

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting 6 December 2016

Present: Brian, Elaine, Hugh, Jason, Penny, Simon, Wayne.

Apologies: Chris, David, Mick, Samit, Shelly.

Guests: Councillors Margaret Miles, Uzra Balouch and Nicholas Mayne, Rame Road residents Jane Rice and Peter Choudhry, Dennis – Emergency Planning.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on 11 October 2016

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Moved: Simon/Brian
Carried

Public Forum

The guests were welcomed.

Rame Road

Jane Rice raised the ongoing issue of vehicle nuisance on Rame Road. She has previously discussed the matter with Lisa Whyte and Brian. The problems are worse in summer and start around 6pm sometimes until early morning. The local community constable has been advised as has Lisa Whyte. Investigations are being undertaken and various solutions have been suggested but nothing has been done as yet. Margaret Miles did not believe any funds would be available from AT to assist with speed bumps etc. A number of suggestions were made and the following were to be followed up:-

- Speed bumps
- Cameras
- Residents bombard AT with complaints about every incident
- Raise a petition to AT.
- Signs to be posted 'Please respect residents of the area and drive safely'
- Area to be put under observation by security cameras.
- Ask Lisa Whyte to attend a street meeting to discuss this problem.

Residents could fund and install bolt on speed bumps if no assistance forthcoming from AT but permission would be required.

Action

Margaret to contact AT to enquire whether residents can put in bolt on speed bumps at their own cost.

Penny to write to Lisa offering the GRA's support to the residents of Rame Road.

Rame Road residents to set up a petition and submit this to AT. (They could fund raise towards cameras when getting signatures for the petition).

Brian will discuss the question of adding cameras to the Salthouse System with Greg Salthouse to see if it can be done.

Matters Arising

The Lucas Creek meeting was attended by Chris. The meeting is part of the Green Party campaign on clean rivers. There was considerable discussion about what is appropriate development. Enquiries are being made about the testing being done on Lucas Creek and Nicholas advised that no testing is done in the salt water part of the creek. The tests which have been done show the water quality is improving but birds are still declining. Appropriate storm water protection is required, and pressure needs to be applied.

Men's Shed

David looked into this prior to leaving for the UK. He plans to put together a steering committee. Brian wrote to the Greenhithe Community Trust to gauge their interest in partnering on this. They would be the most likely group to continue with this for the long term. They are keen to be involved when the project gets off the ground. Suggestions were made as to a suitable location – Wainoni Park either sheds or the old house, Hobsonville Point. Margaret will follow up re Hobsonville Point and advise Brian of any interest there.

Action: Margaret to check options at Hobsonville Point.

Correspondence

All relevant correspondence has been circulated.

Finance Report

The report circulated does not have November included and will be updated later this week. Five sponsorships have been received and more are to come. Elaine was thanked for her hard work.

Motion:

The financial report is approved.

Moved: Hugh/Brian
Carried

Membership Levies

Chris was to chair this sub-committee but has been unable to continue. Someone may need to take over in the New Year. Sam approached the local businesses regarding the voucher proposal but without much success. It was agreed we need to create better awareness of what we do. This is a work in progress. Chris is hoping to do this when he is available again.

Hall Report

Shelly has requested assistance with handing out the keys. Sam was suggested as a possible alternate and Brian agreed to approach him to see if he is willing to have the keys at the pharmacy. There was a short discussion on alternatives to keys and Jason suggested the building committee investigate installing a code based keyless entry system to resolve the issue.

Motion: That the building committee investigates the installation of a keyless entry system for the halls.

Moved: Jason/Hugh
Carried.

Building Project Tenders

Hugh advised the meeting of the current position relating to tenders. There have been some quotes obtained and these need to be formalised hopefully prior to Christmas or February at the latest so that grants can be applied for. It will take 3-4 months from submission before we are in a position to move forward. Hugh was thanked for his work on this matter.

Hall Project Funding

Brian and Simon met with Barfoot & Thompson to discuss sponsorship options. There being a possible conflict with the current providers, naming rights were discussed and a suggestion made that possibly the OSB internal hall naming rights could be offered. This seems to be acceptable to all. There are now six sponsors at \$5,000 and possibly two further sponsors will give \$2,500.00. There was a vote of thanks to Simon for all his efforts with this matter.

