

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Le Bons Bay Reserve Management Committee
held on Monday 8th April at 1pm at the Domain Hall.**

Present: Jo Rolley, Bruce Nicholl, Jenny Nicholl, Richard Hall, Carol Osgood, Ciaran Murray, Charlotte Bleasdale, Jane Harrison, Dane Moir, Hannah Murdoch.

Apologies: Kerri Bowen.

Minutes: of the 15th October 2023 meeting having been previously circulated by email, were taken as read. **(Bruce/Jo. Carried)**

Treasurer's Report:

Richard reported that the RMC had spent on new ovens and a BBQ, freight charges for these items and smoke alarms for the Hall. About \$400 in income had been generated by Hall rental over the summer. The bank account now stands at \$6,224. It was moved that the Treasure's Report be accepted. **(Jo/Charlotte. Carried)**

Matters arising:

1. Fire inspection:

The meeting discussed whether the Hall could be included in CCC's annual fire inspection programme.

2. Domain access roadway upgrade:

Jane advised that this work was imminently to be undertaken by Fulton Hogan/Brad McNamara. It was agreed that where possible it would be good if CCC would communicate with the RMC ahead of contractors visiting so that they could offer practical assistance/local knowledge as necessary. In the past contractors have gone away without completing work because they were unable to gain access to the Hall.

3. Consideration of whether the RMC should become an Incorporated Society:

Jane has been looking into the option of creating a Charitable Trust, which she feels may be a better, simpler fit with the existing RMC. This would enable the committee to seek funding to undertake a number of the Long Term Plan priority items. It would give the RMC the option to lease the Hall (at the Community Board's discretion) so they could continue to manage bookings etc, while CCC remained responsible for the Reserve, infrastructure maintenance, insurance etc. It was noted that the RMC should be going through Parks (Hannah) before undertaking any work in the Reserve. Dane will send information/templates for applying for Charitable Trust status.

Any other Business

- 1. Discussion of priorities for the Long Term Plan:** Charlotte had sent a draft list for discussion by Community Board. Now that the driveway is to be upgraded, the tar-sealing is no longer urgent. Other items should go into the Triennial Plan.
- 2. Consideration of whether to remove poplar trees because of root impact on the tennis court vs compromising southerly shelter belt/landscaping for the area adjacent to the Hall and courts:** The poplars have to be regularly topped to avoid limbs falling, which is an ongoing expense for CCC. This item needs to go into the Triennial Plan and to be assessed

by an arborist. A landscaping plan needs to be produced for the Domain. Jane will look into whether one already exists. Hannah will look into possible applications of the Urban Forest Plan for Le Bons Bay Reserve.

3. **Should the Domain Hall be used as Civil Defence headquarters for the bay:** Jane said that now that the Flooding Round Table had been set up, this body will also look at community response planning generally and the possibility of establishing a community emergency hub. This would make more sense than an official Civil Defence centre, which would need to be activated by CCC staff and therefore not practicable in the event of a local emergency because of the response time/possible restrictions to access to the bay.
4. **Are playground equipment, tables and flying fox on CCC's asset register, as well as tennis courts and half basketball court:** Hannah/Jane will look into this.
5. **No Fire signs at beach settlement. At least three fires have been lit in vicinity this summer over total ban period:** Charlotte will take this up with FENZ.
6. **Consideration of quote for solar backup for the Domain Hall:** Jo had obtained a quote for solar array and battery backup for about \$50,000, with a view to applying to a central government resilience fund (which is to become available this winter). This would probably be more likely to receive a positive response if the application is put in by a legal entity – i.e. when the RMC becomes a Charitable Trust - so may need to wait until next year. Possibly use of generator(s) may be adequate in an emergency. Dane noted that solar panels cease to function in a power outage.
7. **Community meeting:** It was agreed the RMC needs to seek the local community's views about forming a Charitable Trust. The community will therefore be invited to attend the next meeting. It was provisionally agreed this could take place over King's Birthday Weekend.

Meeting closed at 2.30pm

Next meeting: Saturday 2nd June at 2pm at the Domain Hall.