

## Redcliffs Residents Association

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Chris Doudney, Robyn Pearson, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward  
Apologies: Chris Bartlett, Evan Price  
Absent: Duncan Currie, Peter Croft,
2. Declaration of Interest (conflict of interest). None.
3. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None.
4. Notice of motions. None.
5. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> August were accepted. There were no matters arising.
6. Correspondence: In: From Redcliffs School asking about emergency contacts and offering help from the school in the event of a civil defence emergency. Then thanking us for our support.  
From Sara Templeton – apologies for our meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug – another engagement.  
From Andrew Dowgray re proposed development at 1 Mulgans Track, Moncks Bay. See Item 9 (d)  
From Trevor Ballard, resident, re Fletcher’s consent application which they are opposing. See Item 9 (c).  
From CCC approving Strengthening Communities Fund grant of \$3000 for 2023/24 (\$3087 requested)  
From Estuary Trust, discussion paper on dog control for comment – see general business.  
From Richard Humm, consultation on coastal pathway proposals for village section.  
From several residents about their response to the consultation (circulated separately for privacy.)  
Correspondence: Out: To Andrea at Sumner CRA supporting their initiative on plastic bag recycling.  
To Council staff who presented at our meeting and the organisations that attended, thanks and appreciation  
To Heather Davies, Community Development Advisor, invitation to one of our forthcoming meetings.
7. Finance: Tony recorded donations from the Lions Club, Rotary and Fletcher Living. Strengthening Communities Fund grant of \$3000 has been awarded., very close to our application for \$3087. Accordingly we will have funds to pay an honorarium to Chris Bartlett for his work on upgrading the website and to finance the promotion of the Facebook page, as previously agreed. Tony reported that he has submitted an annual return to IRD and that we will need to apply to become a donee club. He also reported that a grant of \$3000 has been received from the Simplicity Foundation for work on the regeneration of Barnett Park.

8. Reports of sub-committees:

a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. Some copies of responses to the Council request for feedback on the Coastal Pathway section through the village have been received and circulated. Several people have expressed various concerns about the positioning of the pedestrian island near Cave Terrace. The committee asked the secretary to respond on behalf of the RRA. **Action - Sec**

b. Coastal issues. No report.

c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. The Chair on behalf of the committee expressed our thanks to Evan for all his work organising the very successful event at Club Redcliffs, and also to Martin for his valued input. Everyone felt the event was well-received and that we should consider organising similar events in future. Christine moved, seconded by Pat, that the RRA cover any remaining costs for the event and this was agreed unanimously.

d. Website, email, communications, Facebook. Chris Bartlett has upgraded our website and Christine paid a small amount to boost the Facebook page and feels it has indeed improved our reach. As the SCF application has been approved we will be able to pay Chris the planned honorarium.

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

f. Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs. Martin reported that he has engaged with the urban rangers (responsible for the lower part of Barnett Park) and that the track from Cave Terrace to the Sports grounds has been repaired and re-vegetated. Geography students are working on GIS mapping. A lot of volunteer hours are going into the work in the park.

g. Response and Resilience Team, emergency planning. Pat has been invited to present to the Spencerville Residents Association on 2<sup>nd</sup> October about our response team and our kit. It was suggested that we ask Liz Jarman about the Red Cross exercise they recently held.

9. General Business.

a. Club Redcliffs event debrief. The event went very well and it was hoped that it could be repeated on an annual basis. Club Redcliffs appreciated the involvement, as did the other local organisations. Evan will be asked for his impressions.

b. The question has been raised as to whether we should be offering a donation to Redcliffs Library for use of their meeting room. One donation has been offered in previous years but the committee felt that their understanding from the beginning was that the meeting room would be freely available for community use and were reluctant to set a precedent of a regular payment, for which we are not funded. The secretary was asked to write to offer free publicity for their events and activities. **Action - Sec**

c. Development of old supermarket, Main Road. Christine reported that there is no news as yet. She noted the concerns of neighbours Trevor and Eileen Ballard but felt that negotiation had alleviated some of the potential impact and did not feel that the RRA would be able to influence the application at this stage.

d. Proposed development, 1 Mulgans Track. Several committee members were unhappy about the scale and impact of the proposed development at 1 Mulgans Track which was brought to the attention of the committee by Andy Dowgray and Fiona Whero. There seemed to be inconsistency in the application of the planning rules. It is unclear whether there is proper accountability. The committee resolved to write to Council to request that staff come along to explain the basis on which such decisions have been taken.

e. Dog control policy – Discussion paper. This will be shelved until the next meeting to give members time to consider it in detail.

10. Other business.

Chris Doudney has received a letter from Beachville Road resident Peter Crowe complaining about the water extraction tanker and traffic management vehicles frequently parking near his house, causing a nuisance and keeping their engines running with resultant noise and fumes. It was agreed that this was a reasonable concern and that maybe the tanker could vary its parking position and all vehicles could be asked to shut off their engines. It is expected that the tanker will be able to resume extraction at the Yacht Club when the pathway works are finished. Meanwhile Chris will contact the operators to ask that they switch off their engines and will reply to Peter.

**Action – Chris D**

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Redcliffs Library.