

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 11th December 2023 at the Redcliffs Library.

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), (Treas), Chris Doudney, Evan Price, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward.
Apologies: Chris Bartlett, Tony Burns, Duncan Currie, Robyn Pearson.
Absent: Peter Croft.
2. Declaration of Interest (conflict of interest). None.
3. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None.
4. Notice of motions. None.
5. Minutes. A correction was made to the minutes of the meeting of 13th November 2023 to remove "pohutakawa" from Item 10. Acceptance of the corrected minutes was proposed by Martin, seconded by Ashley and carried,
Matters arising. Re item 9 (b) Ashley will contact CCC about the poor standard of road repairs. Re item 10 (b) Pat is still to write to CCC about enforcing the dog control policy but has spoken with Heather Davies about it.
6. Correspondence: In:
From Jo McAfee, CCC planner re resource consent decision re 188 Main Road.
From Lisa in Beachville Road and from Peter Crowe complaining about water extraction activities in Beachville Road, see Item 9 f.
Communications from Bruce Hewitt and Peter Crowe about the construction of informal pools in the rip rap.
From Richard Humm re safety issues on the pathway. See Item 8 a.
From CRA re proposed plan change 14 – circulated.
From Joanne Walton CCC about proposed CYC fence – see item 9 b.

Out:
To Jonathan Hansen about dead trees in Beachville Road and reply to his email.
To Estuary Trust supporting their moves to ban dogs from the estuary.
To Richard Humm from Christine and Pat re Moncks Bay beach.
7. Finance. Tony submitted his monthly report. We spent \$5986.18 during the month - all out of the Barnett Park kitty - the main cost being a \$5000 bill for Refuge Ecology who carried out some Banana Passionfruit control work for the team.
Receipts totaled \$69.02 - \$19.02 interest from the bank plus a \$50 'donation' for a pest-trap purchase (which will include GST!). The month end balance was/is \$17081.11
8. Reports of Sub Committees:
 - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The appearance of informal pools in the riprap was noted but it was felt it would not affect the function of the seawall. The committee discussed the potential safety issue in Moncks Bay raised by Richard Humm, regarding the over 1m drop from the edge of the pathway to the beach. The proposed mitigation was to either put additional rocks on the beach, to install a fence or to have a build out. The committee was

very unhappy about this and felt all these options were unsatisfactory since the level of sand was usually higher and the sand did move up and down the beach. The beach is very small and the positioning of rocks would have a disproportionate effect on amenity and risk further erosion. The pathway is wide at the point and the risk of falling over the edge considered very small. In addition if anyone did fall it would be safer for them to fall on soft sand than on rocks. The secretary was asked to write back with the outcome of the discussion.

Action – Sec

b. Coastal issues. Re the concerns about the nuisance caused by water extraction in Beachville Road, Chris has contacted the water extraction company. Various options were discussed. If there is further parking on the grass or excessive running of engines it should be reported at the time. The committee agreed to write to the company's transport manager and copy to Sara Templeton about the concerns of residents. **Action - Sec**

The committee confirmed that there was a problem with litter in Beachville Esplanade and the secretary will pursue this with the Community Board.

c. Community and social events, fundraising, newsletter. No report

d. Website, email, communications, Facebook. The FB reach is increasingly noticeably and more items are being shared.

e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. No report

f. Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs. Martin reported a substantial increase in the public use of the path to the cave and that the contractors are finishing work on the east side and hope to reopen that path before Christmas. Ashley reported that the predator control work is continuing to have success but could do with more volunteers. We will put this on the website.

g. Response and Resilience Team. CDEM have done a table-top exercise with the Brighton groups and we hope to get her to help with one here in 2024.

9. General Business.

a. Driving and parking on the grass of Beachville Esplanade and on the Coastal Pathway. More people are driving and parking illegally on the Coastal Pathway and the grass of Beachville Esplanade. A motion was put to the committee to contact CCC to ask for bollards to be put along the grassed areas as has been done in Moncks Bay to prevent people driving there. Moved by Martin, seconded by Evan and carried. **Action – Sec**

b. CYC proposed fence. Four member of the committee met with Michael Baamford , Commodore of the CYC, after the council had declined the club's request for a fence. Council had received around 28 responses from residents in opposition to the proposal. Michael showed pictures of people using the area on club days and said it was often hard to move them on without unpleasantness and resistance. There were also safety issues around their pontoon. Various remedies were discussed including a gate across the pontoon, signage to indicate when the club would be sailing and temporary fencing on club days, but Michael felt that volunteers would not be able to go early to put up barriers and asked in the RRA could help, which was considered unrealistic.

c. Informal "Private Property" sign on access track near Tram Shelter. The committee acknowledged that this land is open to the public, as has recently confirmed by

council when they limited vehicle access, and Martin pointed out that the sign is provocative and should be removed. The conditions of the Resource Consent for 153 Main Road include guaranteeing public access to the jetty. The committee asked the secretary to write to CCC asking for the sign to be removed as it is incorrect and inappropriate. **Action – Sec**

d. Duncan Currie Mail was bouncing, but Duncan has now confirmed that he is happy to remain on the committee (though often abroad).

e. The Community Board, Community Service Awards ceremony was attended by Chris, Pat and Martin. It was proposed that next year the RRA should consider making nominations.

10. Other business.

11. Next committee meeting at to be a social meeting at 7pm on Monday 15th January at 22 Raekura Place, and a full committee meeting at 7.30pm on 12th February 2024 at the Redcliffs Library.