

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting 4 April 2017

Present: Brian, Chris, David, Elaine, Jason, Mick, Penny, Wayne

Apologies: Simon, Shelly, Uzra

Guests: Councillor Margaret Miles, Kim of RDA, Dennis, Rohan and Mayur, Emergency Planning.

Auckland Emergency Planning:

Resilience Advisors Rohan and Mayur gave a presentation on the current and future role of Auckland Emergency Planning (AEP). The role of Emergency Planning is changing and first response will now and in future be the responsibility of local community groups. The AEP will be responsible for the co-ordination of multiple agencies – Fire Service, Police, Red Cross, St John etc. They have produced a booklet which can be obtained from their website “Resilient Auckland” which explains the concepts behind their new approach. It will be the responsibility of each community to look after itself as a first response and although it is not prescriptive communities may set a plan for themselves if they wish. Individual households should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least three days. Neighbourhoods need to be aware of where the community should meet in case of an emergency – e.g. local school. We shall need to ponder on this new approach and move forward. Rohan and Mayur were thanked for their presentation as was Dennis.

Riding for the Disabled

Kim of RDA presented a submission to the meeting setting out the concerns of the RDA community relating to the proposed move of Rosedale Pony Club to the Wainoni Park grounds they currently share with Greenhithe Pony Club. RDA is very concerned about the loss of grazing spaces which they depend upon for their volunteers. It has been discovered that there is a lot less land available for future grazing purposes than had been the case previously. There is some difficulty in reaching a satisfactory division within the three groups. RDA feel that they must retain sufficient grazing space to keep their volunteers. These people are specially trained in working with the disabled and also health and safety. Their ponies are chosen for their extremely quiet temperament and although regular pony club members may volunteer to assist their animals may not have this placid temperament and the riders would not have the specialist training. Comment from the floor supported the excellent work of the RDA and also supported the needs of the two pony clubs for sufficient space for their activities. Kim was thanked for her presentation and it is to be hoped a satisfactory conclusion can be reached between the three groups

Minutes of Previous Meeting 7 February 2017.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion: The minutes be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Brian, Mick
Carried.

Correspondence

All relevant correspondence has been circulated.

Financial Report

Elaine had previously circulated the End of Year accounts. There is approximately \$900 casual hall hire yet to be included. The surplus for the year is \$28,000.

We have \$150,000 in hand towards the hall alterations leaving a shortfall from target of around \$85,000.

There will be a small increase in the cost of power from 8 May. No changes will be made to the fee for hall hire this year. The insurance policies need checking and Mick has volunteered to do this.

Motion:

The financial report be approved

Action:

Mick to review the insurances.

Hall Report

Building Project

The tender of \$235,000 has been accepted. We need to decide when to commence the build. Simon feels that we shall be able to get together the remaining funds required. It was felt that the start of construction should be put back until around January 2018 dependent upon availability of the contractor which gives time to raise the balance of funds. Brian will communicate with Hugh about a timetable for the building. The sub-committee will meet within the next two to three weeks.

Action:

Brian to communicate with Hugh re timetable.

Sub-committee to meet within three weeks.

OSB

Shelly will follow up the matter of the rotting boards and report to the June meeting on progress.

Action:

Shelly

Community Hall

Plunket has formally given up the room they used. The Eternal Vision Church has taken it up for storage.

Marketing

Jason reported that the new website www.greenhithe.org.nz is ready. New email addresses are being set up for the committee. Members are encouraged to make use of this system in place of regular email. Shelly is informing people they should book on line from now on.

Upper Harbour Drive

It was suggested that if people wish to protest about the queues they should do so through the GRA website. We can then adjust the messages suitably to present to AT. Margaret reported that AT is interested in receiving any information that we have as part of the report. We can put something on the website to encourage people to sign up. It was felt that at this stage it is better to wait and see and no action shall take place for the time being.

Rame Road

Margaret will advise Brian when a suitable time for submissions arrives. Chris will step in if possible when Brian is away. A short submission is all that is necessary.

Action:

Brian will prepare a short submission.

Salthouse Project

Simon has done a lot of work on this. The Salthouse has put the property back on the open market. Simon and Brian met with their agent to advise that we would be interested although we are not presently in a position to make an offer. The agent advised that a low offer had been received and rejected. In the meantime contact has been made with Ian Maxwell of Auckland Council, a meeting was held with him and he proved very helpful. Council may possibly put up capital but would require a return on the investment. A change of use would be required for the lease. Interest has been shown by the rowing and classic boat communities. This would need to be worked out over a period of years working together with Council.

Wastewater Reticulation

Simon has had discussions with the waste water people to see that the interests of the Greenhithe Pony Club and Riding for the Disabled are looked after.

Men's Shed

Wayne has been chatting with the Glenfield Men's Shed group. It took a long time to set this up but now they are very well equipped. Hobsonville Point was also trying to get a group going but has been discouraged by the lack of an available building. David suggested various options to get a Greenhithe group started and thought that possibly starting up a walking group may be a way of getting together in the interim. Brian suggested liaising with Glenfield to see if they would be interested in allowing a Greenhithe Chapter to make use of their premises on a spare day. David and Wayne will approach Glenfield Men's Shed to discuss the possible formation of a Greenhithe Chapter and will report back to GRA at the June meeting. At that stage we could involve the Greenhithe Community Trust.

Action:

David and Wayne to liaise with Glenfield Men's Shed regarding a Greenhithe Chapter.

Council/Local Board Report – Margaret Miles

Waipuia Footpath

No change. It is really hard to get anywhere with this. Brian was asked to email Margaret again.

Action:

Brian to email Margaret.

Shrubs blocking Motorway Exit

No change.

Collins to Sunnyview

There have been some indications that Council is accepting this issue as a priority although nothing has been heard since the site meeting. Various consents and retaining are required but they are pushing forward with urgency. AT will be funding this.

Oakford Park

AT advised Margaret that the 'road markings are in the correct place'. Margaret will re-check.

Skate Park and Tennis Court rubbish bins

It has been suggested that a solution may be more frequent emptying of the current bins.

Margaret was thanked for her report.

Emergency Plan

Brian and Dennis will meet to discuss a plan of action.

AGM

A table will be required in the room to take fees and pledges on the night. Jason was asked to prepare some marketing for the AGM for Greenhithe News. Chris will get an up to date photo of Paula. As most members are prepared to continue there are three vacancies and it was suggested that we try and attract some younger folk on to the committee.

Margaret gave her apologies for the AGM. Dennis will stand for formal membership.

Action:

Simon and Jason – encourage younger folk to join committee. Jason prepare marketing material for AGM for Greenhithe News,

New Motorway Interchange

David explained a submission that has been made relating to this issue which has been made by CUTS. It was agreed that a letter of support would be sent from GRA to CUTS so that they can present it with theirs. Brian will also copy it to NZTA.

Action:

Brian to write letter of support to CUTS, copy to NZTA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35 pm.

The next meeting will be 6 June 2017.