

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held: Tuesday 30 June 2026
Venue: Greenhithe Community Hall
Time: 7.10 pm

1. Welcome and Opening

Chairman **Ken Forrest** called the Greenhithe Residents Association ("GRA") Annual General Meeting to order at 7.10 pm.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to guests, committee members and Greenhithe residents.

2. Present

Chairperson

- Ken Forrest

Committee Members Present

- Ken Forrest
- Jackie Miles
- Tricia Moore
- Mick Sinclair
- Michelle Heald
- Chris Fraser
- Ann Tuxford

Guests

Councillor

- John Watson

Upper Harbour Local Board

- Anna Atkinson
- Uzra Casuri Baloch
- John McLean

Greenhithe Emergency Response Group

- Leigh Fletcher

Greenhithe Community Trust / Neighbourhood Support

- Suzanne Piper
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3. Apologies

Committee Members

- Cameron Powell

Member of Parliament

- Cameron Brewer MP

Greenhithe Community Trust

- Ivor Jacobsen
- Andrew Kerr
- Annie Yong Mewburn
- Amanda Mitchell

Upper Harbour Local Board

- Sylvia Yang
- Kyle Parker
- Selena Wong
- Rebecca Huang

4. Confirmation of 2025 AGM Minutes

A copy of the 2025 AGM Minutes had been published on the GRA website and previously approved by the Committee.

MOTION: That the 2025 AGM Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Ken Forrest

Seconded: Jackie Miles

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements

In the absence of Treasurer Cameron Powell, Ken Forrest presented the financial report for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Financial Summary

The Association reported a **deficit of \$26,681**, compared with a deficit of **\$2,819** in the previous year. The deficit was primarily due to increased repair and maintenance expenditure on the Hall this year.

Cash and Reserves

- Cash at bank: **\$78,199**
- Previous year: **\$118,936**
- Total equity: **\$915,781**
- Previous year: **\$942,893**

Membership Subscriptions

Subscription income totalled **\$907**, representing approximately **45 members**, compared with **\$1,611** and approximately **80 members** in the previous year.

Income and Hall Activity

Income from community facilities totalled **\$43,145**, compared with **\$45,347** in the previous year.

- The **Community Hall** earned \$37,597, down from \$39,729 in 2025
- The **Old School Building** earned \$5,548 a drop from \$5,618 in 2025

Other Income

The Association received:

- \$34,668 in grants from Auckland Council
 - \$22,986 for the Old School Building roof project
 - \$3,751 for generator wiring and emergency preparedness works
 - \$7,931 for the Old School Building roof project
- \$2,274 rates rebate
- \$581 interest income

Expenditure

Total expenditure was **\$108,307**, compared with **\$52,500** in the previous year.

- Insurance was \$11,745 up from \$11,544 in the prior year
- Cleaning was \$10,506 down slightly from \$10,975 in 2025 due to the reduced Hall activity and cleaning required.

Key expenditure items included with repair and maintenance

Community Hall 31,469 compared to \$8,981 in the prior year, major items included

- Interior painting: \$14,736
- MDF groove panels and trim: \$3,080
- Joinery and door repairs: \$11,800

Old School Building \$30,926 compared to \$2,885 in the prior year

- New roof: \$26,900
- Other repairs including plumbing leak: \$4,026

Capital Expenditure

- New hall carpet: \$5,213
- Emergency lighting system: \$9,850

MOTION: That the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 be adopted.

Moved: Ken Forrest

Seconded: Ann Tuxford

Carried

Auditor

MOTION: That no auditor be appointed for the ensuing financial year.

Moved: Ken Forrest

Seconded: Chris Fraser

Carried

6. Chairman's Report

Ken Forrest presented the Chairman's Report under the theme:

"Looking After What Makes Greenhithe Special"

Highlights included:

Community Hall Improvements

Significant improvements were completed, including:

- Interior repainting
- New carpet
- General upgrades and repairs
- Fire safety improvements
- Ongoing maintenance

The improvements have enhanced the hall's usability and attractiveness and have been positively received by users.

Old School Building

A major achievement was completion of the new roof for the historic Old School Building.

The project was made possible through support from Auckland Council and the Upper Harbour Local Board.

Future priorities include:

- Heating improvements
- Furnishings
- Greater accessibility

Members were encouraged to view the scale model of the Old School Building created by Tricia Moore.

