

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 12 February 2019, Old School Building Greenhithe

Deputy Chairman Trish Cassone called the Greenhithe Residents Association regular meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present:

Chairman: Brian Carran

Deputy Chairman: Trish Cassone

Members: Rory Howard, Ivy Lu, Mick Sinclair, Dennis Thornton, Elaine Utting, Annie Yong-Mewburn, David Willmott

Guests: Margaret Miles (Local Board Member), Uzra Casuri Balouch (Local Board Member), Michelle Heald (Hall Custodian)

Apologies:

Christopher Deane, Dale Morris

Matters arising:

- Deputy Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, expresses a vote of thanks to Uzra and the Upper Harbour Local Board for their dutiful, timely and continued support to our funding efforts to restore the Old School Building and renovate the Community Hall.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Minutes of the previous meeting dated 04 December 2018 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Trish, Seconded by Brian, that:

The minutes are accepted and approved as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

- The previous meeting dated 04 December 2018 did not meet a quorum.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Dennis, that:

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 04 December 2018 are ratified by the Committee.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Ravensbourne Valley Residents Association in the UK wrote to ask whether they could use a variant of GRA's logo for their organisation.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Trish, that:

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The Ravensbourne Valley Residents Association is permitted to use the variant (shown in the email) of GRA's logo in the UK.

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

- The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements had been previously circulated.
MOVED by Elaine, Seconded by Michelle, that:

The financial statements are accepted as correct and accurate.

CARRIED

- Matters arising:
 - a. GST refund of NZD5,000 is expected at the end of April;
 - b. A winding up Trust in Albany was brought up as a possible funding source for our remaining projects; Christopher met with delegate of the Trust to discuss our projects and needs. Brian will follow up.

Hall Renovation

- Door to the committee room: payment has been made, installation time to be confirmed by the builder; Brian will talk to Mike to speed up the process.
- OSB project: Trish is to meet Louis and Paul (an old school family building business) the next day to discuss the project when they come to visit the site.
- OSB review report to council: Brian is to complete when time allows.
- Furniture purchase: a listing on TradeMe is offering a set of 12 tables (Connecta Knockdown Table System) and 25 chairs at NZD2,200, which fits our needs and budget; Christopher affirmed their versatility and easy handling based on his past experience with the same system.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Mick, that:

The Committee approve the purchase.

CARRIED

- Bathroom quotes: Michelle got quotes from various plumbers, the one by Diverse Plumbing is considered more favourable.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Ivy, that:

The Committee accept the quote and proceed with toilet replacement first; and to repair or replace vanity and other items at later stage once cash flow allows.

CARRIED

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Hall Report

- Bookings
 - a. With new school term started, a few groups resume activities in the Hall; a dance school might be set up;
 - b. Most daytime and Saturday are still available for hire; but potential hirers were put off by the toilets in disrepair;
 - c. The street food truck received positive responses from the residents and will be a monthly recurring event in Community Hall.
- Future funding requirements: the stage door, Committee room in the foyer, rear deck, side doors to stage will depend on funds possibly granted by afore-mentioned Albany Trust;
- For the rear deck, the Committee opt for concrete and may get sponsorship from a local tradesman; help from the under-setup Men's Shed group on framing is also anticipated.

Property Purchase Offer

- An interested buyer offered 50,000 for 170 sqm land from the back of Community Hall.
MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Annie, that:
The Committee decline the offer.

CARRIED

Website & Communication

- The Committee has terminated the retainer contract with Function8 and shifted to a monthly plan, which still does not seem in the best interests of the Committee; Ivy will investigate into other options.

Salthouse waterfront project report

- There have been pre-application meetings between Council staff and the developer, but no official application has been lodged.
- Due to tremendous works and public processes involved it is not likely that the reserve around that property be developed in the future.

Emergency Plan

- The North Shore Civil Defence Center located at 400 East Coast Road has gone through major repurposing and upgrading; and is open every Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 to public; residents are welcomed to visit the site.

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Men's Shed

- Facilitator:
 - a. Larry Klassen, Chairman of Men's Shed North Shore Trust contacted Upper Harbour Local Board expressing interests in the project; correspondence from Larry will be forwarded to Brian for further discussion.
 - b. The Greenhithe Community Trust interviewed a gentleman interested in the role who used to be a deck builder.

Council/ Local Board Report

- Rame Road Update: the draft plan has been completed and presented, and is now pending for approval by the Board on where the footpath should be located; after that the project will go into design details.
- Roland Road safety works: pending for implementation.

General Business

- Constitutional change: in order to move the meeting to achieve a more immediate time relevance to the financial year and to encourage attendance by having a warmer environment, it is proposed that the Annual General Meeting date be changed from July to May in the Constitution of GRA.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Mick, Thirded by David, Fourthed by Trish, and Fifthed by Elaine, that:

A Special General Meeting, in conjunction with GRA's coming 2nd April Committee Meeting, be called to pass the motion "the word 'July' be deleted and replaced by 'May' in Part VI Clause 6(b) in Constitution".

CARRIED

Ivy will publish notice of the Special General Meeting through all related channels like website, facebook pages, email, village supermarket notice board etc..

- The Government is changing the Charities Act. Elaine will be attending a meeting in March where new rules on qualifying and monitoring charitable status of various entities will be determined.
- Repair of Rahui Road was paused due to an emergency drainage problem, the repair will be delayed until the Northern Interceptor project is completed.
- Signage in Community Hall: Rory will present design of both traditional and modern styles for decision.
- There are increasing number of calls on setting up of security cameras in major public areas in Greenhithe to monitor and prevent vandalism and other undesirable activities. However, due to related regulations and costs involved, the setup is estimated to be difficult. A

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community meeting on Sunday 24th February at 5.30pm till 6.30pm at Old School Hall has been called to discuss the case, Trish would be interested to attend.

- David is concerned about various new developments undertaken around Greenhithe, especially the Wainoni Park project; questioning whether they have been discreetly planned through and sufficiently consulted. Uzra clarifies the situation and will send a video link to the Committee to provide more information on the project; public opinion expression is strongly recommended.
- Elaine gives official notice that she will be resigning as Treasurer as at 31 March 2019; Annie proposes a ready candidate who is also a chartered accountant and is expected to attend the April GRA Committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 9.45 pm.

The next regular meetings will be on **2nd April 2019**.