

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting 5 April 2016

Present: Brian, Simon, Dean, Chris, Shelly, Yvonne, Penny

Apologies: Wayne, Mick, Sam, Hugh

Public Forum/Guests: Margaret Miles, Elaine Utting, Dennis Thornton (point of contact for Greenhithe CRG), Jason.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on 2 February 2016

The Minutes were circulated. A minor correction had been made to the minute on rubbish and recycling bins.

Motion: The minutes to be approved as a true and correct record.

Moved: Brian
Carried

Correspondence

It was suggested that emails from Council and Board which have been circulated be taken as read. Should anyone wish to have further discussion on anything in those emails, it could be brought to the table during Matters Arising.

Finance Report

Dean tabled the financial reports as at 31 March 2016. The balance is reduced due to major expenses – OSB lights \$3,400 and Hall Development expenses of \$5,800 during the past 2 months. There are some trade debtors still to make payment but the treasurer is following these up. Dean tabled provisional End of Year Accounts subject to alterations to the March income and accruals. We shall look at finances in June ready for the AGM in July.

Motion:

The financial report is approved.

Moved: Brian
Carried

Resignation of Treasurer

Due to personal circumstances Dean tendered his resignation effective from the AGM in July. He will get the MYOB licence and programme up and running. Brian thanked Dean on behalf of the GRA for the marvellous job he has done. A suitable replacement will be needed for the role and Elaine Utting was asked if she would be interested. She is in agreement to take up the post. Elaine was then nominated as a new committee member.

Motion:

Elaine Utting shall be invited to be a member of the committee and to understudy Deane until he moves on.

Moved: Chris
Seconded: Dean
Approved

Halls Report

R&M OSB

The deck is coming loose and needs fixing. The window handles have now been replaced. The slide bolts to the windows cannot be replaced due to factors beyond control.

R&M Community Hall

Security lights may be required. Shelly has noticed a lot of bottles around there at weekends. Discussion took place. It was thought lights would be required at either end of the front and at the rear.

Action: A quote will be organised from the electrician by Shelly and sent to the executive for approval by email.

Bookings

OSB bookings are plentiful. Under 21 party requests are still coming in and being politely refused. The cleaner is away for about a month and will advise Shelly of the dates.

Rental Contract implementation

This has been provided by Mick and is in use.

Action: Brian will obtain a copy of the new contract from Mick.

Development Plans

Chris advised that Hugh has sent through costings; there are two prices \$162K and \$202K. These are QS costings - 'ball park figures'. It seems that costs will be around \$200k. Currently we have approximately \$90K and will require a further \$100K. Suggestions were made as to fund raising options – approach the Community Trust, Give-a-Little page, approaching local businesses to see if they would contribute over the next 12 months. Shelly noted we also need to consider providing some new appliances during the upgrade and has a contact who may be interested.

We have received the formal Discretionary Grant papers from Auckland Council and will wait until the end of April then then send a query to discover the payment process. In our application Simon is to ensure the \$14K already paid out is included in the information. Margaret Miles requested we ensure that the Local Board is acknowledged in this matter. Receipt of the QS Report was tabled.

Action: Simon will confer with the architect regarding funding and take first steps in organising funding from charitable institutions.

Communications/Marketing Report

The new official design of the logo was tabled. The letterhead is now available to everyone. It was suggested that we should acknowledge Casual Fridays (Cam Harrison) for his work in this. We now have a brand and need to take this through to the Community Hall and the OSB so that people absolutely understand that both sites are part of and run by GRA. The new logo needs to be brought into the signage. Cam has agreed to take on the signage project for both buildings and will produce additional drawings within the next few weeks.

The name of the community hall was discussed and agreement reached that it should be Greenhithe Community Hall and the Old School Building will remain so. Both buildings will be branded under the auspices of the GRA. Shelly suggested this could be done through Harcourts.

Jason has created an entirely new website on Wordpress for which he gave a presentation to the committee which was well received. The website will be Greenhithe.org.nz. We now need to find a new host. This will cost approximately \$100 per month. A local company, Tomahawk, may be interested in hosting. If this doesn't work out a small advertisement will need to be placed requesting local assistance.

Discussion took place on options to generate income via the website and advertising opportunities were suggested. Jason also offered to assist the new host on behalf of GRA. Thanks were expressed to Jason and Cam for their great efforts in this matter.

Jason and Shelly left the meeting at 9 pm.

Council/Local Board Report

Margaret gave a report on the Local Board issues. There will be two meetings at the OSB in relation to the Watercare project on 13th and 20th April between 4 and 7pm on both dates. Simon will represent GRA on this.

Roading issues:

The work on the school roundabout has been done. Regarding Upper Harbour Drive, Margaret believes the Council is aware of the issue. The new contact has been helpful so far. The issue is funding. Margaret will follow up the matter of yellow lines around the Roland/Greenhithe Road corner again. The Waipuia/Almond footpath is a health and safety issue and she will follow this up again as well.

The potential problem from shrubs planted outside the development at the off ramp from the motorway needs to be followed up to see if they could be moved or alternatively replaced with low growing shrubs. Margaret suggested contacting the developer directly and advised she will enquire whose responsibility they are.

The footpath repairs between Collins Park and Sunnyview Road is a long term issue. Margaret and GRA both need to make submissions. Margaret will find out the date for submissions and copy them to Brian and Chris. It is an AT matter and probably not on the long term plan but she will clarify the process.

A letter has been sent to Ivan about the entry signs. The Tauhinu Road sign has received positive feedback but the low level garden is not yet done although it is in the pipeline. Brian has written about this and Margaret has been copied. The first steps have been taken on the signage matter. Costs could possibly be met by donations from Greenhithe residents. Margaret will follow this up. Rubbish Bins. A letter is going out regarding this. The bus stop on Upper Harbour Drive and the shelter outside 273 Upper Harbour Drive are about 15-20 metres apart. Something needs to be done to correct this.

Margaret was thanked for her attendance and follow ups. She made her apologies for the AGM in July as she will be unavailable.

Emergency Plan Changes

Dennis reported that the Greenhithe plan is overdue for revision. There is no assistance forthcoming from Auckland Council due to a number of personnel changes there. There is a document on the Auckland Council website under Shape Auckland.co.nz but is out of date. CDM is not providing any training currently. The community must be able to survive 3 days without help and a platform for communication is needed. The new website could assist with this. Dennis will make contact with Jason to suggest actions that could be taken via the website. Dennis is working on reforming the emergency plan and facility on the website "Working together to build a resilient Auckland". Dennis was thanked for his report.

Waste Water Reticulation

Simon gave a thorough overview of the projected plans. The first project is scheduled for a 2017 start. A second project is scheduled for 15-20 years' time. The pony club is involved as are the residents whose homes back on to Wainoni Park where proposals have been made for extra walkways. The new main will cross the harbour under the bridge and then follow Tauhinu and Greenhithe Roads to Wainoni Park. There will be a need for co-operation between all those affected by the proposals to ensure the best possible outcome for the benefit of the village rather than individual interests being promoted.

Action: Margaret and Simon were requested to keep the GRA informed on this.

June Meeting

Brian and Penny both gave apologies for the June meeting and Chris offered to take the chair. Someone will need to take the minutes.

Action: Simon to chair meeting and appoint a minute taker.

AGM 2016

The time and date of the AGM is confirmed as 12 July at 7.30 pm. Phil Goff has confirmed that he will attend but Victoria Crone has not yet been approached. Brian will do this. Information needs to be got out relating to the AGM via the website and the Greenhithe News.

Action: Brian to contact Victoria Crone.

The meeting closed at 10.40 pm.