

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 2nd September 2019 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Fletcher Stanton, Peter Croft, David Bryce, Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith
Apologies: Tony Burns, Darren Fidler, Chris Bartlett
Absent: Marie-Claude Hebert, Duncan Currie
In attendance: Kirsty Rueppell and Pete Franklin from the Coastal Pathway Group.
2. Declaration of interest. None.
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 5th August 2019 were moved and accepted.
4. Kirsty Rueppell updated the committee on progress with the Coastal Pathway and indicated that she had achieved substantial funding of \$200,000 from the Rata Foundation for street furniture along the pathway. They had agreed on a design (previously circulated) which would incorporate sustainably produced hardwood. She asked whether the RRA could help with volunteers and plants and the committee agreed that this would be possible.
There will be a feature walk as part of the Breeze Walking Festival from 1000-1400 on Sunday 13th October aimed at families and with activities and a DOC ranger at Beachville Reserve.
 - a. Furniture. Our first impressions were generally supportive of the suggested placements of seats and picnic tables, apart from the one in Beachville Reserve. This is a very small area, which is sometimes used for neighbourhood events and a fixed table might impair the flexible use of the space. There were also concerns that misuse or rubbish might be a problem as the area is off the road and not so visible. Finally, there is already adequate seating, which is well placed facing the estuary and often used. We were pleased to hear that a local resident will sponsor a seat part way down the Esplanade.
As regards rubbish bins, Kirsty showed an alternative design, different to the ones previously proposed. At this stage we would not see replacing the rubbish bins as a priority as the existing ones are aesthetically sympathetic, useful, well placed and not over-used. Bicycle stands next to Beachville Reserve near the steps to the wee beach and at the village end of Beachville Road would be useful, but in consideration of our environmental policy we would not be happy with synthetic or plastic materials.
 - b. Clifton beach, The RRA committee expressed their concern about the amount of small stones left on Sumner Beach as a result of the works and supported efforts to ensure that the beach will be returned to its original condition at the end of the works. We will write in support of Alisdair Hutchison on this. Committee members were urged to send in Snap Send Solve requests to Council re this also.

Action - Sec
5. Notice of motions. None

6. Correspondence: In: Adam Hutchinson asking if Raekura Park could be used for campervan parking. Alisdair Hutchison re stones on Clifton beach.
Correspondence: Out: Kathy Bartlett re election candidate meetings
7. Finance. Tony has circulated his cash flow report. A grant of \$1500 from SCF will ensure continuation of the work of the RRA for the next year from September. Current balance \$2193.18.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. Coastal Pathway. Discussed at item 4. Re CCC , Christine gave an update about progress on the use of the old school building.
 - b. Main Road Master Plan. No report.
 - c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Newsletter boxes have been placed outside the Dairy, on the wall of the Yacht Club and in New World as well as the old school site. One more box could go at St Andrews Church – Christine will investigate. Fletcher has also been placing newsletters with Vinod, the Spur, the Shed and the Library.
 - d. Website, email, communications. No report.
 - e. Environment. Dave presented the draft Redcliffs/Te Rae Kura Eco-Village strategy and pledge and the committee approved the principles incorporated therein and agreed that they were consistent with the Aims and Purposes and the Constitution of the RRA. However it was felt that the proposal for an enabling structure of nine sub-committees of the RRA was unworkable at the moment due to lack of manpower on the committee. Instead it was agreed that all the existing sub-committees would work in accordance with the Eco-Village principles, but the Strategy would be under the umbrella of the Environment Sub-committee who could then enlist other interested residents and businesses to take the plans forward.
 - f. Response and Resilience Team. No report.
9. General business.

Philippa Mein Smith has agreed to act as RRA representative on the Ihutai Estuary Trust and the committee endorsed this with thanks.
10. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 7th October 2019 at the Redcliffs Library.