**Redcliffs Residents Association**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on 7th July 2020 at the Redcliffs Function Centre, 9 James Street.**

**Present**: Christine Toner (AGM and RRA Chairperson), Pat McIntosh (Secretary), Tony Banks (Treasurer); RRA committee members: Chris Doudney, Chris Bartlett, David Bryce, Peter Croft, Darren Fidler, Prof Philippa Mein Smith. Residents and others: Councillor Sara Templeton, Councillor Yani Johanson, Dr Darrell Latham, Ashley Rule, Ian Russell, Kathy and Tony Page, John Peet, Barbara Anglem, David and Pam Swann, Amanda Booth, Roland van Bommel, Peter Stewart, Jai Bartlett.

Apologies: Ruth Dyson MP, ECan Councillor Vicky Southworth, Alexandra Davids, Community Board Chair, John Cook, Calum McIntosh, Don and Jan Simpson, Duncan Currie, Marie-Claude Hébert.

**Guest Speakers**: Rose McInerney, David Bryce.

1. ***Welcome and introductions*.**

2. ***Minutes.***

The minutes of the 97th AGM on 30th April 2019 were circulated. Peter Croft moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Chris Doudney. Carried.

3. ***Chairman’s Report.***

The Chair’s report was read by Christine Toner – see Appx A. She thanked the committee and welcomed Redcliffs School back home. She outlined some of the achievements and activities of the past year including the repair of the Tram Shelter and the placement of newsletter boxes around the village. There has been strong interest in the establishment of the Redcliffs Te Rae Kura Eco Village and its activities. Good links have been maintained with Council staff, the Estuary Trust, the Community Board, and Sumner Bays Union Trust amongst others.

Pat McIntosh moved to accept the report and Peter Croft seconded. Carried.

4. ***Financial Report***

The Financial Report for the year to 31 Dec 2019 was submitted to the meeting by the

Treasurer Tony Burns who reported on various aspects. Some grant money and donations

remain to be spent due to delays created by the lockdown. See Appx B.

The acceptance of the report was moved by Christine Toner, seconded by Pat McIntosh. Carried.

5. ***Election of Committee.*** Fletcher Stanton resigned from the committee during the year

but all the other committee members agreed to continue to serve. One nomination has been

received. Ashley Rule was nominated by Pat McIntosh, seconded by Christine Toner. There

was no need for an election so the following committee and office bearers were confirmed by

the meeting.

Chair – Christine Toner, Vice Chair – Chris Doudney, Secretary – Pat McIntosh, Treasurer -

Tony Burns.

Committee members – Chris Bartlett, David Bryce, Peter Croft, Duncan Currie, Darren Fidler,

Marie-Claude Hébert, Ashley Rule.

6. ***Other business.*** There was no other business.

7. ***Speakers.*** The Chair introduced the speakers for the evening.

David Bryce spoke on the background to the development of Ti Kouka Eco Lane and the personal commitment he and his wife had made to living sustainably with a minimal energy use and low carbon impact. He noted the need to help nature repair and outlined the three step process of stopping further damage, understanding and taking more care of nature and repair/restoration. He moved on to the local declaration of climate emergency, pledges to reduce consumption and strategy. He also described the work being done to restore and revegetate Drayton Gully and how 4000 seedlings have been planted in the past four years, with obvious benefits to the eight identified ecosystems within the valley, including the unexpected appearance of an unusual fish, the banded kokupu, in the stream, which is the first time it has been found in this area.

Rose McInerney than spoke about how Redcliffs School has settled back into the area and how pleased and excited the children were. The teachers are settling in to working in teams of two in an innovative learning environment. Their theme is kaitiakitanga, taking responsibility for looking after gardens, dealing with waste and living sustainably. Their 5 planned open days are already fully booked.

The Chair congratulated Rose and her staff for their achievements despite the difficulties along the way and the recent forced disruption to their timetable.

The Chair declared the meeting closed.

**APPENDIX A**

**Redcliffs Residents Association**

**Chair’s Report – 07 July 2020 Christine Toner**

This is my second ever AGM as Chairperson of the Redcliffs Residents Association.

