

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 8th Oct 2019, Old School Building, Greenhithe

Chairman Brian Carran called the Greenhithe Residents Association regular meeting to order at 19:30.

Present:

Chairman: Brian Carran

Deputy Chairman: Trish Cassone

Members: Christopher Deane, Michelle Heald, Ivy Lu, Steven Oh, Dennis Thornton
Leon Vaudrey, Annie Yong-Mewburn, Ehsan Zabihi

Guests: Uzra Casuri Balouch, Margaret Miles, Nika Maltseva

Apologies:

Dale Morris, Mick Sinclair

1. Welcome and Introduction

Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming and introducing new Treasurer Steven Oh and resident guest Nika Maltseva.

2. Public Forum

- a) Background: after reading the news about Air New Zealand's proposal of operating Whenuapai as a second commercial airport, Nika was concerned about the potential upgraded noise level and its impact on local residents; as well as the "mixed" opinions of local Whenuapai residents about "noise"; she proposed that residents petition or similar action should be organised to prevent the proposal being put into implementation.
- b) Chris pointed out that the statistics about noise made by air force jet plane were not true.
- c) Margaret commented that making the Whenuapai airbase into the second commercial airport proposal had been ruled out by the Government a decade ago and now it had not even come to the point of government discussion yet; as Air NZ and NZ Airport were under negotiation of landing fees, Air NZ's outgoing message might be a leverage strategy for negotiation; not likely it would stack up to something material. Local resident's reaction to petition dismissing concerns about noise was actually a stance of supporting retention of the airbase.
- d) Dennis: according to a publication Whenuapai airfield did not meet requirements for commercial operation; what's more, another airport planned to be built at the Kaipara Flat area in Helensville would probably be completed in 30-50 years (though Brian

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thought it was unrealistic since it was not in any of Auckland Transport's plans or presentations)

- e) Brian: considering the massive housing development in the area in recent years, the proposal was not likely to be accepted (point backed by Leon); from a businessman's point of view, the plan was not economically viable. GRA's stance was, we would oppose vehemently and would support any organisation that challenges it, if it becomes something factual to debate against. Nika was guaranteed full support from GRA on this case.

3. Matters Arising

Committee member Rory Howard submitted resignation due to increasing pressure from his work and engagement with band activities.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Trish:

That Rory's resignation is accepted by the Committee.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 Aug 2019

- a) Minutes of the previous meeting dated 6 Aug 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting.

MOVED by Ivy, Seconded by Trish:

That the minutes are accepted and approved as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

- a) Brian and Mick have signed the contract with Ryman Healthcare; Steven would follow up on the payment.

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) The Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statements had been circulated prior to discussion.
- b) Discussions:
 - i) Reading from the figures of statements, the financial status of GRA was considered normal: operating loss was slightly less than (same period) last year and other incomes dropped sharply simply due to different stages of receiving grants and donations. Brian projected that GRA would have approx. \$22,000 in surplus at the end of the year, which would be used on remaining projects of the hall renovations.
 - ii) Steven proposed and offered to plan ahead GRA's funds for better management and tracking. Brian fully supported the idea.
 - iii) Steven proposed to close GRA's savings account with ASB in order to reduce administrative efforts, the Committee agreed on the proposal.

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- iv) Steven proposed to cease use of PayPal because it was not user-friendly, did not meet owners (Treasurer and Hall Manager) requirements; charged too high, and was not essential for GRA's operation.
- Ehsan's opinion differed: Paypal was by far the most convenient online payment tool available (from experience of himself and other known users); other online banking also involves similar surcharge or transaction fees (Steven did not agree); the payment gateway was coded in the system (booking and membership subscription modules) thus not easy to remove (or need extra IT specialties);
 - Steven suggested that GRA send notice to members/ hall users advising them to pay through banking rather than Paypal;
 - Brian concluded that since it was unclear what exactly the issues were, what consequence or costs of change would be, this case should be discussed later for solution and confirmed in the next meeting.

MOVED by Steven, Seconded by Brian:

That the financial statements are accepted as correct and accurate.

CARRIED

7. Website

We had switched to new service provider CrazyDomains.com; the transfer had been completed and we had finished off with Function8.

