

**GEENHITHE RESIDENTS, RATEPAYERS AND COMMUNITY HALL  
ASSOCIATION INC**

Minutes of AGM held at Community Hall

13 July 2010 @ 7.30pm

**Present**

Brian Carran, Linda Johnson, Vic Hayes, Barry Page, Anne Kleyn, Greg Innes, Simon Burden, Joan Tresham, Ian Kerr; Robert Richards (part)

Chris Everitt, Max Thomson, Graham Hunt, Julia Parfitt & 28 residents

**Apologies**

Gareth & Pauline Price, Cr Margaret Miles

BP/IK approved

**Introduction of Guests**

**Graham Hunt**

Graham Hunt - journalist, author and historian of Greenhithe, introduced himself as a candidate for North Now, an independent ticket, standing in the Albany ward for the new Auckland Council.

**Chris Everitt and Max Thompson – Presentation on the Pathway to Planning for Village redevelopment**

Max Thompson of Campbells Bay Village Plan initiative – advised that John Brockies (NSCC) addressed the Campbells Bay Village Plan committee to give idea as to how this initiative works. Brainstorming at their AGM – how can we make it better – from there did pilot survey. Once data back compiled survey for whole community – to put into one plan – this is what we, Campbells Bay, want. Takapuna/Milford etc were interested in this too. Max advised it was highly worthwhile to do the pilot survey first.

Chris Everitt – asked members of the community present: (1) “Who has concerns about how its going to be for Greenhithe in the new structure?”; (2) “What concerns do you have for GH area?” (foreshore, trees, natural landscape is maintained, loss of identity, public transport, resources to give uniqueness and individuality of community); (3) Vision – what would you be looking at to make it a more special place in 10-20 yeas time? (beach area tidied, toilet block, recreational development, cycle paths, lets keep the green in GH).

Suggested from the quick brainstorming we already had a general plan from these simple questions.

It is about enabling communities to take part in the process.

Queried interest in the above – majority show of hands. Queried who would like to take an active part in the leading of that? 6 or so said yes. Those who expressed an interest to leave their names with LJ and would aim to meet in next few weeks. Within the next 6-12 months aim to have a plan.

BC added wants committee to be involved, with people from outside the committee taking part

Other ideas that were put forward were: speed control – speed management; storm water control; big trees planted; style

#### Roading

BC discussed roading in past and going forward. Explained how it goes further with planning and that residents are requested to share their views.

#### **Minutes of AGM 21 July 2009**

As circulated

GI/IK approved

#### **Matters Arising**

Nil

#### **Correspondence**

Nil

#### **Annual Accounts**

As circulated.

VH/IK approved

The committee expressed their gratitude to Linda for her time and efforts as Treasurer.

Consideration of annual member subscription. LJ (treasurer) did not promote to increase/alter it. No submissions to increase. Remains at \$15.

#### **Sub Committee Reports**

Greg Innes – Hall committee – as **attached** (also Greg from Lions advised they did the decks and windows of the OSB)

Simon Burden – Village Plan – as **attached**

Barry Page – Communications & Publicity – as **attached**

Moved acceptance of the reports as a group

BP/IK approved

### **Chairman's Report**

As circulated with agenda

SB/IK approved

BC expressed prior to election of committee that committee would like someone from the business community to come on a board to have a wider input

### **Election**

Last year's committee members were re-elected unopposed

GI/D.Wilmott approved

Welcome to Sam Patel, Debra Manley, Rhys Utting and Ian Utting who have joined the committee, along with Gabriel Heath who is the new Hall Manager

VH took the chair for election of Chairman

Chairman – BC

VH/AK approved

Vice Chairman – VH

BC/IK approved

Secretary – AK

LJ/BP approved

Treasurer – LJ

BC/VH approved

Publicity – BP; Village- SB; Hall – GI

### **General Business**

BC inquired whether there is interest in a "meet the candidates" evening? Majority showed hands. Committee to organise in next few weeks.

Gorse control – booklets for anyone who is interested.

### **Close AGM**

8.55pm

## Greenhithe Hall Sub-Committee Report For AGM 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Firstly I would like to acknowledge Joan Tresham with a very special thanks at this meeting. She has handled the bookings of the hall for a fair number of years now and sometimes has had to go the extra distance dealing with and sorting out problems. So thank you Joan from all of us for this role. She has indicated to me during this last year that she would now like to hand on this role to someone new. We have now found someone new who has offered to take on this position. (I only met her this morning.) Her name is Gabriel Heath from the Harcourts office straight across the road which is great. (She is fully supported in this role by the owner of this branch.) So a very big thank you to Gabriel and Harcourts for taking this on. (They also publish the Greenhithe Village News which Gabriel is the editor.)

