

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

Minutes of **Annual General Meeting** held at Greenhithe Community Hall
12 June 2017 @ 7:30pm

Present: Brian Carran (Chair), Penny Stedman (Secretary), Elaine Utting (Treasurer), Simon Gordon, Mick Sinclair, David Willmott.

Apologies: Margaret Miles (Local Board Member), Chris Deane (Deputy Chair).

Guests: Rt Hon Paula Bennett Deputy Prime Minister, Jin An, Labour Party Candidate, James Goodhue, Green Party Candidate, Lisa Whyte, Chair of Upper Harbour Local Board, Uzra Balouch, Board Member.

Introduction: Brian extended a warm welcome to all attendees on this cold evening. Particular welcome was extended to our guest speakers, and to our local councillors.

Approval of minutes of AGM – 12 July, 2016:

The minutes had been previously circulated.

Motion: The Minutes are noted as a true and correct record.

Elaine Utting/Simon Gordon
Carried

Reports:

Financial Report:

The financial report had been previously circulated. Elaine made a presentation to the meeting on the annual report and was recognised by the Chair for her hard work.

Motion: The Financial Report be accepted.

Penny Stedman/Simon Gordon
Carried

Chairman's Report

During the year GRA has been accumulating funds towards renovation of the Community Hall. It has been difficult to find a suitable builder to undertake the work. We are now in process of seeking the balance of funding and the development has been delayed.

The Association website has been upgraded during the year and is now operative.

Issues relating to the Upper Harbour Drive/Albany Highway intersection continue to be contentious. We shall keep this matter on the agenda but shift our focus to the off ramp from the motorway to the Albany Highway where things would be improved by providing two left turning lanes at the junction.

Commitment has been made by Council to improve the footpath between Collins Park and Sunnyview Road. This is the outcome of two years' work by Upper Harbour Local Board and Greenhithe Residents' Association maintaining pressure on Auckland Transport. Engineers have surveyed it and the job should be done by this time next year. There are two broken footpaths between Greenhithe Road and Waipuia/Almond. This is a work in progress.

Community Hall Development. Tenders have been out. A builder has been approved. We need a further \$50,000 for the project. Five local donors have each given \$5,000 and their generosity is acknowledged.

Minor repairs and maintenance are required to the Old School Building.

Hall bookings remain strong and justify the renovation work which will provide multi-use rentable spaces in the area to the west of the main room and meet the demand for smaller spaces. A new booking system is being developed to provide an on-line booking option. Due to the pressure on Harcourt's staff time we need to consider the employment of a part time hall manager for the future. Jason Willis, a Committee Member, was thanked for his efforts in setting up this new website.

Greenhithe Emergency Plan developed 4 or 5 years ago is now obsolete. Dennis Thornton is looking at developing a new local plan over the coming year.

The issues relating to the new motorway link at Constellation have been followed by the Association, particularly in regard to the re-siting of the Hockey and Rosedale Pony Clubs causing concern. We advise people where they can make submissions as we cannot do this on their behalf.

Discussions on a new Men's Shed have been spearheaded by Committee Member David Wilmott. It is almost impossible to develop this from scratch and there is an existing group in Glenfield. We shall have discussions with them to see if we can develop a sub-group for Greenhithe. It's about being useful, companionship and helping the social fabric of the area.

We have noted the Salthouse property on Rame Road has been put up for sale and will continue to monitor this.

The Committee has been pretty active and effective. Particular thanks are due to Treasurer, Elaine. The Deputy Chair has provided strong back up and is a great adviser and works on the sub-committees. He is offering himself again for this position. Simon Gordon is acknowledged for his work heading up several major projects which is greatly appreciated. This is the 18th year that Brian has been in the Chair and will be the last as plans do not allow him to continue.

Brian Carran

Election of Committee:

Executive:

Brian Carran – Chairman

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

Priscilla Collins/Mick
Carried

Committee Members

Simon Gordon – Special Projects/Hall Funding
Mick Sinclair – Legal Advisor
Samit Patel - Committee
Wayne Tibbotts – Committee
David Wilmott -Committee
Jim Dickie - Committee

Nominations for new members:

Julie Chapman

Kath Carran
Simon Gordon
Carried

Guest Speakers

The three representatives from the political parties standing for election in September were then invited to give an address to the meeting. Each gave a twenty minute presentation to the audience which were well received. Paula Bennett outlined the achievements of the Government to date and the challenges going forward. James Goodhue for the Green Party spoke next and explored issues including the housing crisis, transportation, dairy farming issues and clean water amongst others. Jin An representing the Labour Party focused on employment issues, high indebtedness, traffic problems and affordable housing. She gave her vision for more high value businesses being created with an emphasis on export opportunities to increase prosperity for all. This was followed by a short session of questions from the floor, which were answered by all the speakers.

The speakers were thanked by the Chairman.

General Business:

Upper Harbour Drive

Comments were made concerning the ongoing issue of congestion including difficulties being experienced with buses running irregularly and school children being left on the roadside. It was explained that AT has surveyed traffic flows, the police are monitoring people using the cycle lane for vehicles.

Greenhithe Road/Durbin Court junction

A resident of Durbin Court raised concerns about the speed of traffic passing this junction. A rubbish bin was requested to be installed by the nearby bus stop. The road surface has been redone with a material which creates a lot of noise.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 August at 7.30 pm.