Community Advocacy

Following advocacy by the GRA, a new pathway linking the War Memorial carpark and the playground has been completed, improving accessibility for residents.

Community Contributions

Acknowledgement was given to:

- Ann Tuxford for the artwork behind the Community Hall.
- Greenhithe Garden Club volunteers for maintaining the grounds and gardens.

Building Resilience

The Greenhithe Emergency Resilience Group continued to expand its volunteer base and preparedness programmes.

A generator connection has now been installed at the Community Hall to improve emergency response capability.

Future Priorities

The Committee will focus on:

- Community Hall bathroom upgrades
- Further fire compliance work
- Improvements to the Old School Building
- Membership growth
- Securing external funding
- Maintaining long-term sustainability of Association assets

Acknowledgements

The Chair noted that the work highlighted in the report was not the achievement of any one individual, but the result of the dedication, expertise, and commitment of many people within the community.

Ken acknowledged and thanked:

- Cameron Powell for his careful stewardship of the Association's finances.
- Jackie Miles for her persistence and commitment in delivering the Old School Building improvements.
- Chris Fraser for his professional advice and technical guidance.
- Ann Tuxford for her enthusiasm, creativity, and community spirit.
- Michelle Heald for her tireless management, which ensures the continued successful operation of the halls.
- Tricia Moore for her extraordinary volunteer ethic and unwavering advocacy for the Greenhithe community.
- Ruthie Cresswell for her service as Secretary and her significant contribution to the effective functioning of the committee. Ken noted that, due to personal circumstances, Ruthie would be unable to continue in the role and expressed his sincere appreciation for her dedication and service.
- Mick Sinclair for his legal expertise, guidance, and work on the Constitution document.

Ken also thanked the Upper Harbour Local Board representatives, the Greenhithe Community Trust, sponsors, volunteers, and members for their ongoing support and contribution to the community.

MOTION: That the Chairman's Report for 2026 be adopted.

Moved: Ken Forrest

Seconded: Mick Sinclair

Carried

7. Election of Committee Members

The following existing committee members were nominated for re-election:

- Ken Forrest
- Jackie Miles
- Tricia Moore
- Michelle Heald
- Chris Fraser
- Mick Sinclair
- Ann Tuxford
- Cameron Powell

MOTION: That the existing committee members be re-elected.

Seconded: Michelle Heald

Carried

Introduce Prior Nominations for the Committee

New nomination for Secretary – Trica Tan

Moved: Ken Forrest

Seconded: Michelle Heald

Carried

Ken MOVED that the nominations now be closed

8. Election of Executive Officers

The following Executive Officers were elected:

Position	Name
Chairman	Ken Forrest
Deputy Chair	Jackie Miles
Secretary	Tricia Tan

Treasurer	Cameron Powell
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MOTION: That the Executive Officers be elected as presented.

Moved: Ken Forrest

Seconded: Tricia Moore

Carried

9. Guest Presentations

Greenhithe Emergency Response Group (GERG)

Leigh Fletcher provided an update on the activities of the Greenhithe Emergency Response Group (GERG), noting that significant progress had been made over the past six months.

He advised that the emergency generator had been installed in storage at the rear of the hall and that an additional 25 square metres of storage space had been identified for emergency response equipment, including traffic cones and other essential supplies.

Leigh reported a strong turnout at the recent community volunteer event held on Sunday, with many residents expressing interest in supporting emergency response efforts.

He also advised that a meeting with local tradespeople was scheduled for 13 August to discuss how they could assist the Group in the event of an emergency.

The hall has been configured to accommodate a range of emergency response functions, including communications and welfare stations. Leigh emphasised that the focus of the Group is on ensuring the community is well prepared for any future emergency events.

Address by Upper Harbour Local Board

Anna Atkinson provided an update on the role, activities, and current projects of the Upper Harbour Local Board.

Role of the Local Board

Anna explained that Local Boards are responsible for a range of local community assets and services, including:

- Libraries
- Community facilities and swimming pools
- Playgrounds
- Walkways and shared paths
- Parks and reserves
- Outdoor recreation and exercise equipment

She noted that the Auckland Council Governing Body determines overall rates levels and funding allocations to Local Boards, which are then responsible for allocating those funds to local community projects and services.

Community Projects and Funding

The Local Board has continued to support a number of projects within Greenhithe and the wider Upper Harbour area.

