

Redcliffs Residents Association

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at 7.30pm on 13 April 2015 at the Redcliffs Community Shed

1. Present: Peter Crowe (Chair), Pat McIntosh (Sec), Chris Doudney, Allan Boucher, Fletcher Stanton, Peter Croft.
Apologies: Chris Bartlett Absent: Grant Bargrove
Welcome: Steve Caine, Ian Wyllie, Dawn Dart, Darren Fidler
2. Declaration of interest - none
3. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of 9 March were proposed by Allan Boucher, seconded by Chris Doudney and accepted.
4. Deputations/submissions/petitions. None
5. Notice of motions. None
6. Correspondence in: Fletcher reported that he had received an email that the van was out of order. Darren suggested a communal get together to arrange email ordering of groceries for those who were unable to get to the shops. Fletcher thought that arrangements might be possible temporarily for those who used the shopping bus. The agenda for the next Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board meeting was tabled. Peter Croft asked that all email correspondence received to the redcliffsinfo@gmail address be tabled at the committee meetings. The Secretary suggested instead that she could forward it to all committee members as it arrived and they could extract the items that were of interest or relevance to them. It was agreed to try this for one month.
Correspondence out: The Secretary reported that she had written submissions opposing the proposed closure of Redcliffs School to the School Principal, the Ministry of Education and Nuk Korako MP and had received acknowledgements from all and thanks from the school.
7. Finance. The Red Cross funding has been received. The paperwork for the Discretionary Response Fund is to be returned.
8. Reports of sub-committees:
 - a. Sea wall. Chris Doudney reported that the work is due to commence in May and they were currently discussing the methodology, which he had reservations about. It was agreed that Chris would draft a letter and request information about the final plans.
 - b. Main Road. Peter Croft updated on the MRMP. Having noted that the kerb and channel work had started before the promised consultation he had employed a solicitor to remind the council that they were in breach of consultation requirements. The work had been suspended and further consultations were now underway with a request for feedback sent from the council. It was agreed that a letter would be sent thanking them for their efforts in restoring some of the Main Road parking places to the plan. There was further discussion about a 30km speed limit through the village and the difficulty of reconciling the needs of different users and of protecting the commercial activity of the village while reducing overall the

need for car use. There was also a suggestion that the RRA write to council asking for thresholds to the village to be put in the next budget. All committee members were in favour. Action – Sec

- c. Pavilion. Chris Doudney reported on a meeting with Grant McLeod of Council (Green Space Capital Projects) and Dave Kennedy of the Community Shed regarding the restoration of the Community Pavilion. The council is prepared to spend in the order of \$100,000 on this. Peter Crowe informed the committee that the Community Shed had expressed an interest in taking over the property and seeing if approval could be given for an additional relocatable structure for their workshop on the site. A further meeting was planned for mid-April.
- d. Website. In the absence of Chris Bartlett it was agreed that the secretary would talk to him when possible about the website and email communications, especially as the email contact list process has become unreliable.

9. General business

a. Redcliffs School proposed closure. There was a call for individual committee members to add their voices to the general alarm and disquiet about the proposed closure and to make submissions by the due date. Darren Fidler reported on the work being done by the school to assess the business case and economic effects, and asked for anyone with suitable contacts to try to enlist their expertise.

b. Chris Doudney raised the question of the council flats at Avonheath Court, currently earthquake damaged and mostly empty. It was agreed to approach Council with a request to be informed about the plans for these and to encourage early repair, preferably for use as pensioner flats as originally intended, in order to increase the social housing stock and meet local need. Action - Sec

c. Community events 2015/16. Now that money has been allocated for holding community events the secretary suggested that committee members should start thinking about possibilities and dates. Fletcher proposed that a Fun Day would be held again in November as part of Neighbourhood Week. It was agreed that he would facilitate and co-ordinate this. Action – Fletcher

d. Communications with residents. The secretary is to talk with Chris Bartlett about improving email communications. Also she proposed that there be a community notice board in the centre of the village. Peter Croft suggested he could find a suitable site for this and Peter Crowe will liaise with the Men's Shed about making it. Action - Peter Croft and Peter Crowe

There was also a suggestion to put a regular notice in Bay Harbour News and Fletcher is to action this. Action – Fletcher

e. Communications within RRA – secretary to talk to Chris Bartlett about getting a dedicated email address for the office-bearers

f. There was discussion around co-opting additional committee members, with an email having been received from Dawn Dart also expressing interest. In view of the number of potential people for co-option and the fact that two committee members were away it was decided to hold this over until all the committee had had the chance to express their views, and to decide on the optimum number and make-up of the committee.

11. Next committee meeting at 7.30pm on 4 May 2015 at the Redcliffs Community Shed.