traps possums.
To Hannah Charan-Dixon requesting information on any action regarding fishing limit signage. Response: "not much progress". (As per Agenda.)
To Tanya Jenkins, Estuary Trust re public meeting 19 June on estuary harvesting. Tanya advised that public officials will be present.
Discussion followed on the disappearance of mussels along Beachville Rd and daily excess harvesting of shellfish by groups on mudflats off Beachville Rd, at Moncks Bay and by the causeway last summer. Many locals observed the use of large rucksacks to collect cockles etc and an Estuary Trust member who stopped a couple who had collected well over the daily limit (c500) was threatened with assault.
7. Finance. Balance at end of May: \$900.59. Expenses during May: \$95.39: \$69 for AGM venue fee and \$26.39 on website domain name renewal.

8. Reports of sub-committees:

a. *CCC, Coastal pathway.*

CCC works start this month on the Beachville Rd intersection. A new pedestrian crossing will be installed near Moa Bone Point Cave. The old crossing is to remain until the new school opens and will be replaced with a buffer for pedestrians. School speed signs will be erected along Beachville Rd and Celia St.

b. *Main Road Master Plan.*

Peter Croft asked whether, if appropriate, a letter could be written to the CCC asking why funds set aside for work through Redcliffs Village did not materialise. In discussion, committee members suggested that accrual accounting could be the answer; funds are no longer brought forward by public entities. Chris Doudney advised that further works on Main Rd are deferred until 2026.

c. *Community and social events, newsletter, fundraising.*

Hard copies of the May newsletter (*The Redcliffs Times*, issue 1) have been distributed around the village. In Pat's absence, Philippa and Christine will send out the e-newsletter to the email list.

d. *Website, email, Facebook, communications.*

As Facebook 'master', Darren will post stories on Facebook.

- The re-opening of the Redcliffs BP service station is newsworthy.
- Philippa will write a piece for the next newsletter on a recent symposium about implementing the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Plan hosted by the University of Canterbury in May. This story could also be posted to the RRA website and Facebook page.
- A report on the Estuary Trust public meeting on 19 June is a priority candidate for public communication.
- The newsletter will be published, at minimum, every three months, though the committee would like it published more often if possible.

Action – streamlining of communications across online and print media: newsletter, email, Facebook, RRA website.

e. *Environment, climate change action.*

David Bryce reported on volunteer work at Drayton Reserve. The exciting news was the discovery of native fish – kokopu – in the stream. The kokopu need shade and shelter, so more planting is necessary. They are great climbers. Illegal discharges into creeks and waterways that run off the Port Hills remain a problem. These include waste from building sites.

Mother of all River and Estuary Clean Ups: rubbish included building waste was found dumped in the stream in Drayton Reserve. This reserve benefits neighbours, who need in turn to modify their behaviour to benefit the stream. The Regional Council (ECAN), CCC, Ngāi Tahu and communities have drawn up a charter for the care of waterways.

Climate Change Challenge: see Eco-Newsletter.

An eco-community now cares for Drayton stream. Advice to community members includes always to cover soil, eg with mulch, to prevent erosion. The RRA committee supported David's suggestion to advocate for Redcliffs' becoming an eco-community, like Lincoln. Public education is necessary for this to happen. *Agreed: Redcliffs to become an environmental village with a climate emphasis and a community garden.*

Transport: Philippa suggested that people be encouraged to use the bus. Chris Doudney advised that the Estuary Clean Up along Beachville Rd produced many cigarette butts.

f. *Response and resilience, emergency planning.*

A meeting is scheduled for 12 August with the Redcliffs group and CCC.

Matthew Hughes issued an invitation to the 11 June Sumner meeting about safer tsunami evacuation.

9. General business.

Threshold to village at the Causeway – CCC were thanked in the newsletter for making the entrance area accessible again by removing the earthquake-era fence. The tidy up revealed a concrete path. If native seedlings are available a working bee could be arranged to plant more indigenous species around the base of Moa Bone Point.

10. AOB.

A meeting was suggested with local candidates in the forthcoming local government and ECAN elections. RRA could collaborate with the residents associations for Sumner and Mt Pleasant.

Further information is sought about the sports fields planned for the Old School site. *Action – Darren to ask when the public can access the Old School site.*

Chris Doudney advised that the former school building in the new Redcliffs Park (Old School site) requires disabled access.

Christine to register an EOI re this community building (see item 3).

11. Special items for next meeting: the July Agenda to include an item on the Estuary Trust public meeting of 19 June.

12. Next committee meeting at 7.30 pm on **Monday 1 July** at the Redcliffs Library. Apologies in advance: Christine Toner, Peter Croft (Peter for August also)