

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY HALL

Chairman Ken Forrest called the Greenhithe Residents Association (“**GRA**”) Annual General Meeting to order at 7.10 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Ken Forrest

MEMBERS: Existing Members Present

Jackie Miles, Tricia Moore, Cameron Powell, Michelle Heald, Chris Fraser, Ann Tuxford.

New Committee Member

Ruth Cresswell

GUESTS: Councillors

John Watson, Wayne Walker

Local Community Board

Anna Atkinson
Uzra Casuri Balouch
Kyle Parker
John McLean

Greenhithe Emergency Response Group

Isabelle Lardeux Gilloux

Community Trust Neighbourhood Support

Suzanne Piper

Terry Randall (Local Greenhithe Resident)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Guests, Members of Committee, and Greenhithe Residents.

2. APOLOGIES

Committee Members

Chris Fraser, Mick Sinclair,

National Member of Parliament for Upper Harbour: Cameron Brewer

Greenhithe Community Trust

Ivor Jacobsen, Andrew Kerr, Annie Yong Mewburn and Amanda Mitchell

Local Community Board

Sylvia Yang

3. APPROVAL OF 2024 AGM MINUTES

A copy of the Minutes have been posted on the GRA's website which have previously been approved by the Committee.

MOTION: *That the 2024 minutes be accepted as a true and correct record*

Moved by: Ken, **Seconded by:** Jackie

Carried

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Cameron Powell Treasurer made the following comments on the financials that were circulated at the meeting.

Overall Financial Position

At the end of financial year, 31 March, the GRA had a **surplus of \$2,819**. That's a positive turnaround from the previous year's deficit of \$763.

Our total equity — what GRA owns, less what it owes — stands at **\$942,893**, up slightly from last year. Most of that value is in the Hall and its underlying land.

Subscriptions

Income of \$1,611 this year compared to \$512 in previous year. This represents circa 60 paid members. This increase is due to the membership drive in May 2024.

Income and Hall Activity

GRA's main source of income is from hireage of the **Greenhithe Community Hall** and the **Old School Building**. Together, these brought in \$45,347— an increase from last year's income of \$42,5435

- The **Community Hall** earned \$39,729, up from \$35,518 in 2024 – the increase came from causal hirers
- The **Old School Building** earned \$5,618, a drop from \$7,019 in 2024

Other Income

- \$3,804 in donations – from the Greenhithe Action Against Barriers “GAAB”, from surplus funds from barriers campaign.
- \$2,134 rates rebate from Auckland Council,
- and \$2,098 in interest on savings

Expenses and Investments

Total expenses for the year were **\$52,500**, down from \$61,369 last year

Key costs included:

- Insurance was \$11,544 up from \$9,031 in 2024
- Cleaning was \$10,975 up from \$7,136 in 2024 due to the extra Hall activity and cleaning required. Some of this extra cost is recovered from Hirers
- Hall management and fire alarm monitoring,
- R&M with **\$8,981** spent on the Hall (deck replacement) and **\$2,885** on the Old School Building (plumbing/electrical/toilet repairs)

CAPEX:

We purchased new curtains in June 2024 for the Hall at a cost of \$3,889.

Cash and Reserves

We closed the year with **\$118,936 in cash**, up \$6,247 from the previous year.

Closing Remarks

In summary, the Association remains in a **strong and stable financial position**. We've continued to maintain our facilities, support community use, and run operations prudently — all thanks to the dedication of our volunteer committee and the local support we receive.

I would just like to make special mention to Michelle for managing the hiring of the Village Hall and OSB.

MOTION: *That the financial statements for 2025 be adopted.*

Moved by: Ken, **Seconded by:** Michelle

Carried

MOTION: *No auditor be appointed for the ensuing financial year*

Moved by: Ken, **Seconded by:** Brian

Carried

5. CHAIRMANS'S REPORT

REGIONAL PARK KYLE ROAD

Ken highlighted the Rosemary Platts donation of her property on Kyle Road which is to become a Regional Park.

He commended:

The work by the Community Trust, Sea Scouts, friends of Wainoni Park, Greenhithe School as well as many committed volunteers in achieving the prestigious **Green**

Flag Award, an internationally recognised designation for excellence in public parks.

The work by NZTA and Auckland Council in repairing damage caused by recent floods to Tauhinu Road.

The Local Board in their support to ensure the recent upgrade of the playground at Collins Park included accessible play equipment.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY HALL

Ken commented on recent upgrades to the Community Hall which included interior painting, new curtains, blinds and carpet along with several fire safety enhancements.

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

Ken gave thanks to all members of the Committee for their continued support and dedication over the past year.

He welcomed Ann Tuxford to the Committee who will take on the role of membership officer.

Ken thanked Brian Carran, immediate past Chairman, who retires from his handyman duties after years of generous service.

RECENT GRANT APPLICATIONS:

We are grateful for \$23,000 in funding from the Upper Harbour Local Board and nearly \$8,000 from Auckland Council's Historic Heritage Grants Programme. Together with these grants and a rate rebate from Auckland Council we will be able to fund essential improvements to the Old School Building (OSB) i.e. roof replacement, drainage and heating.

HALL MANAGEMENT:

Special appreciation goes to Michelle Heald for her stewardship of the Halls, which have seen increased rental revenue and strong advocacy for users. Her commitment to maintaining affordability and accessibility is deeply valued.

MEMBERSHIP:

Ken once again emphasized the importance of donations which all go towards the general upkeep of the Village Hall and OSB. \$20 per household and this also enables voting rights on the Constitution.

UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD

Ken gave thanks to the Upper Harbour Local Board for their continued support to the GRA.

Ken **MOVED** that the Chairman's Report for 2025 be adopted.

