

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

Minutes of **Annual General Meeting** held at Greenhithe Community Hall
3 July 2018 @ 7:30pm

Present: Brian Carran (Chair), Penny Stedman (Secretary), Elaine Utting (Treasurer), Trish Cassone, Simon Gordon, Mick Sinclair, David Willmott, Dennis Thornton and Hall Custodian Michelle Heald.

Apologies: Lisa Whyte (Deputy Chair, Local Board), Chris Deane (Deputy Chair).

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Dennis Thornton, Trish Cassone
Carried

Guests: Margaret Miles, Chair of Upper Harbour Local Board, Uzra Balouch, Board Member, Northern Corridor Team – Simon Paton, Graeme Cummings, Emma Cushnie and Trish Viall, Auckland Transport Team – Theunis Van Schalkwyk and Owena Schuster, Fire and Emergency Service Local Fire Chief Isabelle Lardeux-Gilloux and Deputy Fire Chief ‘Gunner’, Greenhithe Community Trust Chair, Amanda Mitchell and Ecology Group Leader Nicola Robertson.

Introduction: Brian extended a warm welcome to all attendees on this cold evening. Particular welcome was extended to our guest speakers the Northern Emergency Service team and the Greenhithe Community Trust members.

Northern Corridor Project

Simon Paton and team outlined the work taking place on the Northern Corridor Project and noted the project is a public/private partnership with a value of \$700m. The time frame for the project is four years with an end date estimate of May 2022. Questions were taken from the floor and answered by Simon. Brian thanked Simon and his team for their presentation.

Approval of minutes of AGM – 12 June 2017:

The minutes had been previously circulated.

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

Mick Sinclair/Uzra Balouch
Carried

Reports:

Financial Report:

The financial report had been previously circulated. Elaine made a brief presentation to the meeting on the report and was thanked.

Motion: The Financial Report is accepted.

Elaine Utting/Dennis Thornton
Carried

The finance reports were opened for discussion. Elaine was requested to explain the income and unusual costs. There were extra expenses for repairs and maintenance of the halls. There had been issues with the ceiling of the Community Hall outside the scope of the alterations which had to be fixed. The new website costs are still ongoing.

Constitutional Change

Brian outlined the background to the change which related to the distribution of the assets of the Residents' Association in the event of its dissolution. The objective is to enable the Association to have charity status and negate the situation where a small number of paid up members are the owners of \$570,000 assets. The change would ensure that in the event of dissolution the assets will be disbursed to another appropriate registered Charitable Organisation.

Motion: That the Constitution is changed to ensure that the assets will be disbursed to another appropriate registered charitable organisation in the event of the dissolution of Greenhithe Residents' Association.

Elaine Utting/Mick Sinclair.
Carried

Chairman's Report

Brian gave a short report on the activities of the Association during the year, the main one being the Community Hall alterations. The cost of this will be approximately \$220,000 and most of the funding has been secured with a small shortfall. If this is not able to be covered we can leave the toilet area unaltered. The main aim is to create a multi-purpose hall within the existing footprint. Sincere thanks were given to Foundation North who have given \$40,000 and the Upper Harbour Local Board for their grant of \$45,000. Six local businesses have each donated \$5,000 and the Lion Foundation has made a grant of \$20,000. The hall hireage income should increase next year and the costs reduce.

Roading and infrastructure issues during the past year included two major successes thanks to the Local Upper Harbour Board. The footpath between Collins Park and Sunnyview Road has been fixed. Approval has been given for improvements to Rame Road. 4 years of effort went into achieving this. Over the past 10 years, Greenhithe has received about 60% of the roading funds for Upper Harbour Local Board. We are very grateful to them for putting their weight behind us and achieving this result. There are still two issues relating to traffic on Upper Harbour Drive and SH16 to Albany Highway and we are working with Auckland Transport on these matters to achieve two left turning lanes, but progress is slow.

Emergency Response has changed substantially and now is driven by the Fire & Emergency Service. A working group has been set up comprising the Fire and Emergency Service, Greenhithe Community Trust and Greenhithe Residents' Association.

