

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 4 August 2020, Committee Room, Community Hall, Greenhithe

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

Present:

Chairman: Brian Carran

Deputy Chairman: Trish Cassone

Members: Michelle Heald, Ivy Lu, Steven Oh, Nika Osbourne, Mick Sinclair, Dennis Thornton, Annie Yong

Guests: **Local Board Members:** Anna Atkinson, Margaret Miles

Residents/ other interested parties: Katie Christoffersen (Tauhinu Sea Scouts), Amanda Mitchell (Greenhithe Community Trust), Robert Xu (Resident)

Apologies:

Uzra Casuri Balouch, Ehsan Zabihi

1. Opening and welcoming guests to the meeting

- a) Brian extended warm welcomes to guests Anna, Margaret, Katie, Amanda, and Robert; Brian also expressed appreciation for guests' interests in participating in community affairs.
- b) Brian introduced Committee members to guests and guests introduced themselves.

2. Apologies

- a) The Committee received apologies from Uzra and Ehsan before the meeting.

Motion #1

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Mick

That Uzra and Ehsan's apologies are accepted.

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

- a) Minutes of the previous meeting dated 2 June 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion #2

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Steven

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

CARRIED

4. Public forum

- a) Toy Library - Amanda (Greenhithe Community Trust) ("GCT")

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- i) GCT proposed building a Toy Library in Greenhithe, promoting a recycling concept;
- ii) GCT noticed that an unused corner on the section of the Community Hall would be an ideal location of the project;
- iii) GCT had got \$3,900 grant from the Local Board; the Toy Library would be professionally built and would add interest to the Community hall;
- iv) GCT would organise volunteers to start cleaning up the corner during summer time;
- v) In long run, the Toy Library would be financially supported by collecting fees from users;
- vi) Diana Castaneira, who was running the Mairangi Bay Toy Library, agreed to help with the project.
- vii) Therefore the project should be considered feasible.

Discussion:

- viii) Brian fully supported the idea (which was considered in the interest of general Greenhithe community), and proposed that GRA offer the place and electricity for free; however, he suggested locating the Toy Library in front of the Hall (rather than at the back), for security and presentation considerations;
- ix) Nika agreed with Brian's proposal, and expected it to attract more hirers;
- x) Annie suggested that the colour of its appearance should match that of our hall;
- xi) Margaret agreed that so long if the residents could benefit from it, she would support it;
- xii) Trish supported the idea so long as it would not turn into a timber shed.

Motion #3

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Trish

That GRA permit GCT to locate their library on our site rent-free indefinitely and sponsor their electricity as our contribution to the project as Community Partner.

CARRIED

- b) Container location - Katie (Tauhinu Sea Scouts) ("TSS")
 - i) TSS had a couple of full-sized containers for storage temporarily placed with Riding for the Disabled ("RDA") and had been looking for a location to settle.
 - ii) Katie found a place - off Greenhithe Road where the Fletcher Co., were storing their equipment for the Northern Interceptor Wastewater Project – that looked suitable for the containers, and would like to know what procedures they had to go through to be allowed to settle their containers there.

Discussion:

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- iii) Margaret replied that a similar case which requested to put containers on a reserve was rejected by the Council; considering possible impact on street view, chance of putting some off Greenhithe Road was even slimmer;
 - iv) Brian asked whether a permanent building rather than containers has better chance to get a location (the current one);
 - v) Margaret replied that it depended on whether the Pony Club was willing to relinquish that part of leased area;
 - vi) Michelle suggested other locations such as the reserve near the wharf could be appropriate for the discussed building;
 - vii) Margaret replied that such case would be subject to public consultation which may take longer than six months;
 - viii) Katie would like to know how to proceed, Margaret suggested discussing after the meeting.
- c) Footpath reinstatement – Katie
- i) The pathway from Traffic Road to Rahui Road was removed, making it unsafe for the scouts; Katie had been exchanging correspondence with AT and Watercare, and would like to know how to get the pathway reinstated as soon as possible.
 - ii) Anna replied that Nicholas Mayne, the Local Board member in charge of transport and road issues, was aware of the case and having discussion with AT and Watercare; the three parties were actively seeking a solution.
 - iii) Brian suggested that Katie keep in touch with GRA and Local Board Members to get updates on the case.

