

GREENHITHE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Meeting 2 August 2016

Present: Brian, Chris, Penny, Elaine, Simon, Wayne, David

Apologies: Shelly, Sam, Jason

Guest: Margaret Miles.

Minutes of Previous Meeting on 7 June 2016

The Minutes are not yet available and will be provided before the next meeting.

Correspondence

Dance school hall hire. The fees are still in arrears with a sum of \$950 outstanding as at July. Dean had been following this issue up. Elaine will check with Shelly whether there may be another group wishing to hire the hall in their place. If there is another group who would like the booking it was agreed that we shall ask the dance school to leave. It was agreed that Elaine should speak with the dance school and advise them that either full payment of the arrears is received by the end of August or they will be asked to leave.

A letter has been received from Auckland Transport concerning the five projects raised with them.

Finance Report

Elaine tabled the financial reports as at 31 July 2016 and offered a vote of thanks to Dean. Dean is still setting up the new MYOB programme and will pass this to Elaine once it is done. The rental figure does not include July (\$2,800.00) and it was noted that there are a number of outstanding accounts.

Motion:

The financial report is approved.

Moved: Brian/Penny
Carried

Membership Levies

Some new members joined at the AGM. There are now 260 subscriptions. We need to bolster the membership. Suggestions included billing existing members when their subs fall due, or asking Shelly to remind people. An option for donations could be added to the bill as well. Elaine will check names and addresses of members and draw up a suitable form. She will also look into applying for the community free postal service and Brian will talk to Jason about an email application option

Action: Brian, Elaine

Halls Report

R&M OSB

The deck has now been finished and the bill paid.

There was a discussion as to whether a wire should be fixed around the walls for hirers to use if they wish to suspend items. This will preserve the condition of the new paintwork. The terms and conditions for hirers need to state 'no tacks in the wall'.

R&M Community Hall

Shelly has noted the front door is sticking. Brian will check up on this. It was agreed that this is a job for a professional.

Action: Brian

Bookings

Bookings are steady.

Jason noted a lot of bookings could come in via the website rather than using Harcourts staff time. Many enquiries are general

Development Plans

A debriefing meeting was held with Hugh, Wayne, Chris, Simon and Brian to look at the building project. We need to find a suitable builder and need to put advertising in place for this. It would be good to find a local builder and an advertisement could be placed in the Greenhithe News and also on our website. Brian will also speak to Hugh to see whether he knows of someone.

Action: Brian will speak to Hugh.

Funding

Simon and Sam had a meeting and identified that we could send emails to Recreation Services, speak to the Dairy, The Malt and Watercare. Someone from Harcourt's Head office is coming out for a meeting at the local office. A leaflet is going out in the September Harcourt's Newsletter. Around \$13,500 promised - \$8,500 is solid and Harcourts could take this to \$13,500. This is without any other similar donors. We need to follow up others. A list of people to approach will be drawn up for this. Harcourt's should be given first right of refusal for naming rights. We need to look at any other grants that may be available. Margaret pointed out that if there is a lot of extra money they may not be willing to lend and suggested that a sum is tagged for maintenance purposes. Application will be made to ASB but other sources need to be explored as three or four will be needed to get enough interest. As a worst case scenario funds could be raised by borrowing against future earnings. Some consideration of ASB would be needed if a grant is received. There could be five gold donors.

Summary

Thanks were given to Simon for all the work he has done.

A builder needs to be found.

The rooms will be done, but the toilets left as is if we should fall short of funds.

There is a projected income stream of \$30,000.00 most years.

\$20,000.00 could be safely repaid per annum.

Action:

Brian is to speak to Hugh re builders.

Communications/Marketing Report

Website:

Jason has tried unsuccessfully to find someone to do updates. Someone must also be found for the hosting. If necessary this could be outsourced. This needs to be checked with Jason on his return.

Action:

Simon will follow up with Jason.

Publicity:

As Shelly was absent from the meeting there was no report this month.

Rame Road Water Access/Parking Project

Enquiries had been made regarding the return of the Salthouse area to public use. Salthouse are continuing their occupation for the time being but will exit at some point. The area is zoned for boat building currently and investigations are taking place to discover whether it could be reserved for boatbuilding or community use only. If this area became available it could become a good sized parking area, recreational space and the buildings used by the North Shore Rowing Club. Discretion is necessary in relation to this matter. Mick has been asked to look into the possibility of putting a lien on the land to prevent other uses being posed. The land would cost around \$4m. to purchase. This is a work in progress. It is important to make sure that there can be no moves without public consultation. It is a long shot but worthwhile. Ferry potential needs looking into.

Action:

Look at legal steps required

Talk to Salthouse

Talk to Auckland Council – Jim Quinn – to get advice.

Simon will see Greg at Salthouse.

Waste Water Reticulation

Simon will be getting a written update after a meeting with Watercare next Tuesday.

Council/Local Board Report

Margaret gave a report on the Local Board issues.

Roading Issues:

1. Entry Signs from the east. Even at our own cost, Margaret is not sure that AC will allow them to be installed.
2. Waipuia/Almond footpath has a reference number now, but that does not mean it is yet on the jobs list. Brian will send the reference number to Margaret and she will follow it up.
3. Vegetation at the eastern off ramp exit from the motorway. This is blocking vision for those exiting the motorway in larger vehicles. The planting needs replacing with smaller shrubs. Brian will send information to Margaret for follow up.
4. Collins Park to Sunnyview Road. This was not sent specifically to the Local Board. Margaret advised that any funding the Board has they wish to use for Gills Road, Albany where a footpath is urgently needed. No number has been allocated for the Collins/Sunnyview job as yet. Margaret will enquire and report back.
5. Upper Harbour Highway – AT is now looking at widening the road. Greenhithe is asking for a shared footpath for cycles and walking. John Watson and the Upper Harbour Board are taking this over. There is a need to encourage people to contact AT regarding this. Margaret will double check where this matter is at before any protest is enacted. Give it a month, then organise a public protest.
6. Rubbish Bins. Margaret took this up with Parks staff who said that recycle bins are too expensive. Now they are prepared to look at it. Margaret has a meeting next week. New funding is available. It was suggested that the normal recycle bins be allocated to the OSB. Margaret will try to organise this. Mark Maxlow the Council representative was very helpful.

Emergency Plan Changes

No report available.

Neighbourhood Support

No report available.

General Business:

Durbin Court picnic bench

The residents of Durbin Court appreciate the efforts of the Residents' Association to organise the picnic bench. There was an official ribbon cutting and Chris and Mark from the Council came along.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 4 October 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.