8. Hall Bookings

- a) The Community Hall got a couple of full-day bookings.
- b) Michelle suggested that the "wedding package" booking title was confusing for hall hirers and should be changed to "full-day package"; the Committee agreed.
- c) A regular hirer Greenhithe Playgroup had run out of money due to drop of member numbers, thus being not able to pay rental. Considering that they had been hassle-free hirers and were expected to receive government grants, the Committee agreed to help them sustain.

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Michelle:

That GRA offer two-month free rentals to Greenhithe Playgroup and have them present their proposal in GRA's December meeting.

CARRIED

9. Community Hall Renovation

- a) Brian would follow up with the Builder to sort out the Compliance Certificate.
- b) Kitchen: Brian found the plasterer who had plastered the foyer at no cost; the shutters to kitchen need a final coat of paint.

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- c) Toilet Vanities: Annie would liaise with Michelle to get quotes.
- d) Hall main entry flexi door: the cost would be \$1,500 and Michelle had ordered.
- e) Hall Bifold door: Leon had potential contractor to investigate the site and installation and would get design and quote later.
- f) Deck: Leon would meet someone on 17th October to discuss the project; though the deck would be sponsored by Ryman Healthcare, we should try our best to bring the cost down, like other sponsored projects.
- g) Stage side doors and hallway doors: Brian finished fabricating and painting. It would be hung in 3-4 weeks with Colin's help with the track.
- h) Rear yard project: we would need people to chop some trees and turn them into chips, Michelle suggested Tree King.
- i) Fence and Gates
 - i) Brian and Leon would assess and purchase materials for fence and gates;
 - ii) We would need to build the fence and gates with volunteers' support.
- j) Tidy lawn and plant Garden: Annie suggested to contact Rosemary of Greenhithe Garden Group for maintenance of the garden after it would be built and offer some form of recognition.

10. OSB Restoration

- a) Painting was in progress by GCT Men's work group.
- b) The roof was found rusted inside out, restoration was pending for new quotes. Decision would depend on the amount of future funding available and would be made on December meeting.
- c) Margaret advised NZD 5,000 grants would be open early next year which GRA could apply for.
- d) Michelle brought up that crockery in both halls had been too old to serve decently; Trish offered to check with university campus people who would dispose a batch of crockery every year.

11. Publicity

- a) Website: it was made clear that we could add, upload, or delete any content on our website.
- b) Michelle was working on an ad and Ivy would publish on Facebook page.
- c) Signage boards to acknowledge sponsorship would be put on in the next few weeks.

12. Council/ Local Board report

- a) Potholes at the roundabout of Greenhithe Road: the road would be resealed after the wastewater pipe project;

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- b) Speeding on Greenhithe Road around school: AT considered the safety measures sufficient and were unlikely to enforce further speed calming device on the road.

13. Rame Road waterfront project

- a) Brian briefed background of the project to new Committee members.
- b) The Committee still could not get in direct contact with the current owner of the Salthouse; should appreciate Local Board Officers keeping GRA informed of any progress of the Salthouse's development submission.

14. Men's workshop group

- a) GCT's men's workshop would possibly assist GRA with painting of the Community Hall exterior, stage door, and clearing up the yard. The Committee would also solicit assistance from other community groups such as Scouts' parents.

15. Emergency Plan

- a) Dennis would produce an emergency plan using the Resilience Plan of PIHA as a template and present to the GERG Committee on 19th November; then later it would be promulgated to the community; materials of the plan were available on-line for consolidation.
- b) Thanks to funding from Local Board a public AED was installed in the Fire station; the Emergency plan should pass the message to all residents.

16. General Businesses

- a) The Committee sadly received Chris' resignation as he was moving to England to start a new life with his fiancée. The Committee was grateful to Chris for his invaluable contribution to the Association and the Greenhithe community over the past 10 years and wished him all the best in his journey on.
- b) Then the Committee had three vacancies and was in need of new members who were Greenhithers, concerned with the Community, and preferably with marketing expertise; Brian consider Nika the perfect fit and cordially invite her to join the Committee; Nika agreed to consider the offer and come back.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 21:20.

The next regular meetings will be **3rd December 2019**.