Key projects included:

- Funding support for emergency preparedness initiatives, including generator infrastructure.
- A grant of \$70,000 to the Tauhinu Sea Scouts to assist with the construction of a new facility. The project will provide improved storage and operational space for scout activities, and construction has now commenced.
- Funding support for the replacement roof at the Old School Building.
- Upgrades to the Collins Park Playground, including improved accessibility features for wheelchair users.
- Installation of additional outdoor exercise equipment adjacent to the Collins Park car park.
- Completion of the new pathway connecting the village area with the War Memorial Reserve.
- Ongoing improvements at George Dean Reserve.

Future Work Programme

Anna advised that the Local Board's work programme for the next 12 months has been approved and includes:

- Construction of a new multi-purpose sports court at Collins Park for basketball, netball and pickleball.
- Repair of a slip site between Greenhithe roads damaged during the Auckland weather events, with works expected to be completed within the next year.
- Completion of remaining flood-recovery repair projects, including works in the Schnapper Rock area.
- Upgrades to Shelter Reserve, including improvements to the playground and surrounding reserve facilities.

Anna noted that the Austin Road Walkway would not be rebuilt at this stage, as the area remains highly susceptible to future damage and alternative solutions are being considered.

Transport Reform

Anna outlined proposed changes to Auckland's transport governance arrangements.

She advised that under current reforms, many responsibilities currently held by Auckland Transport will move back to Auckland Council, with Local Boards expected to have increased influence over local transport decisions.

Potential areas where Local Boards may have a greater role include:

- Local speed limit changes
- Yellow line parking restrictions
- Footpath programmes
- Cycleway projects
- Street closures and community events
- Local road improvements

She acknowledged there would be a transition period while new processes were established but advised that the Local Board remained focused on delivering community projects and infrastructure improvements.

Greenhithe Road Upgrade

Members were advised that Auckland Transport intends to begin renewal works on Greenhithe Road between Roland Road and Rame Road from 13 July 2026.

The project will address sections of road nearing the end of their service life and improve safety and resilience.

Phase One will include:

- Kerb and channel renewal
- Installation of subsoil drainage
- Footpath widening
- Renewal of vehicle crossings

Phase Two will include:

- Full road reconstruction
- Asphalt surfacing

Phase Two is expected to occur during the September school holidays following completion of preliminary works and final traffic management approvals.

Residents were advised that some temporary access restrictions would be necessary. During the road reconstruction phase, there may be periods of between three and five days when vehicle access to some properties will be unavailable. Auckland Transport will communicate directly with affected residents regarding timing and access arrangements.

The Chair thanked Anna Atkinson and the Upper Harbour Local Board representatives for their continued support of the Greenhithe community.

Councillor John Watson

Councillor Watson spoke about:

- The history of local residents' associations
- Auckland Council governance
- Property revaluations and rates
- Rising council debt

- The need for greater local decision-making

The Councillor noted that Greenhithe property values had performed better than most Auckland suburbs during recent revaluations, resulting in higher rates increases compared with many other areas.

10. Greenhithe Community Trust Update

Suzanne Piper and representatives of the Greenhithe Community Trust outlined the Trust's community activities, including:

- Publication of the Greenhithe community magazine
 - Community directory services
 - Youth, family and senior programmes
 - Environmental initiatives
 - Matariki celebrations
 - Neighbourhood support activities
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11. General Business

Pedestrian Crossing Safety

Residents discussed concerns regarding the pedestrian crossing outside the Community Hall.

Issues raised included:

- Near misses involving pedestrians
- School children using the crossing
- Traffic volumes through Greenhithe Village
- Visibility concerns
- Vehicle speeds

Potential safety improvements discussed included:

- Raised pedestrian crossings
- Flashing pedestrian warning lights
- In-road lighting
- Improved signage
- Speed monitoring displays
- Enhanced vegetation management

Residents were encouraged to lodge requests directly with Auckland Transport and retain reference numbers for follow-up.

The GRA will continue gathering community feedback before determining its position on any future advocacy.

Membership Communications

Concerns were raised regarding membership renewals and communication processes.

The Committee acknowledged the issue and agreed to review methods of communicating renewal reminders to members.

12. Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for attending.

Members were invited to stay for refreshments and informal discussions with elected representatives.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.15 pm.