

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held via Zoom at 7.30pm on 6th April 2020

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Darren Fidler (audio), David Bryce (audio), Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith, Marie-Claude Hébert, Chris Bartlett
Apologies: Peter Croft, Duncan Currie
In attendance: Rose McInerney, Principal/Tumuaki of Redcliffs School
2. Declaration of interest. None
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 2020 were moved by Christine Toner, seconded by Pat McIntosh and accepted.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence: In: From Fiona Miller, Susan Smith, SCRA and Mt Pleasant CRA thanking us for the mail out re COVID-19 virus. Cllr Vicky Southworth with test pit reports on Clifton Beach. Cllr Sara Templeton asking how the community is getting on and offering grants through the Lightbulb Moment fund. Dr Susan Nelson (rtd), Dr Nikki Carey, Tuula Rapley and Diane Toothill offering help. Redcliffs School PTA offering to help with deliveries. Ann Newsom complaining about the proposed change of New World to 4 Square. Arohanui Grace at CCC offering funding for our expenses - replied. Mt Pleasant Farmers' Market re organic vege deliveries. Bays Cluster GPs asking us to circulate information about their health services. Dr Darrell Latham reminding residents and the RRA that the consultation on the Council annual plan ends this week (this has already been circulated).

Correspondence: Out: To Council reporting the removal of the tree in Beachville Reserve. To Council asking for remediation of the erosion in Beachville Reserve. (Ref H00486408 on 6 Mar 20)
7. Finance. Tony reported not much change - we spent \$12.32 last month - a refund to Philippa for Campaign Monitor fee - so the current account balance is \$2879.10. He expects some further expenditure in April for the 'updating' of the Drayton Reserve web-site as well as the RRA web-site hosting payment of \$30.88. The committee agreed to pay reasonable expenses for the website upgrading – Dave will advise on this.. The expenditure for the AGM Room hire out until later in the year as well as the expenditure on Alistair's donation monies. In view of the COVID shutdown he expects that the requirement for holding an AGM by May will be relaxed. Also it is possible that there will be an extension on spending the grant money.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. There was confirmation from Council that the removal of the mature tree in Beachville Reserve had been unauthorised and illegal and that they planned to replant there when appropriate.
 - b. Main Road Master Plan. No report.

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. Philippa is planning the next edition of the newsletter and there was discussion about content. All community events and the RRA AGM are on hold during the Level 4 lockdown.

d. Website, email, communications. No report.

e. Environment. Dave reported on website updates and plans for adding walking maps. There was discussion about Drayton Reserve. Mt Pleasant and Rangi Ruru Schools have been involved. Marie-Claude suggested that storm-water problems locally need a higher profile. Philippa reported that the Estuary Trust will be extending its area of responsibility further out, which will incorporate the adjacent beaches.

f. Response and Resilience Team. The Team held a successful virtual meeting by Zoom on 31st March. Several new volunteers have been in touch, including two doctors offering help. The kit has come in useful. There is a new Facebook Group for Beachville Road residents to communicate amongst themselves, set up by Fiona Miller, who is also beefing up the Neighbourhood Support network. When the School is re-established some joint emergency planning will take place.

9. General business.

a. Clifton Beach. Darren proposed “for the sake of the credibility of the RRA, that the RRA no longer takes up valuable council resources on this issue and instead advise that individuals do so who may feel more passionate about it.” Seconded Tony Burns. The motion was put to the vote with four in favour, four against and the Chair casting her vote against, in favour of the status quo.

b. Christine reported that Alison Powell, former secretary of the RRA had passed away and will offer condolences on behalf of the committee.

10. Rose gave us an update on progress with the reopening of Redcliffs School. There is still two and a half weeks’ work needed to complete the site so this will be resumed when possible after the lockdown is relaxed. Thus the original planned opening date of 1st May will be put back. Celebrations have been planned including political figures and representatives of Ngati Wheke and Ngai Tuahuriri. The committee congratulated and thanked Rose for her leadership over this period and the progress with the return of the school, which is much anticipated. Christine offered her email list of former Redcliffs school pupils. It was pointed out that when the school reopens children will be more visible around the area and there will be an active travel plan to encourage safe and active journeys to and from the school.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 4th May 2020 at the Redcliffs Library (if possible.)