

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting 7 February 2017

Present: Brian, David, Elaine, Jason, Mick, Penny, Shelly, Wayne.

Apologies: Simon, Chris, Samit.

Guests: Councillors Margaret Miles and Uzra Balouch, Dennis – Emergency Planning.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on 6 December 2016

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Moved: Brian/Shelly
Carried

Public Forum

The guests were welcomed.

Rame Road

Speeding issue:

A letter of support has been sent to Lisa Whyte which she has acknowledged and passed on to the relevant person for further investigation. Lisa also visited Rame Road with Brian for a site inspection. Action is needed as soon as possible. We will watch the situation and continue to offer our help. CCTV is an option which will need to be discussed with Salthouse. Margaret advised that there is very little money available currently. The strategy will be to apply for a local board allocation.

Boat Ramp parking issue:

The signs which have been put up are proving very helpful and many ramp users are following the suggestions both for parking and launching their craft. Over the holiday weekends Rame Road was heavily used for trailer parking at times as far as Almond Grove. Something needs to be done about provision of suitable parking space. Margaret suggested that pictures should be taken of the congestion and writing to the Local Board outlining all the issues that we have may be helpful. It is important to keep reminding them of the issues.

Action

Brian will liaise with Greg Salthouse to discuss the option of additional CCTV cameras attached to their system.

Margaret will raise the matter at the first Upper Harbour Board workshop and also follow up with Auckland Transport.

Matters Arising

Men's Shed

Margaret has been advised that the house on Wainoni Park is leased currently and not available for this project. She will make enquiries as to the long term possibility. RDA has a building on Wainoni Park and possibly they may have a suitable space available and could be approached regarding this. Hobsonville Point community is going ahead with their Men's Shed project. David has met a local representative of Men's Shed NZ Ltd and also visited other Men's Shed groups on the Shore and is keen to go ahead in Greenhithe as a standalone project. He was requested to investigate Hobsonville Point to see if there is any possibility of a joint project. The intention is to start informally and engage with Council at a later stage. \$25 pa membership fee was suggested. Tools could be donated. A meeting needs to be organised to gauge interest levels. Margaret agreed to create an introduction for David to Hobsonville. Publicity will be discussed at a later date.

Action:

Margaret will investigate the long term possibility of the use of the house on Wainoni Park. She will also create an introduction for David to Hobsonville Point.

David will visit with members of Hobsonville Point community Men's Shed.

Correspondence

All relevant correspondence has been circulated.

Membership Levies

Sam has approached local businesses on the voucher project without much success. Chris will take over this project at a later stage.

Finance Report

Elaine circulated the Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet. January accounts have not yet been paid. There is \$26,000 in the cheque account and discussion took place regarding transferring the bulk of this into a number of small term deposits. The treasurer was given authority to transfer funds similarly in the past. It was agreed that two deposits of \$10,000 should be made for 3 and 4 month terms respectively.

Motion:

The treasurer is given authority to transfer appropriate funds into term deposit as required.

Moved: Brian/Shelly
Carried

Waste Water Reticulation Path

Simon has ascertained that the wastewater pipeline will not be going along the footpath between Collins Park and Sunnyview Road so is not going to impact on our efforts to have this path realigned. The pipeline will be driven down the middle of Greenhithe roadway.

Rubbish and Recycling Bins

Margaret reported that she has been advised that larger bins were installed last year. However, the job does not appear to have been done as yet.

Shrubs to the East of the Motorway Exit

David has visited the site and concluded that visibility is not restricted at the present time. If the shrubs grow out they will impede the view in future. The builder is now back on site. David did talk to the owner of the nearest house but he did not see a problem. The shrub could be shifted back on site. David would be prepared to do this himself if necessary. We will maintain a watch on this. No further action required at this time.

Greenbough Lane

This issue will be left to the local residents to resolve.

Hall Report

Building Project

Hugh has received a verbal quotation for \$200,000 which is on target. The previous \$280,000 quote is good for funding purposes. Brian will contact Hugh to get this moving and then the sub-committee can move forward otherwise this could become embarrassing with the sponsors.

Mick is working with Simon on preparing a suitable agreement for use with the \$5,000 donors. We will have something tangible by the end of next week.

Action

Mick will liaise with Simon.

OSB Maintenance

Shelly will approach some small builders to give quotes for the repairs to the OSB. Executive approval will be required. Dave, the cleaner, has offered to soft wash the building. The price would be up to \$400.

