

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 8th Dec 2025 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Peter Croft, Chris Doudney, Evan Price, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward
Apologies: Chris Bartlett, Duncan Currie, Robyn Pearson
In attendance: Dr Tim Lindley, Community Board and Coastal Pathway
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 10th November were accepted.
Matters arising. The secretary apologized for not making progress on the footpath maintenance in Barnett Park but explained she needed to take photographs first and raise a customer service request. Tim recommended that when this was done, and a response received, a formal request to the Community Board next year would be useful.
6. Correspondence: In: From Sue Cooke and the Tennis Club thanking us for our letters of support. CCC consultation on paragliding licences. From Pottery Society asking for publicity. From Will Hall thanking us for publicising the Battle of the Bays.
Correspondence: Out: To CCC and councillor asking for information about the CCPG governance group. Invitation to Cllr Nathaniel Herz Jardine to come to our meeting.
7. Finance. The Treasurer presented the accounts and cash flow forecast. He has requested donee status from IRD and is awaiting a response.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The future direction of governance for the Christchurch Coastal Pathway Group (CCPG) was discussed and the Chair noted that Ross Herrett has now retired from the governance group (which we understand from council is not a formal council body). Tim explained that under their revised constitution, membership of the CCPG would be limited to those approved by the committee and who had already made a significant contribution to the development of the pathway. The RRA suggested that at this stage it would be beneficial to include representation of the local communities through which the Pathway runs, Mt Pleasant, Redcliffs, Sumner and possibly Heathcote. Possible structures could involve having formal representatives nominated by the organisations or some type of liaison. Tim commented that some of their discussions might be too technical. It was agreed that the RRA would write and ask for community representation.
Tim tabled their latest newsletter and indicated that the Coastal Pathway Group was still working on enhancements to the pathway, including the possibility of an artistic lighting display in Moncks Bay (“a subtle artistic lighting effect”) and a stopping point on the Causeway. Details are available in a FAQ link on the website.

He confirmed that members were those for whom he had addresses on the mailing list.

Christine asked him to convey to the Group her request for the minutes of the meeting attended by her, Pat and two local residents to confirm her understanding that the lighting proposal would not be progressed if there was general community disapproval. Tim will report back and also suggested a request to the secretary.

- b. Coastal issues. Evan asked for more community publicity and engagement on flood awareness and flood planning. The Secretary will send out links in a newsletter. Evan is willing to go to meet local organisations to discuss needs and capabilities.
- c. Newsletter, community and social events, fundraising. There is a plan for a public meeting at the Bowling Club in March 2026.
- d. Website, email, communications, Facebook. FB is working well. The link to flood maps will be added.
- e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. Chris has circulated documents about electrification.
- f. Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs. Martin reported on a meeting with the Rangers, and a pause in the abseiling work on weeding the bluffs pending H&S review and a new Volunteer Agreement, which is in the process of development. They are planning a scheme for local families to adopt a patch and tend the plantings for nurturing and improving local engagement and support. Christine expressed the appreciation of the committee for the work being done.
- g. Response and Resilience Team. Christine and Pat attended the CDEM liaison meeting and heard about the Belfast Emergency Response Plan which is well developed and relies on an existing local community hub. Tony suggested it was time to meet again to discuss our local plan. Also it was suggested that a public meeting about the Alpine Fault and tsunamis be held in 2026, preferably in May. Secretary will contact Rachel Hunt to discuss dates. **Action Sec**
- h. Redcliffs School liaison. The Battle of the Bays was well attended and appreciated..

9. General Business.

- a. CYC meeting report. Christine, Tim, Hanno and affected local residents met at the Yacht Club, The meeting was useful and amicable. Money is available to rebuild the shed on the platform but resource consent has not yet been approved for public access.
- b. Community Board catch up and Community Service Awards. On behalf of the RRA Pat attended this event, which was well received.
- c. Public meeting 2026/AGM. We will look at getting Evan's meeting in March and CDEM in May.
- d. January meeting. Christine will hold a social meeting on Monday 26th January.

10. Other business.

- a. Chris enquired about the pollution warning signs that had gone up for a while along the causeway. Pat had asked CCC but had no useful response. They have now been removed.
 - b. Ashley reported that the security company had not been regularly locking the CYC gates at night, as they should, leading to anti-social behaviour. We will complain again.
 - c. Martin, with Tristan Wadsworth, is trying to progress recognition of the importance of the early history of Redcliffs and the caves, and is planning a meeting with Rewi Couch and Alex Green.
 - d. Christine reported that nesting birds in McCormacks Bay had been seen to be attacked by an alsation dog off the leash, which is much regretted.
11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 9th February 2026 at the Redcliffs Library.