

## Redcliffs Residents Association

### Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Redcliffs Library

1. Present: Christine Toner (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Tony Burns (Treas), Chris Doudney, Philippa Mein Smith, Robyn Pearson, Ashley Rule, Martin Ward  
Apologies: Chris Bartlett, Peter Croft, Duncan Currie, Evan Price
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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were accepted.  
Matters arising. The gravel left on Beachville Road has been swept again with some improvement.
6. Correspondence: In: Correspondence: From Andrea Cornwell, thanking us for supporting her in getting a memorial bench for her father, in Redcliffs Park.  
From Carol Symington expressing her intention to submit on the urupā site sale.  
Out: Reports to CCC re gravel left on Beachville Road, felling of the tree in Beachville Reserve and damaged crash barrier at corner of causeway. Letter of support for Chris Doudney for his application to SFF.
7. Finance. Tony presented his report having circulated a copy of the 2026 year-to-date cash flow summary and March statement. We received an additional \$8,650 from the CCC for the Barnett Park project plus a \$50 donation (trap sale).  
Expenditure for the month was \$748.68 - \$713 of which was with Elastomer Products and \$35.68 printing costs for the recent event. Month-end balance is now back up to \$21,158.40. We received a GST refund of \$890.  
He is in correspondence with IRD about donee status.
8. Reports of Sub Committees:
  - a. CCC, Coastal Pathway. The committee noted that under the new Societies Act the CCPG is no longer operating constitutionally as an Incorporated Society and agreed to contact the group to make them aware of this. Robyn reported continuing problems with fishing rubbish on the Pathway and we encourage reporting of this to CCC.
  - b. Coastal issues. Adaptation planning – the area of Heathcote to Taylors Mistake will be the next for the adaptation planning exercise and the committee expressed an interest in participating when the time comes.
  - c. Community and social events, fundraising, newsletter. The community event was very successful, with seven groups attending, eight RRA committee members, an MP, two councillors and 44 other people. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Evan for his work in organising this event and a hope that further similar events will occur.

d. Website, email, communications, Facebook. Philippa was welcomed as the new newsletter editor and she and the secretary will liaise about the best ways to communicate with our residents.

e. Environment, Eco Village, climate change action. Chris has applied for a SFF grant towards local electrification, initially the provision of solar panels for the library.

f. Regreening Barnett Park and Predator Free Redcliffs. Martin is concerned that the Volunteer Agreement for Barnett Park has not moved forward with the council process and asked the RRA to contact CCC about this. Planting continues apace with 300 new kanuka planted. There will be a trial of using herbicide on pigs ear. Ashley manned a Predator Free Redcliffs stand at the community event. They are in need of additional volunteers and have had two contacts. The Park trapline has caught a further 13 rats and 2 ferrets; McCormacks Bay has caught 9 rats and 2 ferrets. Fewer possums are being caught – maybe seasonal or due to reduced numbers.

g. Response and Resilience Team. Christine and Pat met with Therese Patterson, a local counsellor who specializes in trauma and discussed Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing therapy (EMDR) which has an application in immediate psychological first aid situations. New CDEM resilience coordinators coming soon - Louis Couperus and Caitlin Penny. We will look at a possible public meeting in June/July. **Action - Sec**

h. Redcliffs School liaison. Robyn continues to work with the school. Pat went to their community coffee morning on 20<sup>th</sup> March to represent the RRA.

## 9. General Business.

- a. Report on Mayoral Forum – Christine. Deferred until there is more time for discussion.
- b. Mother of all Cleanups – Chris will organise our local contribution as before. 10am at Celia Street jetty on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- c. 156 McCormacks Bay Road. Martin presented to council in opposition to the proposed sale and there was considerable community support for this position and for the proper recognition of the site. He has also been in discussion with Bruce Rendall about 124 McCormacks Bay.
- d. Re-sanding beach at Moncks Bay – Robyn. Reply from Eric Banks at Appendix A. Robyn was thanked for investigating this. The committee agreed that it was not practical to look at importing additional sand, as the currents are too strong at this location and there would not be CCC buy in.
- e. Dog control. Robyn noted that loose dogs were still a problem and requested that “Dogs on leash” signs be placed along the estuary edge and Coastal Pathway. This was supported by the committee and further representations will be made. **Action- Robyn, Christine, Sec.**
- f. Strengthening Communities Fund - applications open 1<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May. Needs a resolution to apply for funding. There was discussion about whether we

needed to apply for additional funding while still having unspent funds from the previous year. Further consideration at the next meeting.

- g. Barnett Park tree planting plan and play space renewal. The plan was circulated but there were no particular comments.
- h. Application for use of road reserve Moncks Bay Christine, Chris and Pat met as a sub-committee with Stephen Wright from CCC on site to discuss the issues. There is the possibility of moving one of the old garages so alternative sites were discussed, but no application has yet been made by the owner. Stephen was made aware of the keen local interest in the use of the road reserve at this sensitive location and the desirability of including affected neighbours and the wider community in any decision making. The opportunity was taken to ask Stephen to look at remedial work on Mulgans Track which is much in need of repair.

10. Other business.

- a. The Chair welcomed back Prof Philippa Mein Smith as a member of the committee.
- b. The committee approved the secretary investigating the cost of name badges for committee members and office bearers to help identification and raise awareness of the RRA when attending meetings.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at the Redcliffs Library.

## APPENDIX A

- **From:** "Banks, Eric" <Eric.Banks@ccc.govt.nz>  
**Date:** 19 March 2026 at 3:23:29 PM NZDT  
**To:** robepearson1@gmail.com  
**Subject:** **CYC beach**  
Hi Robyn

Thanks for your enquiry and nice to speak with you. As mentioned, I spoke with 3 CCC engineers with differing experience of the location. In summary -

- The beach is not a CCC asset
- If Council were to initiate such a proposal it would likely be actioned by either the Transport or Parks Unit
- Deep water (8m) close to shore, strong currents
- The new riprap associated with the Coastal Pathway did not cover much clear sandy beach (stony already)
- There is also a beach to west of yacht club
- The Coastal Pathway Ecological Impact Assessment indicated high value seagrass near boat shed. Would need to ensure sand did not get eroded and cover this.

- Groynes might work to some extent but would be scouring due to the mobile environment, could starve other areas. Restricted by Coastal Marine Area and deep channel.
  - CMA close to shore so if occupy then much more difficult consenting pathway
  - Risk sand might block ramp
  - Difficult to predict outcome of proposal given above.
  - Would be expensive and likely little appetite by Council units to undertake
  - The councillor for the area (Heathcote) is Nathaniel Herz Jardine; [nathaniel.herzjardine@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:nathaniel.herzjardine@ccc.govt.nz).
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I have attached the Ecological Impact Assessment for this part of the Coastal Pathway for your information. Let me know if you / RRA have any specific questions.

Kind regards

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**Eric Banks**  
Senior Parks and Policy Planner