The very strange and confusing last few months of COVID19 concluded an eventful year, and of course delayed our AGM which in previous years has happened in or around April. So this report brings you a fairly quick summary of what your Residents’ Association has been involved with for 14 months.

First and foremost, I acknowledge and thank the committee members and especially Dr Pat MacIntosh, our very able and energetic secretary for the never-ending work they do for our community. Pat not only spends hours each month writing and phoning on RRA matters, but also leads the Response and Resilience Team and is part of the Predator Free group. Tony Burns keeps our accounts and pays the bills, and along with Pat he also makes applications for funding and reports to Christchurch City Council. Chris Bartlett maintains our website; Darren Fidler, who is also Chair of Redcliffs School Board of Trustees, looks after our Facebook page and keeps in touch with and conveys our views in person to the transport planning staff at CCC. Dave Bryce is the powerhouse behind Redcliffs Eco Village initiatives, and the Drayton Reserve. Environmental issues have featured quite strongly in our activities this past year as you will shortly hear. Peter Croft gives strength to our village business area and special thanks are due again to Peter for initiating the beautification of the street gardens in the shopping area at his own considerable cost. Duncan Currie and Chris Doudney are great spokespeople especially for the Beachville Road residents, Marie-Claude Herbert gives her expertise and energy to our Community Garden and other community development initiatives and Philippa Mein Smith publishes our newsy and attractive newsletter. Thanks to all of you for the time and energy you give to our Redcliffs community and to maintaining and improving our ecology.

During the year we were sad that Fletcher Stanton had to leave our committee. Now known by his real name, Denis, (but still as Fletcher to us) he is now living at Edith Cavell Retirement Home in Sumner. Fletcher held our community together throughout the earthquake years and remained a valued member of the RRA committee since.

As I looked back over minutes to write this report, I am again impressed by the large number of activities, projects and issues we have dealt with over the past year. In our meetings we discuss them under these headings:

1. **Welcome Home Redcliffs School**We are happy to see our school finally back in Redcliffs, and to hear the sound of happy children playing here again. Well done Rose and all the staff and Board who have worked hard over such a long time, both to maintain a happy and successful school in adversity, and to negotiate then manage its return.

It is also great to see the news confirming that the old school site land development works are starting again soon, with a commitment to have the new park ready for sport in 2021 winter.

1. **Christchurch City Council, Coastal Pathway**

* Thanks to Pat’s persistence, we have greatly improved our relationship with the Coastal Pathway Group, in particular around the Beachville Road section. Last week Pat and I attended the CCP AGM, at which the completion of the $6million section from Rapanui Shag Rock to Cave Rock in November 2019 was celebrated. The very next morning we were delighted to read in the news that the government has committed $15.8m funding from the latest COVID19 recovery funding, to fast track the completion of the Moncks Bay section. This will connect up and complete the pathway from Ferrymead to Scarborough and had previously been deferred until 2026-27.
* The Tram Shelter roof was finally repaired after a long wait and a series of reminder messages to CCC. The result is pleasing but we were disappointed about the Council’s apparent lack of immediate care for this precious heritage building.
* We have voiced concerns about rocks remaining on Sumner Beach at Rapanui Shag Rock end after the construction of the pathway and have recently been advised that the Council has plans to remove the larger of these. We also followed up with CCC about the boulders placed on the beach that prevent walkers accessing the beach from the first pathway down. The purpose of this blocking off is to prevent disturbing nesting penguins.
* We are also noting the planned Sky-diving operation on Sumner Beach.

1. **Main Road**

* The Main Road Master Plan is still away out in the future, 2022 in the village, and 2026 in Moncks Bay.
* You will all be aware of the roading and traffic changes on Main Road and Beachville Road, giving safe access to the new Redcliffs School.
* We have entered into discussions with CCC regarding the signals at Augusta Street, as the result of enquiries by residents.

1. **Community and social, fundraising, newsletter, website, email, communications**

* Thanks to Pat, Darren, Chris Bartlett and Philippa our social media, newsletter and other comms have flowed freely and with abundance. We have a **Facebook page with 496 followers,** and an **email database of 332** to whom we send a newsletter and intermittent briefs.
* One aim of our communications is to support local businesses and organisations – so if you have news or information for Redcliffs people to know about please email us or post on the Facebook page.
* Printed newsletters are placed in **several plastic brochure boxes** around the village as well.

