

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd November 2020 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Darren Fidler, Ashley Rule, Peter Croft, David Bryce, Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith, Marie-Claude Hébert.
Apologies: Chris Bartlett, Duncan Currie
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. Minutes. Philippa asked for a correction to the Minutes to amend item 9 (a) to make it clear that the area of concern was the wildlife refuge along side the oxidation ponds and not the entire route. The amended minutes of the meeting of 5th October were moved by Christine Toner, seconded by Philippa Mein Smith and accepted.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence: In: Estuary Trust and Christchurch 360 re Green Edge Pathway. Tracey McLellan MP tendering our congratulations for her success in the general election – response. Estuary Trust thanking RRA for our support. From CCC referring our enquiry about securing the car park in Moncks Bay to the Parks Triage Officer for consideration. From Heath the manager of Four Square offering support to the local community for projects. From Toby Skilton of Mutu community marketplace asking to meet
Out: To Estuary Trust and Community Board supporting the Trust's position on the route of the Green Edge Pathway and to Christchurch 360 Inc informing them of our position on the route.
7. Finance. Spend during Sept was \$492.90 - \$300 on plantings, \$123.90 on secretarial expenses, \$69 for AGM venue hire. Month end balance is \$2052.28. Unspent CCC grant is \$307.35. No news yet on whether this needs to be refunded Dave has spoken with Heath at 4 Square about funding applications for Eco village projects. As an aside Heath is happy for residents to leave their cars in the car park even if not shopping, by arrangement.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. Andrew Crossland (CCC ornithologist) gave a talk to local bodies and the CCPG on bird-friendly development with some issues relating to the development to date not taking into account the needs of the resident bird population, in particular leading to the loss of the roosting site in Beachville Road. This was well-received. Christine has investigated the issue of seating along the Pathway and found that Council will permit memorial seats with plaques for a donation of \$3000. The committee is keen to see more seating installed by any process, as so far only one has gone in (and no provision for picnic tables as yet). **Action - Sec**
 - b. Main Road Master Plan. No report.

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Re newsletters, it was agreed an extra box by the Church would be useful. Marie-Claude suggested a QR code to link with the webpage/newsletter and was tasked with creating one. The committee authorised the printing of stickers with the code. Mitre-10 can now do colour printing.

Action – Marie-Claude

d. Website, email, communications. The newsletters will be added to the website.

Action - Sec

e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. Drayton Reserve is coming on with some natural regeneration occurring but the soil moisture is low and watering now needed. Dave spoke to Heath at 4 Square and they discussed using the adjacent land for a community garden. They will also apply for funding to print personal copies of the pledges. Dave has talked to the Lions Club and is assisting with the collection of aluminium bottle caps and can tabs at the Shed, for charity. The committee approved the plans and delegated to Dave to make applications. The aspiration for 30% of land to be returned to native vegetation was endorsed. The possibility of a bike repair station in front of the library or the Spur was discussed and Christine and Tony will look into possibilities.

Action – Dave, Christine, Tony

f. Response and Resilience Team, emergency planning. A meeting with Redcliffs School is being arranged to discuss co-ordinated planning.

Action - Pat

9. General business.

a. CYC carpark. Ashley reported that he had presented to the Community Board and also in a phone call with the Parks Division CCC has agreed to install a barrier to the Moncks Bay car park and signage to direct to the existing toilets in Barnett Park. The Chair thanked him for his efforts in representing the interests of the residents.

b. Proposed development 95 Main Road. Christine reported on her meeting with the Medical Centre owners and their architect and traffic planner. The Project Information Memorandum was tabled and it was noted that the proposals were incomplete or non-compliant in a number of respects. There was also an error in the description which stated "Addition and alteration to Medical Centre" although this is clearly incorrect as the Medical Centre is at 180 Main Road and the Secretary was asked to write to point this out. Peter was strongly of the opinion that this proposed development would potentially be detrimental to the village centre and a number of concerns were discussed in detail. Marie-Claude pointed out that the previous statement of the committee that there would be adverse aesthetic effects was prejudging the situation as the detailed plans had not yet been received for assessment and it was possible that landscaping might ameliorate the effects or even have benefits. This was accepted. There was general concern for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists on the shared pathway in particular since there would be no protection from incoming traffic and the driveway would receive very much more use (patients, staff, couriers, ambulances) than at present. It was also pointed out that there was inadequate space for the required number of parking spaces and for manoeuvring. A motion to write to CCC to ask for public notification of this proposed development, as the environmental and safety effects are so significant, was proposed by Peter Croft, seconded by Darren Fidler and passed unanimously. It was also agreed to write to the CCPG to express our concerns about the effects on the Pathway and the safety aspects and seek their opinion.

c. Retirement of Ruth Dyson as local MP – the committee agreed to write and thank her for all the work she has done in over years for the benefit of the local community, and to invite her to get involved in the work of the RRA if she wishes.

10. Other business.

A proposal to co-opt Amanda Booth on to the committee, proposed by Christine, seconded by Pat was agreed. The secretary will write and thank her for her interest and look forward to welcoming her on to the committee.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 7th December 2020 at the Redcliffs Library.