

**GREENHITHE RESIDENTS, RATEPAYERS AND COMMUNITY HALL  
ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of **Annual General Meeting** held at Greenhithe Community Hall  
12 July 2016 @ 7:30pm

**Present:** Brian Carran (Chair), Christopher Deane (Deputy Chair), Dean McIntosh (Treasurer), Penny Stedman (Secretary), Simon Gordon, Mick Sinclair, Wayne Tibbotts, Elaine Utting, Jason Willis.

**Apologies:** Margaret Miles (Local Board Member), Yvonne Bonfrer, Samit Patel, Brian Neeson, Cath Carran, Shelly Mackay.

**Introduction:** Brian extended a warm welcome to all attendees on this cold evening. Particular welcome was extended to our guest speakers, Phil Goff and Victoria Krone, and to our local councillors Lisa Whyte, Graham Lowe, John Watson and Wayne Walker. Also welcomed were John Palino and Penny Bright and Amanda, Chairperson from the Greenhithe Community Trust.

**Approval of minutes of 2015 AGM – 7 July, 2015:**

Mick Sinclair/Christopher Deane

**Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Financial report attached.

Income was \$45,747 with expenditure of \$42,472. Shelly has been active with hall bookings and it is good to have regular hirers, which has resulted in a surplus of \$3,275. The one off repairs and maintenance to the Old School Building cost \$12,960 during the year. The surplus from normal trading activities has been approximately \$30,000 for the year. Funds available at balance date were \$54,000. \$45,000 of this has been set aside for the proposed Community Hall redevelopment work.

DeanMcIntosh/Brian Carran

**Community Hall Report**

At the last AGM the proposals for the hall development were presented. A copy of what is happening is contained in the business report that has been circulated. Simon presented the proposals to the meeting. The hall has been in use for one hundred years and is booked

extensively. He explained the proposals are to divide the internal space more usefully. Funds were raised within the community to build the hall in the first instance and now we are seeking funding from the community again to allow the redevelopment to take place. The local Upper Harbour Board has very kindly donated \$45,000.00. Our aim is to raise \$70,000.00 and we are asking members of the local community to donate what they can, with a suggested maximum sum of \$5,000.00. Grants are harder to come by and we have to be creative in raising funds. We shall continue with grant application process and then ask members of the community to contribute. A fundraising document has been prepared. Brian thanked Simon on behalf of the Association for the work he has done on this.

### **Marketing/Branding/Communications**

Jason has been working with Campbell Harrison of Casual Fridays to create a logo for the Association which in colours of green, blue and grey represents the trees, waterways and roading in our area. This new logo will be used on the buildings, communications and the website and aims to remind residents of the buildings and services that are provided by the Association. Our website is under construction but we are seeking a local company to assist with this. If anyone knows someone who may be able to help they were asked to make this known. A further aim of the new marketing is to increase membership of the association.

### **Chairman's Report: (report attached)**

This is the 16<sup>th</sup> report presented. Serving the community in this capacity has been very rewarding.

- The members of the committee were thanked individually for their efforts. Unfortunately Dean cannot continue in the role of treasurer for personal reasons and was thanked for his professionalism and commitment. Elaine Utting has volunteered to take over the position subject to confirmation by this meeting, and Simon Gordon will be Funding Director for the Community Hall redevelopment project.
- The management of Harcourts were thanked for their support in allowing Shelly to control the hall bookings in their time and on their premises.
- The Old School Building has been spruced up and repairs done. A small amount of vandalism has occurred. Spending on the Community Hall is deferred and outstanding issues will be addressed when the redevelopment takes place. Working drawings for this are to hand and pricing will be sought as will funding. There will be a deficit of up to \$100,000 which will need to be found through grants and donations. The project could be staged but that is not our preference.
- Marketing and branding has been done with thanks due to Jason and Cam for their efforts. It is hoped better marketing will remind people of the work of the Association and encourage financial membership.
- Local Board has been most supportive with Chair Lisa Whyte and Board Member Margaret Miles visiting Greenhithe to better understand our priorities have been involved in most of the things that have happened in the village. Margaret attended the

majority of our committee meetings during the year as for the last decade. Special note is made of the Council Grant for the hall redevelopment where \$25,000 was requested and \$45,000 received.

- Councillor John Watson has also been active visiting us and gaining an understanding of our priorities. Both he and Councillor Walker have been working on the congestion issues on Upper Harbour Drive. Priorities for the Council are included in this report.
- Watercare Services has been proactive in informing the Association of its plans for the proposed Waste Water Line. We will be working with them to minimise disruption and maximise benefits from this essential work.
- Auckland Transport is proving a challenge, mainly due to lack of funds on their part. They are notoriously slow in responding to both the Resident's Association and the Local Board requests. Matters proceed very slowly and communication is haphazard. We shall continue to try to get our priorities onto their agenda.
- The community may rest assured that the Committee is working on their behalf on all of these matters. Residents were invited to become family members at \$20.00 per household.
- Campbell Harrison may join the Committee ex officio.
- 2 Committee members will be leaving and nominations will be called for replacements.

Brian Carran

### **Election of Committee:**

#### Executive:

Brian Carran – Chairman  
Christopher Deane – Deputy Chairman  
Penny Stedman – Secretary  
Elaine Utting – Treasurer

Simon Gordon/Mick Sinclair

#### Committee Members

Shelly McKay – Hall Manager  
Simon Gordon – Special Projects/Hall Funding  
Mick Sinclair – Legal Advisor  
Jason Willis – Marketing and Branding  
Samit Patel - Committee  
Wayne Tibbotts – Committee

Brian Carran/Christopher Deane

### **Nominations for new members:**

Jim Dickie  
David Wilmott

Christopher Deane

**General Business:**

Upper Harbour Drive congestion was raised by local resident Phil Cooper. He described the existing problems and noted there is further development approved which will add 53 more homes to the area. Local Board and Greenhithe Residents Association are actively working on this issue. There has been some movement from AT who are considering widening the road.

Priscilla Collins of Greenhithe Community Trust gave a report on the activities of the Trust in managing the 40 bush reserves around the area, and also outlined other projects including workshops on compost making and preparation of preserves. The Trust has also set up a Food Hub at 12 Greenhithe Road where surplus fruit and vegetables may be donated for other in the community.

**Guest Speakers:**

The two Guest Speakers were introduced to the meeting and each one gave an interesting short address outlining their vision for the future of Auckland if elected. At the conclusion of their addresses questions were taken from the floor.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2 August 2016 at 7.30 pm