GRA is working in partnership with the Greenhithe Community Trust on a Men's Shed. David Wilmott and Brian Carran are working on this. The group will probably commence as a mobile group rather than with a permanent site.

15 years ago we raised a number of roading projects with the former North Shore City Council. Rame Road is the only one still on the list. We need to go to the public and find out what else is required going forward.

Brian finished his report by thanking the Committee for their work. Special thanks were given particularly to Elaine and the Deputy Chair, Christopher Deane.

Motion: The Chairman's report be accepted.

Brian Carran/Dennis Thornton
Carried

Election of Committee:

Brian introduced the election by noting that half of the retiring committee was approaching or over 70. There is a need for younger persons and those with IT, social media and accounting skills as new recruits for the Committee. Also we were looking for members of the local Asian community who may wish to join.

Continuing members

Brian Carran
Trish Cassone
Elaine Utting
Simon Gordon
Mick Sinclair
Wayne Tibbotts
David Wilmott
Dennis Thornton

Motion: The continuing members of the committee are re-elected.

Michelle Heald/Alice Rycroft
Carried

Nominations for new members:

The following persons were approached prior to the AGM to join the Committee:

Mark Anderson
Rory Howard
Ivy Lu (Secretary)
Annie Yong Mewburn
Dale Morris

Motion: The above named new members shall be elected to the Committee.

Kath Carran/David Wilmott
Carried

Election of Officers

Chair – Brian Carran

Deputy Chair – Trish Cassone

Secretary – Ivy Lu

Treasurer – Elaine Utting

Hall Manager – Christopher Deane

Motion: The nominations for officers shall be accepted.

Simon Gordon/Michelle Heald

Carried

General Business

Questions were taken from the floor. These included:

- The increasing number of different rubbish bins being required by Auckland Council was raised (the questioner was asked to put this in writing).
- How the very large three storey building was permitted on Greenhithe Road. The reasons for this were explained by Margaret Miles, Upper Harbour Board Chair.
- Collins Park use for cricket was queried. Margaret Miles will check on whether it is still being used for this purpose.
- Street lighting. Comment was made that the new LED lighting is leaving the streets very dark. The questioner was asked to put this in writing).
- The start date for the work on the Watercare pipeline was questioned. Simon Gordon will look into this.

There was no further general business.

Presentations:

Greenhithe Community Trust

Amanda Mitchell Chair of the Greenhithe Community Trust gave a short talk on the range and scope of the work carried out by the Community Trust. She then introduced Nicola Robertson the GCT Ecology Group Leader. Nicola outlined the various ecological issues facing the Greenhithe area. She urged the meeting to 'like' the Facebook page and follow their various activities. The group holds workshops on ecological topics and also carries out weed control around our area. There will be a planting day on Saturday (7 July) and details are on the Facebook page. They are also carrying out rat and possum control measures in the area.

Brian thanked Amanda and Nicola on behalf of the meeting.

Fire and Emergency Response

Isabelle Lardeux-Gilloux, Chief Fire Officer for Greenhithe explained the changes to Emergency Response. The Fire Service is now Fire and Emergency New Zealand and this has brought about the amalgamation of the rural and town fire services. The Greenhithe Emergency Plan is now 10 years old and needs to be redeveloped. An Emergency Response

Group comprising the Fire & Emergency Service, Greenhithe Community Trust and Greenhithe Residents Association will be working on this.

Brian thanked Isabelle for her presentation.

Auckland Transport

Theunis Van Schalwyck gave a very detailed presentation on the new roading infrastructure works being undertaken throughout Auckland with particular emphasis on those in the general local areas. Supported by a PowerPoint presentation of various maps and diagrams he presented the various projects being undertaken currently and those planned for the next ten years. The projections for future population indicate that Auckland will have a population of 2.5 million people and the projects planned are designed with this in mind.

Brian thanked Theunis for his presentation.

The meeting ended with Brian giving his thanks to the members of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.