Seconded by: Cameron Powell

Carried

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ken **MOVED** that the **Election of the existing Committee Members**

Ken Forrest, Jackie Miles, Tricia Moore, Cameron Powell, Mick Sinclair, Michelle Heald, Chris Fraser, Ann Tuxford be approved:

Seconded by : Jackie Miles

Carried

Nominations for NEW Committee Members:

Ken **MOVED** that Ruth Cresswell join the Committee as Secretary

Seconded by : Tricia Moore

Carried

Ken **MOVED** that the Executive Nominees

Ken Forrest as Chairman, Jackie Miles as Deputy Chair, Cameron Powell as Treasurer be approved;

Seconded by : Ann Tuxford

Carried

The Chair referred to **The Adoption of the New Constitution for the Greenhithe Residents Association Incorporated**, which had been previously handed out at the meeting.

Having given a brief outline as to what is contained within the Constitution, its purpose etc.

A question was raised by John Watson, Councillor in relation to dissolution of the Committee, about what would happen to the property and Hall, should there not be a quorum.

The Chair moved an amended **MOTION**:

MOVED that the Greenhithe Residents Association adopt the proposed New Constitution dated 22nd July 2025 and authorize the Secretary to submit it for registration under the Incorporated Society's Act of 2022, subject to the committee reviewing the clauses on dissolution to ensure that the matters are dealt with adequately in the event of no quorum.

Seconded by: Jackie Miles

Carried.

ADDRESS BY GERG (Greenhithe Emergency Response Group)

Isabelle Lardeux Gilloux (Greenhithe Fire Brigade) gave a brief outline of the role of the Greenhithe Emergency Response Group. It was established in 2017 to cope with any emergency situation that may affect us in Greenhithe. It is managed by volunteers within the Community, i.e. Fire Brigade, Community Trust, GRA and the Greenhithe Primary School. They publish a booklet on how to prepare residents in the event of an emergency. They work closely with the Auckland Emergency Management in so doing ensure that our community is connected to the wider Auckland safety initiatives. They will be holding a scenario day on Sunday 14th September to make Greenhithe Residents aware of what role the Greenhithe Emergency Response Group would play in a disaster situation either natural or made. Isabelle appealed for volunteers to be part of the response group.

ADDRESS BY SUZANNE PIPER (NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUP)

Suzanne outlined the role of the Neighbourhood Support Group. Greenhithe has 66 streets, 2,500 homes, of those, 950 people are on the Neighbourhood Support database. She appealed for more people to join the group. She emphasized the importance of getting to know your neighbours as, in a crisis situation, they would be your first line of support. She referred to an emergency plan that each household should

have as well as having a pack of essential items should you have to evacuate.

ADDRESS BY UPPER HARBOUR LOCAL BOARD

Anna Atkinson introduced the board members.

Some achievements that the Upper Harbour Local Board have done recently in Greenhithe.

1. Upgrade of Collins Park playground which has included all accessible play equipment, a request the Board was made aware of from the local Residents.
2. They provide Community Facilities Grants which will go towards:
 - The roof replacement at the Old School Building (\$23,000)
 - Approximately \$80,000 to Tauhinu Scouts to enable a storage facility for their boats.
 - \$12,000 to the tennis club to help refurbish a deck.
 - Other funding included contribution towards an Art Trail and drinking fountains.

Forthcoming Projects:

A basketball court which will also be utilized for Pickle Ball at Collins Park, a project that was initially requested by a group of Greenhithe residents.

Upgrade of path to playground at War Memorial Park, a request that was raised through the Greenhithe Residents Association.

Facilities affecting Greenhithe residents, but outside of Greenhithe, Anna discussed the significant upgrade proposed for the Albany Library.

In closing Anna emphasized the readiness of the Local Board to listen to any requests from the residents regarding improvements to community facilities within Greenhithe. On that note Uzra commented that, acting on a request made by a local resident, she has logged a call to Auckland Transport regarding the upgrade of a section of Greenhithe Road after the overbridge past Durbin Court.

ADDRESS BY (COUNCILLOR) JOHN WATSON

On his opening address John referred to resilience within the Albany Ward - 200,000 residents in total - Greenhithe has 8,900 residents. Of the \$40 million spent on flood recovery damage \$2 million was spent on Tauhinu Road and approximately \$1 million spent on Rahui Road. 112 projects across the Albany itself, 38 of which were major.

He referred to future projects that will impact the Greenhithe residents i.e.

- a) The gifting of the property in Kyle Road from the Platts which will become a Regional park.
- b) A \$80 million Rosedale bus station - construction to begin next year which will take some pressure off Constellation Bus station.
- c) Upgrade to Hobsonville Ferry terminal to accommodate electric ferries.
- d) \$40 million Sports facility at Scotts Point

In closing he commented that they as Councillors are independent from the Council and do not support any further increase in rates.

ADDRESS BY (COUNCILLOR) WAYNE WALKER

Wayne commented on the proposal to close the Takapuna Golf Course and utilization of North Harbour Stadium.

He made further comment on the gifting of the land from the Platts.

He made reference to work currently been undertaken with regard to sewerage and wastewater services.

Uzra made a request that a bus service be provided to access the Regional Park that will be established on the Platts land.

ADDRESS BY TERRY RANDALL

Terry Randall gave a brief description of a heritage claim on their property and the implications resulting from this claim.

He requested support from the Greenhithe Residents Association to oppose this claim by way of a submission in respect of Auckland Council Plan Change 116. Amendments to Schedule 14 Historic Heritage Schedule.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A local resident Elaine Ronelle put forward her proposal to hold a Santa Parade within Greenhithe and asked for support from the residents.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.