

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on 1 Dec 14 at the Redcliffs Community Shed

1. Present: Chris Doudney (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Chris Bartlett, Grant Bargrove, Fletcher Stanton, Peter Croft
Apologies: Peter Crowe, Allan Boucher
Welcome: Arohanui Grace, (Council Strengthening Communities Advisor), Dawn Dart, (CCPG committee member and local resident), Darren Fidler (local resident)
2. Declaration of interest: Chris Bartlett declared a conflict of interest as he has been working on the website and has also quoted for further development costs.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2014 were formally accepted.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions: None
5. Notice of motions: None
6. Correspondence in: Fletcher reported that he had been contacted by a media person in Wellington asking to be put in touch with someone who had been injured in the earthquakes and was willing to tell their story.
7. Finance: The Chairman and Treasurer being both absent there was no formal report but the committee was advised that the sale of sausages had raised \$40 and that the donations from Fulton Hogan and the Council were expected to be in the account. Chris Doudney suggested that since the majority of the Council grant had been spent on the indemnity insurance required by Council itself the committee should look at whether there were other sources of insurance for such events that might provide cover.
Action - Chris, Fletcher
8. Reports of sub-committees:

Sea Wall. Chris Doudney reported that nothing had been heard from SCIRT or Council in response to the request for a meeting on this subject, however consent had been received.

Coastal Pathway. Pat reported that the RRA had arranged a public meeting with the Coastal Pathway Group at which their Chairman will present the developed design for the Beachville Section and discuss the process by which that had been arrived at and the previous consultations, followed by questions. Grace had kindly agreed to chair this meeting. She was provided with a briefing paper listing residents' concerns. The committee arranged to circulate a flyer and email notification. Pat tabled the design plans as circulated by Council and it was noted that there was a new element namely the replacement of the grass berms by rain gardens, proposed for the residents' side of the road (ie not adjacent to the pathway) These features would obstruct access from the houses and pavement to the road and esplanade. They would prevent some residents from putting their wheelie bins outside their houses for collection and they would also require increased maintenance. It was agreed to feed these comments back to the planners. The subject will be on the agenda for the next Community Board meeting and it was agreed to make a submission after opinion had been gauged at the forthcoming public meeting.
Action - Sec, Fletcher

Redcliffs Pavilion. There has been a report to Council supportive of the repair and recommissioning of this building with costings very similar to those calculated for RRA by Chris Doudney. Their intention is to arrange a meeting with interested parties. Chris will contact the Council. Action – Chris

Funding. In the absence of Peter Croft, Pat reported that the RRA had been advised by Grace that the application to the Red Cross EQ Recovery Fund would probably be rejected as being ineligible. This has therefore been withdrawn and an alternative application has been made for a total of \$10, 910 for community development activities including the development and maintenance of the new website, administrative and volunteer expenses. The deadline was 30 Nov so it was not possible to bring it back to Committee in advance. The revised application was accepted by the Committee. Grace was asked for advice on the application to the Discretionary Response Fund for short term RRA expenses. Some of the paperwork was not available but she suggested that an application be submitted anyway before the 3 Dec deadline. Action – Sec

Main Road Master Plan. Peter tabled a letter from Yani, being a draft of the Hearing Panel recommendation to the Council in which MRMP adoption was recommended, but subject to an amendment that there be further consideration of the detailed plans for the village centre roading and parking, and further public consultation as soon as possible. This was welcomed by the committee.

9. General business:

a. Grace introduced herself and discussed her current role (which unfortunately is to be disestablished by Council). She offered to facilitate a meeting of the RRA at which it could focus on discussing, defining and reinforcing its aims and objectives and decide on effective ways to foster community links and activities. The committee agreed to hold such a meeting, although it will need to be next year. She emphasised the importance of personal contacts and the promotion of local links. Pat suggested a facilitated but primarily social meeting, with as many local groups as possible getting together. Fletcher suggested using the new function centre at the Redcliffs Mt Pleasant Bowling Club.

b. Website development. Chris Bartlett reported on work he has done on a draft website which will be much more functional, easy to operate, interactive and capable of working on smartphones and tablets. He invited committee members to come to try it out. All members were encouraged to submit ideas direct to him on what they would like to see on the website.

c. The secretary asked that the agenda item on civil defence and emergency planning be deferred to the next meeting as she had not yet had time to liaise with Council on this.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 2 Feb 2015 at the Redcliffs Community Shed