Repairs and Maintenance

Shelly had been approached to see if GRA is interested in a security system for the OSB. A meeting is arranged for this month to discuss this. Ideas and a quote will be given. No funds are currently available at this point.

No R&M is planned for the Community Hall.

Hall Bookings

Bookings remain steady although weekends are not very busy.

Communications and Marketing

Jason reported that the website has been built and he has seen a demonstration. Some additional items will be added by Jason. Information on what GRA does and some history of the association are needed. Jason outlined some of the features – membership fees can be paid on the site via credit card, an auto-renewal feature is included. Funds will need to be transferred periodically into the GRA account. There is a booking system for the four individual rooms on the site and payment can be made on line. The ability to include a bond has been built into the system. Cleaning of the room by the hirer is now compulsory and added in automatically to the fee. We may need to consider changing the accounting system from MYOB to Zero. Other features include a searchable library, copy minutes, Greenhithe News. Limited access will be available to correspondence.

Rame Road Water Access/Parking Project

Simon updated the committee on the current position. Greg Salthouse will wish to sell at some point and the purpose of the project is to save the area as a community asset. The vision is to redevelop the area into a community asset where

there can be a recreation area plus BBQ space, as well as providing for high performance sports - rowing for example. Parking needs to be improved around the motor boat launch area as does provision for turning space. Plans have been drawn up and a meeting held with the rowing community. New drawings are to be prepared in hard copy 3D. There is ongoing dialogue with Salthouse concerning a future purchase if funds can be raised for the purpose at the time. This project would also help to make the area safer. A decision has been made to spend \$2000 of GRA funds with Opus – more cost will be incurred of up to \$10,000.00. In the longer term the property would need to be valued and costs investigated to clean up the site. A major contractor has advised that this could amount to over \$1m for a clean-up, \$1m to rebuild suitable buildings on site plus around \$5m for the initial purchase - \$7m in total.

Wastewater Reticulation Path

Watercare is still aiming for 2018 for this project. This is to coincide with the resealing scheduled for Greenhithe Road. We are still hoping to get some design work done on the Collins/Sunnyview section prior to that. Watercare do not wish to be involved with the matter of this footpath.

Council/Local Board Report

Margaret reported as follows:

Collins/Sunnyview Footpath

Margaret reported that although the liaison people agreed to a meeting nothing has happened. A meeting will be organised.

Albany Highway/Upper Harbour intersection.

Margaret reported that AT consider there are no significant delays since the Albany Highway roadworks have been completed. Therefore they are not prepared to look at anything either in the short or long term. The matter may be looked at again in March.

Action: Margaret

Almond Grove/Waipuia

This is a parks issue. Parks has been re-structured and it is unclear who the correct person to approach in this matter is. We need to meet with them for a site meeting. Margaret will attempt to sort something out.

Action: Margaret

Planting beneath the 'Greenhithe' sign Tauhinu Road

Again, there is no designated person that can be approached at this stage.

Additional Greenhithe sign at the eastern approach.

It was suggested this be cut back to one sign at Upper Harbour Drive. Brian will discuss this with Jim.

Action: Brian

Shrubs at Eastern Motorway Exit

David was to talk to the developers about this. It is a work in progress.

Action: David

Rubbish Bins at the Greenhithe Tennis Club and Skate Park

There has been no movement with this issue. Margaret will email Mark at Parks to find out what can be done.

Action: Margaret

Margaret was thanked for her input.

Emergency Planning Report

Dennis reported that Auckland Civil Defence Management has been undergoing considerable reorganisation. There have been many changes, including staff and the consequence is that it is very difficult to deal with the organisation management. Emergency response and community groups are basically on their own. Brian will write to Auckland

Emergency Management inviting a representative to attend our February meeting. Brian suggested that we take responsibility for ourselves if nothing is forthcoming. A plan could be made available on the GRA website

Dennis was thanked for persisting over a period of years to attempt to resolve the situation.

Action: Brian

General Business:

Neighbourhood Support

Marie Bishop has sent a report on Neighbourhood Support.

Greenbough Lane Swings Proposal

Wayne advised that the residents of Greenbough Lane have clubbed together and raised funds to put a set of swings on the green space there. Health and Safety would be an issue here. Margaret said this would need to go through the Local Board and Parks. She suggested that they send the proposal to Lisa Whyte as Chair and she will send it on to the appropriate place. Wayne was advised to pass this suggestion on to the residents.

Action: Wayne

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 7 February 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.