Action:

Shelly will get quotes. Approval is given for her to go ahead if less than \$400.

Community Hall

There are no pressing issues. The cleaner will be asked to clean up rubbish and charge accordingly. Orange rubbish bags are to be filled by the hirers and will be provided by the GRA.

Communications and Marketing

Website is progressing well and ready to go live. It was agreed that a soft launch will be done. Shelly reported that she had many enquiries. Extra funding will be required to set up the web addresses. Jason said the cost will be approximately \$1,000 plus an ongoing annual cost. Jason said the website will be ready by the end of February and emails organised. The new website could be a vehicle for Local Board Minutes. Jason was thanked for all his efforts with this project.

Motion: Jason and Shelly to go ahead with the soft launch of the new website. Expenditure on the association specific website email address is approved.

Moved: Brian/Elaine
Carried

Action:

Jason and Shelly will liaise on the soft launch. Jason will spearhead site launch.

Greenhithe Community Newsletter

It was agreed that our articles in the newsletter need to cover fewer items but in greater detail.

Upper Harbour Drive/Old Albany Highway intersection

We will wait to see if there is any progress from Margaret's report. A campaign will only start if the queue is greater than 200m metres long and/or there is a wait of more than 3 light changes. It was suggested that the queue at the motorway off-ramps to Old Albany Highway needs to be included in the issue. AT are still adamant that there is not an issue and there may need to be a further study. We will request a further site visit. There could be a change of focus due to the significant shift of traffic to create a bottleneck elsewhere. Breaching lanes is causing problems. It was agreed to hold fire until further investigation has been done locally.

Rame Road/Salthouse Project

Salthouse want to sell to the community but wish to continue using the site for a further five years. The project has been discussed with the Council. There is a sub-committee for this comprising Simon, Chris, Brian and Mick. Rame Road redevelopment needs to take place before this project and discussion needs to take place relating to obtaining some Local Board funding for this. Margaret advised writing to the Board describing the project and why we need it to happen. A solid argument is required to have any chance of success. Funding cannot be allocated more than 3 years out. AT will only look at the project once a request has been made to the Local Board. Margaret's advice is to leave Salthouse out of the request and concentrate on the issue of parking and boats and trailers. There would be support from the boating community, but pushback from the residents could be a problem. Jayne Rice is the person to approach. It was suggested that the road be widened to 9 metres with parking to one side. Parking needs to be the maximum allowed and signage and traffic calming will be required.

Opus has done a good job on Salthouse. It is a start. Funding will be difficult. Possibly private funding or a philanthropic donor may be found. The next stage is in the hands of Simon and the sub-committee.

Council/Local Board Report

Margaret reported as follows:

Almond Grove/Waipuia Footpath

Ongoing.

Collins to Sunnyview Realignment

Margaret reported that a meeting has been arranged for 1 to 1.30 pm on 14 February. She will attend together with Lisa Whyte. Mick will attend for the GRA. Victoria Loughhead has responded concerning the footpath and retaining wall creating problems.

Oakford Park

Two 'Slow' signs have been officially erected in Oakford Park incorrectly. Margaret has taken photographs of them and forward these to AT for action.

Greenhithe Pony Club

Changes to the Motorway North will result in the Hockey Club having to relocate. The only suitable place found is the Rosedale Pony Club grounds off Bush Road. The pony club has been advised to combine with Greenhithe Pony Club.

NZTA will provide funding to shift the hockey facility and upgrade the Greenhithe Pony Club. There will be an impact on local residents from extra vehicle parking and increased activity. The suggestion is for joint use of the Greenhithe facilities by Greenhithe, Rosedale and Whenuapai clubs.

Margaret was thanked for her briefing.

Emergency Planning Report

Dennis reported that he has requested an update Emergency Plan update from CD. In response he received a chart showing the Head Office membership. Brian suggested that we target the April meeting for someone to be approached to come and talk to GRA. Dennis will organise this. We should like to be updated on the present process. Dennis has provided Jason with a copy of the existing plan to see whether it could be put on the new website. Substantial re-drafting is required and provision will be made for it to be included on the website.

Action: Dennis request speaker for April meeting.

AGM

Brian raised the option of moving the date of the AGM to 13 June instead of July due to difficulties with the date. Discussion took place as to what type of speaker we should have at the event. Salthouse Project could be revealed or we try to get Paula Bennett and Labour and Greens representatives for a forum.

Motion: The 2017 AGM shall take place on 13 June.

Moved: BC/MS
Carried

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4 April 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.