GREENHITHE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Minutes of Meeting 6 June 2017

Present: Brian, David, Elaine, Jason, Mick, Penny, Samit, Shelly, Simon

Apologies: Chris, Dennis, Wayne and Councillor Margaret Miles

Guests: Council Chair Lisa Whyte, Councillor Uzra Balouch

Minutes of Previous Meeting 4 April 2017.

The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Moved: Brian, Simon Carried.

Correspondence

All relevant correspondence has been circulated.

Financial Report

The May accounts were circulated prior to the meeting.

The treasurer reported that the EoY Accounts for 2016-7 have been examined and approved by Dean McIntosh although they are not yet signed off whilst his legal status to do so is checked out.

Insurance

Elaine thanked Mick for his assistance with advice in regard to the Pemberthy account for \$2181.53. Discussion took place in relation to the coverage under the policy and Lisa Whyte agreed to check whether the Council is continuing to cover the building insurance whilst GRA pays for Public Liability, Loss of Rent and Material Damage.

Motion: The accounts are received and approved and the insurance account shall be paid.

Moved: Brian, Shelly Carried

Action:

Elaine will liaise with Dean re the signing off of annual accounts for last year. Lisa will check the situation relating to Auckland Council paying the building insurance costs.

Membership Levies

We need to have a table at the entrance to the Community Hall for the evening of the AGM. Elaine will be in charge of collecting membership subs and Shelly volunteered to assist. We shall need some blank forms for people to complete if they do not have funds with them so that follow up can be made.

Action: Elaine to organise suitable forms to hand out at the AGM for memberships. Elaine and Shelly will run the desk at the AGM.

Hall Reports

Building Project

Chris met with Hugh and the builder and it is proposed to start the building work in January 2018. We currently hold \$141,000 towards the cost which includes the \$45,000 from the Council. Simon has \$23,000 in invoicing to be sent out. An application to the Lion Foundation for a grant of \$59,950.00 has been prepared and Simon believes there is a good likelihood that this will be successful. An application to the ASB is yet to be submitted. Brian volunteered his assistance in this if required.

Action:

Simon and Brian will follow up the submissions.

Repairs and Maintenance

OSB

Three local tradespeople have been approached in relation to the repairs to the soffit and all have declined the work. There may be a lot more work involved than originally anticipated. It was agreed that this should be put on hold till the summer.

Action:

This issue needs to be revisited later in the year.

Community Hall

R&M is deferred until the renovation date. Discussion took place on whether to install a new keypad entry system or to retain the current system. The suggestion was made that a part time manager could be considered when the renovations have been done. It was decided to continue with the current method until the renovations are completed and revisit the issue then.

Bookings

There are a few vacancies. The new Booking Contract has been completed. Users will all be given copies when the renovations have been done and we shall need to revisit this then.

Marketing

Jason reported that the posters advertising the AGM are in place at various places around Greenhithe. Email advice on the meeting has been sent to 711 people. Shelly will put a notice on Facebook this week and Jason will do similarly on the GRA website. There will be an article in the Greenhithe News after the event.

Action: Shelly and Jason are to advertise the AGM on Facebook and in GRA website.

Website

Jason reported that the website is functioning and taking bookings on-line. Most issues have now been put right. Changes to wording can now be made without developer assistance. A search facility has been added. Bulk bookings need to be encouraged at the beginning of each year. Payment needs to be made via credit card. This was discussed and various suggestions made. For bookings where a credit card is not available we can consider monthly Aps to resolve this. We need to work through these issues and find a solution.

Jason tendered his resignation from the Committee as he needs to concentrate on other issues. He was thanked by Brian for all his hard work on behalf of GRA.

Action: Elaine, Shelly and IT person need to liaise on the issue of payment methods for bookings.

Waterfront Project

Simon reported that there has been no recent contact with the real estate agent. It is likely that there is no other interested party at this time. Opus will be providing a quotation re the site and there will be a meeting shortly. Pricing will be obtained for soil sampling etc. to be considered in costing any development of the site. Removal of contaminated soil could be very expensive. We need to make a submission to Council for the next round of discretionary grants and it is hoped this will be favourably reviewed. Ian Maxwell has stated there are no funds available and he cannot provide support desired via loan or guarantee. Simon is meeting a boat builder who may be interested and the rowing clubs may also be interested but nothing is definite. Various other funding options were discussed. Simon was thanked for his efforts in this matter.

Action: Brian and Simon will organise a meeting of the working group. Salthouse and its agent need to be informed. Lisa will liaise with Simon regarding possible funding channels. Lisa will advise Brian when submissions are required re the Auckland Plan.

Men's Shed

There has been no change since the last meeting. David is now thinking of starting a Sunday morning men's walking group which could be advertised on the website. The possibility of Greenhithe being given a day at the Glenfield Men's Shed was discussed and it was agreed David should approach them to see if this is viable.

Action: David to prepare a notice for the website re the Sunday walking group. Shelly to put this on the website. David to contact Glenfield Men's Shed to discuss Greenhithe having a day set aside for them.

Council/Local Board Report - Lisa

Review Checklist:

Albany Highway/Upper Harbour Drive – AT will monitor traffic counts. Cyclist numbers are increasing. Police have asked AT to consider redesigning the Albany Highway end of the road to reduce congestion. The local police man hopes to continue policing this section. It is a hot topic on social media. We shall continue to monitor this issue actively.

Action: Lisa will share feedback when received.

Waipuia/Almond Footpath – No new information is available on this matter.

Action: Lisa will investigate.

Collins/Sunnyview Footpath – Consultants have taken measurements but work cannot start until July when the new financial year starts. A power pole in the retaining wall is an issue to be resolved.

Pony Clubs – notification of leases – a recommendation was passed to approve the hockey club's move to Rosedale. Notification is going out in the next couple of weeks re Rosedale and Wainoni Park – submissions to be reviewed by an independent panel. Recommendations will be made by the Local Board. The timeline is a three month period until the decision is made. Submissions may be personal or from a group.

Action: Lisa will advise when notification is received.

Rame Road development – Upper Harbour Board will work with AT to get moved up on the list on the basis that it is not functional on a busy day.

Emergency Plan

Dennis was unable to be present and has provided Brian with a copy of the existing plan. This issue will be reactivated once Dennis is well again.

AGM - Monday 12 June 2017

The team was requested to be at the Community Hall by 7.10 pm at the latest to ensure that things are ready for the meeting. We need to set out chairs and tables and be available to meet guests.

Elaine will be in charge of membership subs.

Jason and Shelly will do the marketing.

All Committee were asked to target younger members of the community and encourage them to join GRA. Someone with IT skills, broad interests and accounts knowledge will be useful.

We need to find someone willing to take over the Chair for 2018/19.

There are 4 vacancies which need to be filled for the Committee.

General Business

No issues were raised.

The Local Board members were thanked for their attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The next meeting will be 1 August 2017.