1. **Environment**

* Redcliffs Eco Village initiatives are flowing well and growing, thanks to David Bryce and his never-ending enthusiasm for anything Ecology. We need more people on this group, so after tonight when you all know what is involved, please consider joining up and contributing, even if it is one small thing.
* Dave also leads and manages a team of volunteers to care for Drayton Reserve, surely an iconic eco project. Many of you and others plant baby natives and carry water up the track to keep them alive. If you are looking to help preserve and rehabilitate nature, there is plenty of work to be done there.
* Pat, Dave and Philippa have lobbied and consulted with ECan and the Fisheries Office in Christchurch about the declining number of cockles in the estuary seabed.
* Our Community Garden application led by Dave and Marie Claude last year seems to have fallen into a crack between LINZ and CCC, as has the Barnett Park Landscape Plan that Dave put many hours into developing, and any CCC uptake on our proposals for community management of roadside gardens.
* Thanks to Peter Croft who continues to plant and maintain the colourful garden beds in the village.
* Predator Free Redcliffs continues are part of the umbrella group Predator Free Port Hills in association with Predator Free Sumner and Te Manu Waiata project. Subsidised traps are available for backyard trapping and the aim is to get area wide coverage.
* Dave and others are mapping local walks in the area, tying in with publicity for walks in Sumner and Mt Pleasant.
* Philippa is an active member of Ihutai Estuary Trust and is contributing for us re the Green edge programme and the Shellfish research and plans to protect the estuary flora and fauna.
* We have become aware of two cases where significant trees were defaced or destroyed – in Beachville Reserve two trees were cut down, and on the Causeway notices were nailed to the macrocarpa tree. Where possible RRA has been active in communicating to residents that these actions were not acceptable.
* We are working on a proposal to provide some e-bike lockable bike stands with charging facilities somewhere in the village.

1. **Contacts and Connections**

* We are high on the radar of the Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board, and appreciate the efforts made on our behalf by Sara Templeton our Councilor and Darrel Latham and Tim Lindley our Community Board members. We thank Sally Buck for her support, and we are sorry to see in the media that she is retiring.
* We also appreciate the support that Ruth Dyson gives us – and again we thank Ruth in anticipation of her retirement from Central government at the end of this term.
* We are establishing excellent connections with Sumner, Mt Pleasant and Heathcote Residents’ groups, and we have strong connections with Sumner Bays Community Trust.

Thank you all for your interest in your community. Every resident is a member of the association, and we will welcome you at committee meetings any time. Please let us know of any issues you are concerned about or any person you would like to see acknowledged for their community involvement. Above all, talk to your neighbours, sign up to Christchurch Gets Ready so you can look after each other

**APPENDIX B**

**Redcliffs Residents Association AGM 2020 - Treasurer’s Report for 2019.**

2019 was a relatively quiet year on the financial front.

Expenditure during the year totalled $774.48 – with most of this being generated by 3 areas of spend:

1. Web-site hosting costs – for both the Redcliffs Residents Association and Drayton Reserve Volunteers sites - were $274.69
2. Secretarial expenses were $240
3. Venue-hire was $235.75.

The remaining expenditure of $24.04 was for electronic mail distribution.

We received funding of $1500 during 2019 from the CCC Strengthening Communities Fund to cover our expected operational costs. This funding runs from September 2019 to August 2020 and, similar to last year, we had an amount of ‘yet-to-be-spent’ money in the account at the end of the year ($1177.37).

We also received a donation of $1000 from a local resident during the year – which the donor has expressed a desire to be spent on something that will add to the amenity of the neighbourhood. To date, we have not yet made a decision upon what this donation will be spent on, so it remains within the cash balance.

The opening balance in the bank account was $1196.78.

The net surplus of income versus expenditure ($1725.52) therefore resulted in a year-end cash balance of $2922.30.

This closing balance contains both the unspent CCC funding ($1177.37) and the ‘yet-to-be-spent’ donation ($1000) – resulting in a net asset balance of $744.93.

A Burns

Treasurer – July 2020