Very special thanks also need to go to Linda who has been absolutely great at handling all the finances and at times, particularly this year, a lot more as well! So this is a personal thanks from me, Linda.

Thanks also go to Gareth, Pauline and Vic – No matter what I have asked they have responded in some way whether it be checking lights, heaters, locks in the hall or just advice and feedback via email. To you thank you.

This year we have replaced the decking on the deck and ramp at the hall. Thanks to all those involved in this (Vic, Gareth, Pauline, Graham Reid, Linda, Lannes, Robert, Kath and Brian) - including the morning tea providers, Robert turning up when really needed and especially Lannes for the cold beer to keep us going.

The hall office is rented out again. – We have had a couple of changes this year in the office but now all seems to be settled which is great.

General bookings for the hall are going well with every weekday night booked and quite a few bookings during the day as well with dancing classes boxing keep fit classes indoor bowls just to name a few. Saturday nights and weekend bookings are also going well.

### Maintenance/Future

2 or 3 things are in fairly urgent need of repairs.

1. Firstly - Leak in south western corner of main hall roof which I have spoken to Robert about and he is going to look at this.
2. Secondly – The floor outside the main cleaners cupboard is very 'spongy'. Again Robert is going to look at this.
3. Others – Spouting and downpipes need maintenance or replacing.
4. Main Hall Floor – Is going to need re-doing again soon.

Thank you  
Greg Innes

Report to AGM for Village Plan

Relatively quiet year

On-going liaison with NSCC re the Greenhithe Village Roading Upgrade project ~ pleased to see completion of Blacks Road ~ awaiting advice as to Rame Road / Fankinu Road (entrance)

As mentioned in the Chairman's report, maintaining our excellent network of walkways is important and it is pleasing to see the upgrade and re-opening of the Waipua ~ Windfall section

We are in contact with Council regarding the building of a pontoon at the bottom of Rame Road for use by the rowing club and others – our point being that it needs to be done in conjunction with improvements to the road and parking

The major initiative is the Village Planning Initiative ~ as detailed in the two presentations. Very obviously the key to this is involvement by members of the Greenhithe community – nothing of value can come without commitment from the residents. This is something that GRRCHA are happy to be involved with but cannot do alone and probably should not lead.

Could anyone who would be willing to be involved, please leave their contact details.

## **Publicity Report 2009-2010**

Last year has been a steady-as-she-goes year for the communication of this committee. I have taken a more passive approach to developing the website and other communication tools.

In November I moved the online infrastructure to Datacom's new data centre in Albany. I think Datacom for their ongoing support (worth around \$300/mth) and also recognise the funding provided by the Albany Community Board in 2007 (\$3400) and this Association in 2009 (\$1518).

In the 5 years or so that the website has been running I have tried to promote community involvement in the website and email newsletters. I have tried to get local businesses, clubs and community groups engaged. It is a sophisticated website with huge potential, but I have come to realise that the investment and effort involved is probably not justified by the level of community participation and engagement. It is a complex set of components and infrastructure that wouldn't be practical for anyone else to take over. So that presents a risk to the community and needs to be addressed.

I had envisaged a web site where local businesses would promote themselves and highlight specials, where clubs could communicate with their members, and small business could have free web space as a head start as they grow.

What I have come to realise is that a local website is just not as valuable as I had thought. People want to be part of an online community that is wider than the local village, hence the popularity of Facebook. Equally, there are multiple competing online offerings, many of which are free, that makes some of the offerings of the Greenhithe website redundant. Waitakere City invested in a 'build your own website' system which I hope will become available wider, the sports clubs have excellent websites from Sportsground and the like, Lions are using a Facebook site with success, and so on.

So with all of this in mind, I have started to add Facebook features to the website. Over time, I will move more and more of the website features and content out to other sites such as Facebook, Google and so on. The net effect of that would be that participation and administration was spread out and that we would require minimal infrastructure going forward. I also live in eternal hope that the Council will sponsor some of the activity and infrastructure for all communities.

In the meantime, we do have a sophisticated set of tools and I hope that we can make fuller use of what we have.

Barry Page  
Publicity