

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 28 May 2019, Greenhithe Community Hall

Chairman Brian Carran called the Greenhithe Residents Association Annual General Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Chairman:	Brian Carran	Deputy Chairman:	Trish Cassone
Members:	Michelle Heald, Ivy Lu, Dale Morris, Mick Sinclair, Dennis Thornton, Elaine Utting, David Willmott, Annie Yong-Mewburn, Ehsan Zabihi		
Guests:	Local Board Members: Brian Neeson, Lisa Whyte, Margaret Miles, Uzra Casuri Balouch, Nicholas Mayne		
	Councillors:	Wayne Walker, John Watson	
	GCT:	Amanda Mitchell, Nicola Robertson, Jonathan Smit	
	CPNZ:	Des Rankin	

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman extended warm welcome to all guests present in the AGM. Chairman thanked Upper Harbour Local Board members and Councillors for funding and other supports provided to the Association during the past year. Sincere thanks were extended to Margaret Miles and Uzra Casuri Balouch for closely working with GRA Committee in improving the Greenhithe community. Chairman appreciated Amanda Mitchell and her team for organising speeches and providing courtesy food for the AGM.

2. Apologies

Christopher Deane, Steven Oh, Leon Vaudrey.

MOVED by David Willmott, Seconded by Trish:

That the apologies are accepted.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 3 July 2018

Minutes of the previous AGM dated 3 July 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Trish Cassone, Seconded by Mick Sinclair:

That the minutes are accepted and approved as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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4. Treasurer's Report

- a) GRA obtained charities status this year, hence the different format of financial statements;
- b) GRA registered GST this year, so when comparing figures it should be noted that the figures last year were GST inclusive and those of this year were GST exclusive;
- c) The income dropped considerably due to time-consuming renovation of the Community Hall;
- d) The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements had been previously circulated.

MOVED by Elaine Utting, Seconded by Brian Carran:

That the Financial report for the 2018/2019 year as presented be approved.

CARRIED

- e) Chairman thanked Elaine for her contribution to the Committee as its Treasurer. Since joining the Association a few years ago, Elaine had been doing a phenomenal job: besides routine accounting duties for a Treasurer, she also managed hall booking transition, building renovation accounts and related legal obligations with great efficiency and precision; and now even she had resigned, she undertook to carry on until the end of August when the new Treasurer would return from overseas and take over the responsibilities.

5. Chairman's Report

- a) Chairman thanked the Executive team (Trish Cassone, Christopher Deane, Michelle Heald, and Ivy Lu) for their efforts on improving the Association's website, hall management and hall renovation projects.
- b) Chairman briefly reported on the Community Hall renovation project, pointing out a \$42,000 cost over-run resulted from unforeseen underfloor dilapidation of the building; unfortunately due to shortage of funds, a few planned features of the project had to be given up at the moment, and full completion of the original plan would be postponed until new funding becomes available.
- c) The restoration of Old School Building had required \$15,000 of essential maintenance to the exterior which has been funded and almost completed; Chairman thanked GCT Men's Workshop Group for their help with painting.
- d) Chairman expressed thanks to: i) Upper Harbour Local Board for \$45,000 grant toward the renovation of Community Hall and \$10,000 toward the restoration of Old School Building; ii) Coco Trust for \$10,000 grant; iii) Foundation North for \$40,000 grants; iv) Lion Foundation for \$20,000 grant; and v) five different local businesses for \$25,000 donation.
- e) GRA had been, and would continue to enjoy, working with Greenhithe Community Trust on community projects like Emergency Response and Men's Workshop.

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- f) Chairman thanked retiring committee members Simon Gordon, David Willmott, Wayne Tibbott and Elaine Utting for their service to GRA and Greenhithe community; and welcomed new nominees Michelle Heald, Steven Oh (Treasurer), Leon Vaudrey, and Ehsan Zabihi to join in; Chairman announced one committee vacancy open.

MOVED by Brian Carran, Seconded by Elaine Utting and Trish Cassone:

That the Chairman's Report be received.

CARRIED

6. Elections of Committee

- a) Current member nominees Brian Carran, Trish Cassone, Christopher Deane, Rory Howard, Ivy Lu, Dale Morris, Mick Sinclair, Dennis Thornton, and Annie Yong-Mewburn expressed interests in continuing serving in the committee.

MOVED by Brian Carran, seconded by Glenda Moore:

That the current committee member nominees be elected.

CARRIED

- b) New member nominees Michelle Heald, Steven Oh, Leon Vaudrey, and Ehsan Zabihi come up as good match to GRA's needs and recruiting criteria.

MOVED by Mick Sinclair, seconded by Trish Cassone:

That the new committee member nominees be elected.

CARRIED

- c) New Treasurer would not be able to take over until September 2019, ex-Treasurer Elaine Utting agreed to carry on until 31st August 2019.

MOVED by Trish Cassone, seconded by Annie Yong-Mewburn:

That Elaine Utting be elected as Interim Treasurer.

CARRIED

- d) Executive nominees are: Chairman – Brian Carran, Deputy Chairman – Trish Cassone, Secretary – Ivy Lu, Treasurer – Steven Oh, Hall Supervisor – Christopher Deane.

MOVED by David Willmott, seconded by Mick Sinclair:

That the Executive nominees as presented be elected.

CARRIED

7. General Business

- a) Rame road development: according to Local Board Member Margaret Miles, the 1.5m project was in the final stage of design; information was expected to be gathered and sent to residents by the end of June 2019.
- b) Upper Harbour Drive and Albany Highway intersection: the problem had been greatly alleviated by light phase changes and some policing; at the moment no further action had been planned, but if the situation deteriorates the Association would follow up.

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Local Board Member Margaret Miles added that Auckland Council had allocated \$62,000 to Auckland Transport to enable investigation into the problem and seek long-term solution.

- c) Off-ramp congestion from SH18 to Albany Highway: it had been a work in progress.
- d) Residents would be seeing a new playspace developed in the Huntington Reserve.
- e) One question was taken from the floor: speeding issues along Greenhithe major roads (e.g.: Greenhithe Road, Tauhinu Road, etc.) were posing increasingly serious threat to safety of residents, especially school children, walking on the road. Chairman agreed on the observation and promised to look into the problem with Local Board members in the regular committee meeting the following week.

8. Guest speakers

- a) Des Rankin from CPNZ introduced what areas Massey Patrol covers, its relation to Massey Community Police Station, how it operates, and how it may help our community to prevent crime and create safer environments by recruiting and training qualified volunteer patrols. They are actively seeking volunteers, sponsorship and funding for the Massey Patrol Force.
- b) Nicola Robertson from GCT introduced the Greenhithe Ecology network, which covers various eco-related projects such as: pest control, rats and possums trapping, planting, New Zealand Bird Survey, all contributing towards a better eco-environment and well protected nature in Greenhithe. Nicola earnestly called for greater community involvement and participation.
- c) Jonathan Smit from GCT presented the newly-innovated (Note: new to Greenhithe) Men's Workshop group. He emphasised that, despite whatever implied in the name, the group welcomes both men and women, old and young. The purpose is to socialise and have fun, while making something that may benefit the community.

Chairman closed the meeting by thanking guest speakers and introducing the Greenhithe Club & Organisation Info Night.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 8.30 pm.