

Redcliffs Residents Association

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

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Darren Fidler, David Bryce, Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith

Apologies: Marie-Claude Hébert, Fletcher Stanton, Chris Bartlett, Duncan Currie, Peter Croft

2. Gabe Ross from the Coastal Pathway Group presented maps of proposed street furniture and planting for Beachville Esplanade and a list of points for discussion – see Appendix. He will take the results of the discussion to the CCPG and Council for approval.

a. Proposed furniture locations and types were approved. The sponsored seat should go wherever the sponsor and the CCPG think best.

b. The positioning of the new and enhanced planting looked good but final proposals should be put to residents for comment and feedback.

c. Boulders and logs were considered appropriate. Sleeper steps to tidy up the edge of Beachville Reserve were approved.

d. Repairs to the riprap at Beachville Reserve and planting to prevent further erosion were considered important and the committee will lobby the Community Board for this.

e. The suggestion of a temporary pump track as pictured was considered but the suggested positioning was an issue as the pathway would inevitably be narrowed and there were concerns about the potential hazard of children toppling on to the path; also the rented feature was somewhat expensive. There was discussion about alternative placements and constructions. The space near the Orion box might be an option. It was felt that further work needed to be done on this before consulting with residents.

3. a. Declaration of interest. None

b. Minutes. Darren asked that item 8a be amended to clarify that six complaints had been received at that time, and Philippa pointed out typos to be corrected. The amended minutes of the meeting of 4th November 2019 were moved by Christine Toner, seconded by Pat McIntosh and accepted.

4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None

5. Notice of motions. None

6. Correspondence: In: Public Health re shellfish safety. Susan Smith thanking us for the update and work on the beach. Gabe Ross on behalf of CCPG re plans for Beachville Esplanade – circulated, reply. In and out - various emails to CCC, ECan, Vicky Southworth, Ruth Dyson MP and Martin Ward re rocks on Clifton Beach. Emails from Scott Babington, Meira Smith de Bout in support of limiting shellfish take. Information about Seaweek. SCRA has invited the committee to their Christmas celebration after the Carols on 12th December.

Correspondence: Out: To Estuary Fest asking for a stall and congratulating them on their zero waste policy. Forwarded reports from Public Health to Ihutai Trust.

7. Finance. Tony confirmed that the end of project report had been sent and the current funds stood at \$2922.30
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The secretary reported on work that had been done to alert Council to the problems with Clifton Beach following the sea wall works, including getting a geologist report. The Community Board held a briefing meeting on 18th November at which Lynette Ellis and Kirsty Mahoney from the Council project team acknowledged that there was damage to the beach from rocks excavated from depth during the works and left on the surface, however they wanted to wait until the end of February to re-evaluate changes to the beach because of the penguin nesting season and had agreed with ECan to do this. Vicky Southworth, ECan Councillor would meet to set up monitoring meantime. Ruth Dyson MP had been present and expressed her concern. Complaints were continuing to be received and Sumner CRA and Surf Club were concerned.
 - b. Main Road Master Plan. No report.
 - c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. No report.
 - d. Website, email, communications. Dave asked for the page about the Eco-Village to be set up on the website and confirmed he could add content. Pat and Philippa will look into Mailchimp for newsletters when possible.
 - e. Environment. Dave reported that he ramble and quiz at Drayton Reserve worked well but attendance was disappointing. Four possums have been caught locally. Unfortunately Asian paper wasps are now present and he suggested publicising this so anyone finding a nest would know to destroy it. He has still had problems with contractors cutting the path wider than planned and damaging native plantings. It was agreed to invite Sumner and Mt Pleasant CRAs to Eco-Village meetings. They were considering spending donation money on signage. The bumper sticker design will happen as part of a school exercise before the end of term. There was discussion of the planting of the area at the south side of the Causeway entrance to Redcliffs. Dave described a plan for a student geography project to map local walking maps to highlight the geology, ecology and heritage values of the area. At Craigieburn Lane at the top of Drayton Reserve there is a problem with a private stormwater drain that has failed and is eroding the hillside and causing mud and silt to gather on the path, with sediment going into the stream. Dave will continue to lobby Council to remedy this.
 - f. Response and Resilience Team. There is a new Community Resilience Coordinator, Rachel Kirkbride, who will meet with the team in December.
9. General business.
 - a. Philippa gave an update on shellfish gathering in the estuary. Mana whenua are supportive of a mataitai and there is a proposal for a biomass survey. People are emailing the Ministry and notice is being taken. She will try to ascertain who at Council is responsible for erecting signs to say that the shellfish are unsafe to eat. The committee suggested that in the absence of official signs we could look at putting up local ones.

- b. Projects for using donations – this has been deferred for consideration at the next meeting.
 - c. Rocks on Clifton Beach – discussed at item 8a.
 - d. The committee considered the proposal from Chris Doudney to ask Council to move fireworks night from November to Matariki. There was some discussion about the possibility of banning fireworks due to fire risk and the effects on birds and animals. The committee voted five in favour, one against and one abstention, so the motion for supporting the proposed change of dates was carried.
10. Other business – Peter Croft said he had been informed by a concerned resident that the RRA was supporting an official change of name to Te Raekura/Redcliffs Eco-Village. The committee affirmed that there had been no moves on their part to officially change the name of Redcliffs and this was misinformation.
11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 3rd February 2020 at the Redcliffs Library, but Christine will look at organizing a social meeting in January.

APPENDIX

GABE ROSS – Proposals for discussion

1. Are proposed furniture locations and types acceptable.
2. Conceptually is the new and enhancement planting shown acceptable. Note this is assumed to be a native species palette in keeping with coastal setting and RedCliffs eco village concept.
3. What is RAA thoughts on:
 - a. Boulders
 - b. Logs
 - c. Sleeper steps at east end park entry
 - d. Repairs to riprap at park to address erosion issues.
 - e. Appetite for pump track or other activation ideas.

Next steps:

- Once we have RRA approval to proceed we would talk to CCC project manager to confirm what they will agree to.
- Following this there might be some plan adjustment required and then we will start looking for more furniture sponsors.
- Will put together a detailed plant list for review and once approved by all parties we can start making plans with RRA for how this will be funded and installed in the autumn.