

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 8th June 2020 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Chris Doudney (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Peter Croft, David Bryce
Apologies: Christine Toner, Philippa Mein Smith, Marie-Claude Hébert, Chris Bartlett, Duncan Currie, Darren Fidler
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 4th May 2020 were moved by Chris Doudney, seconded by Tony Burns and accepted.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence: In: From Caroline Darby praising the staff of New World. From Emily Toase re brainstorming Zui and Senior Chef. From Sue Swift complaining about the rock spoil on the beach near Shag Rock and also further letter about the placement of large rocks. Luke Mahon complaining about the large rocks. Sara Wagstaff re redundancies at New World (circulated). From Duncan Currie, Skydiving Kiwis and Max Smart re report of plans for skydiving at Sumner Beach. Kathy Bartlett, Mt Pleasant re money for community gardens. Kirsty Mahoney re temporary one-way pedestrian system at Moncks Bay. Warwick Schaffer – phone call re possible coastal hazard planning changes.

Correspondence: Out: To Jason Roberts CCC and Vicky Southworth asking for an update on penguin nesting. To Sara Templeton and Darrell Latham asking about report of plans for skydiving at Sumner Beach. Dave has sent information re planting for Beachville Esplanade to the Rotary Club.

7. Finance. Tony reported that the RRA didn't 'spend' any money during May so the cash balance in the account remained at \$2811.32. There are two reimbursement payments that have gone through today to Pat - Secretarial and Resilience Team expenditure totalling \$166.33 - plus we are due to pay WebSlice (RRA web-hosting) \$26.39 on 22/6 /20 - so our forecast month end balance for June is \$2618.60. We discussed our next grant application for routine expenses.
Discussion around the uses of our donations was deferred to the next meeting.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The one-way pedestrian system at Moncks Bay was discussed and surprise expressed at the information letters being sent out by Council so long after the system was implemented and at most a few days before it would be rendered unnecessary. The CCPG AGM is coming up on 30th June and it was agreed that it would be useful to propose a resident to act as liaison for the RRA, alternatively to co-opt a member of their committee on to the RRA if willing.
Regarding the rocks on Sumner Beach following the Pathway works, Lynette Ellis has

sent a memo to the Community Board to advise that CCC intends to do one-off work to remediate this and improve amenity by removing rocks >50mm diameter from the top 100mm of the beach surface. The committee was very pleased to hear this but still has concerns that unless this work is done more thoroughly it will leave a lot of material still on the surface and other bigger rocks which may be temporarily covered when the work is done but which will reappear with changing conditions. The committee will take advice from interested geologists and communicate again with CCC to advocate for a good result and ask about the likely timescale. The Committee noted that they have still not had any direct communications from the relevant staff at Council about this issue, although the memo is dated 30th April.

b. Main Road Master Plan. Pending – no progress.

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Philippa was congratulated on the newsletter which was well-received. The committee was not sure whether a print version had been distributed. It was agreed that fundraising would proceed if needed for specific purposes.

d. Website, email, communications. No report.

e. Environment. Dave has posted the Drayton Reserve report and the minutes of the Eco Village Group were received. The committee expressed their appreciation to Dave for his articles in Bay Harbour News. Dave has received an outline planting plan from the CCPG but feels it needs more detail before it can be acted upon. In principle, once this is agreed by Council, the committee approved the spending of funds and applications for specific grants and will help with a working bee for planting.

f. Response and Resilience Team. No further need for action on the pandemic now, but the team had fulfilled a useful role in communication with residents and responding to enquiries and concerns.

9. General Business.

a. Placement of boulders at Shag Rock. Pat reported that the placement of the large boulders had been undertaken by CCC without any consultation or notification to either residents or Community Board, which was very disappointing. The Community Board had received an apology from the Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive regarding this. The misleading explanation that it was to “protect unique flora and fauna” has led to a lack of trust in CCC staff, but now the real reason relating to the need to protect the white-flipped penguins that sporadically nest in the area was publicly known. It was felt to be most regrettable that the application to the RMA for permission to place the boulders had included incorrect advice that the recent works had improved access to the beach when they had in fact only moved the existing steps to a less convenient location.

b. Conversion of New World to Four Square. This was noted with regret and sympathy for the workers who had lost their jobs. Responses had been received from residents but it was now a fait accompli.

c. Skydiving Kiwis proposal to operate on Sumner Beach. This was noted. Information has been circulated and local consultation is expected. It is not strictly

speaking in our area of responsibility but many residents do use this beach so the committee will keep a watching brief.

d. Ideas for Kidsfest No-one on the committee has expressed an interest in pursuing this.

e. Mapping local walks – Dave has been in touch with Charlie Hudson, at Sumner Hub and would like to work together on this. **Action - Dave**

10. Other business

a. Warwick Schaffer has been in touch to alert us that CCC is planning changes in regulations related to coastal hazards and he plans to hold a meeting for South Shore, Sumner and Redcliffs when more is known.

b. Traffic light controls at Main Road/Augusta Street. The secretary raised the issue of the push button pedestrian crossing controls, which have never worked but were increasingly needed for cyclists crossing to the Coastal Pathway. Members noted that the crossings were not always activated appropriately. It was agreed to write to CCC on behalf of residents asking that they be connected and that the sensors be repaired. **Action - Sec**

c. AGM date agreed for Tuesday 7th July, subject to availability of the Function Centre. The secretary will write to Sara Templeton, Vicky Southworth and Redcliffs School asking if they would like to speak at the meeting.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 6th July 2020 at the Redcliffs Library.