

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 6th August 2018 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Darren Fidler, Marie-Claude Hebert, Dave Bryce, Tony Burns (Treas), Fletcher Stanton
Apologies: Duncan Currie, Chris Bartlett
Absent: Peter Croft, Chris Doudney

Welcome: Sally Buck, Dr Darrell Latham, (Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board) Tim Sintes, (Coastal-Burwood Community Board), Warwick Schaffer (CCRU)

2. Darrell Latham presented on the problems arising from the Higher Flood Hazard Management Area and Residential Unit Overlays in Redcliffs and Southshore and Warwick Schaffer presented his concerns about the failure of Council in the District Plan to adopt the full recommendation of the panel relating to planning issues in area of coastal erosion and inundation hazards. A number of residents of Redcliffs, Southshore and the Bays area are currently having difficulty with consents for rebuilding and small-scale development of their properties. The recent High Court ruling related to a Redcliffs property indicated that the "restricted discretionary" category was indeed appropriate despite the stance taken by Council planners.

In the following discussion the RRA committee was concerned that individual residents were being unfairly disadvantaged, that the current policies of Council were too inflexible considering the uncertainties of sea level rise and that planning did not take account of the possible prolonged time scale involved. The adverse social and emotional effects on individuals and their families and the possible resultant economic and unnecessary planning blight on the whole area were worrying.

Dave suggested the possibility of getting a declaratory judgment on the possible irregularities of process involved in the adoption of the Plan, with the unsignalled dropping of a relevant clause. Although this was felt to be useful it was not clear how it could be funded.

The committee supported the suggestion that the Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration be asked to correct the relevant part of the plan in accordance with the recent judgment, using Section 71 powers of the Regeneration Act. This would enable more flexibility in the handling of planning applications.

The RRA committee agreed to pursue their concerns with Council on behalf of the residents of the area, and to maintain close contact with the CCRU and adjacent Community Boards on this issue. The Committee will raise the matter with the local Councillor Sara Templeton and with Ruth Dyson MP.

Action: Christine

3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 2nd July were moved by Christine, seconded by Fletcher and accepted.
4. Notice of motions. None
5. Correspondence in. Feedback on Barnett Park has been forwarded to Dave for collation.

Correspondence out. Christine wrote to thank Prof Simon Watts for holding the information meeting for coastal residents on 25th July, which was well attended.

7. Finance. The Treasurer reported that the current balance is \$827.00 with the only recent expenditure being for website hosting. He will submit a report on the grant expenditure.

8. Reports of sub-committees:

CCC, Coastal Pathway. Pat reported that Scott Babington believes that progress is being made towards getting the steps to the water at Beachville Reserve.

9. General business.

a. Redcliffs school design. Two meetings have been held to present the preliminary designs and seek feedback for residents and the school community and several members of the RRA committee attended.

b. Collaboration with neighbouring associations – Christine has spoken with Tanya Michael the new Chair of Sumner Community Residents Association and she would like to come to our meetings and has invited Christine to theirs. The committee agreed this would be mutually advantageous and will also invite Mt Pleasant to send a representative to the RRA meetings. **Action - Sec**

10. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd September 2018 at the Redcliffs Library.