5. Treasurer's Report - Steven

- a) Financial statements had been circulated before the meeting; discussions were as below:
- i) Income was encouraging at \$6,700 despite the COVID; membership subscription dropped dramatically because we had a virtual AGM.
 - ii) Brian commended Steven for his prior budgeting and forward budgeting in financial planning.
 - iii) Committed projects in the near future: OSB painting; stage doors; crockery.
 - iv) Funding opportunities: Lottery Board and Foundation North for the air-conditioning, results expected in November.

Motion #4

MOVED by Michelle, Seconded by Mick

That the financial statements are accepted as correct and accurate.

CARRIED

6. Hall Report - Michelle

- a) After lockdown, casual booking had been picking up and was promising.

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- b) Hall users were very impressed with the backyard and all provided positive feedback.
- c) For the Code of Compliance (“CC”) the hall had to have fire monitoring equipment and regular inspection; Michelle had talked to specialist and would have all documentation by Friday to get CC signed off.
- d) Brian thanked Michelle for investigation and handling the issue.
- e) Michelle got a phone call from potential hall hirer inquiring whether they could sell alcohol in an event held in GRA halls; Brian advised that more details would be needed for the cautious Committee to make a decision.

7. Community Hall Building Project

- a) Stage doors awaiting track and Engineers report
- b) Some internal ‘patch-up’ painting to be done (funded with Air Con)
- c) Outside of hall extension needing painting, low cost if volunteer labour
- d) Gardens completed under budget. Front gardens next. (Garden group)
- e) Lawn repatriation required volunteers; working bee planned.
- f) Waterblast wash of east and south walls, volunteers.
- g) Paint committee room exterior, volunteers.

8. OSB Restoration

- a) Painting was done to halfway up and needed scaffolding to complete. Contracted painter had been arranged to borrow scaffolding. Pre-cleaning was delayed due to water crisis.
- b) The Committee had one price to re-roof and fit new downpipes – funding required.

9. Potential Sale of Land

- a) An interested party offered to buy a small slice of Community Hall’s land; the Committee had had a few rounds of negotiation with the potential buyer and was not able to reach agreement on price.
- b) Brian suggested to have an evaluation report from a property valuer for an indication of fair market price.

Motion #5

MOVED by Michelle, Seconded by Mick

That a sub-committee is set up by Brian, Steven and Mick to pursue the matter with the interested buyer.

CARRIED

10. Publicity/ Community Event

- a) Rear yard opening celebration and sponsor recognition
 - i) Nika distributed and walked the Committee through the plan of the Greenhithe Arts & Photographs Exhibition;

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- ii) Brian stressed that it is important to acknowledge sponsors of our halls; all sponsors would be invited.

Motion #6

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Steven

That the Committee will provide \$1,000 fund for the Arts Exhibition, which will be co-managed by GRA and GCT.

CARRIED

11. Council/Local Board Report

- a) Council budget dropped by 3%, and there had been reduction of budget in various roading projects; no budget would be allotted for Tauhinu Road or Rame Road.
- b) There had been a proposal to renew the Memorial park playground in the next 12 months.
- c) The Dangerous Footpath Project was in progress.
- d) OSB carpark – didn't get on AT's repair programme due to its perceived low priority; the Committee would keep submitting and look into having it repaired in 5 years.

12. Emergency Plan

- a) Brian thanked Michelle for acting as the Committee's representative in the The Greenhithe Emergency Resilience Group.

13. Rame Road waterfront project

- a) No progress had been made; the Committee still considered working with Mr Zhang to achieve a community acceptable outcome (re public access).

14. General Business

- a) Tauhinu Sea Scout would hold their annual Pancake Day in the Hall, a good opportunity to promote our backyard.
- b) Brian proposed a Working-Bee on 26th September (Saturday), weather dependent, man and women power minimum 8 people; work would involve:
 - Water-blasting
 - Painting walls
 - Clear rubbish
 - Lawn Repatriation
- c) Brian proposed to shift October meeting to 13th Oct to avoid school holidays.

Motion #7

MOVED by Brian, Seconded by Mick

That October meeting will be held on 13 October 2020.

CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 21:40.

The next regular meetings will be on 13 October 2020.