

Diamond Harbour Reserves Committee - (unconfirmed minutes)

Date: Monday 22nd July 2024, 7pm to 9pm – Green Room, Diamond Harbour Community Centre

Present: Graeme Fraser - Chair, Paul Dahl – Vice Chair, Robert Goldie, Pete Ozich, Emma Kinnings

Guests: Paul Devlin (Regional Parks), Hannah Murdoch (Community Parks)

Apologies: Tom Kuenning

Public Forum: Nil

Declarations of Interest: Nil

Health and safety issues or accidents: Nil

Minutes of previous meeting: Confirmed unanimously as accurate record.

1 – DH Reserve Committee/CCC – Co-management Agreement

The committee discussed the final list of areas outlined on our draft schedule – see attached – which is split into two groups:

- Operational – areas where we already have active involvement.
- Governance – areas where CCC Parks will notify the DHRC of any relevant issues or plans, and seek our feedback. These areas may subsequently move into the operational list.

The committee agreed that this schedule, with the associated 3-year work plan and budget should go to the Community Board. Paul Dahl to attend the Board meeting.

The committee reviewed the associated work plan and budget. Graeme to forward these to both CCC Parks.

2 – Aims, Principles, and Rules

The committee discussed Graeme's draft – which is aimed at summarizing what the DHRC aims to do, how it proposes to achieve its aims, and some basic rules for those engaged in DHRC activities.

Amendments had been submitted by Pete and Robert.

- Aims/Principles – we agreed that we should also mention the 2013 Stoddart Point Reserve and Coastal Cliff Reserves Network Management Plan – which still provides us with a detailed framework for our activities.
- Paul Devlin suggested that we meet soon with a planner to discuss using this plan and working forward. He also advised that CCC are looking to introduce a more global plan to cover more areas (not just SP a& the Cliff Track).
- Pete and Robert to work on the list of our most commonly used plants – with a view to indicating factors like drought tolerance, flammability, frost hardiness.
- Paul Devlin suggested that we remove the specific distance relating to fire risk near houses.
- Pete suggested that the use of a group Whatsapp channel should just be for relevant comms – ie. Those relating to planting days, working bees and other DHRC-specific activities.
- Paul Dahl asked that a section be added to the rules regarding what we should do by way of notifying CCC of any issues that are outside our remit, eg. Encroachments, pollution/damage to reserves
- Graeme to re-draft, add the plant list and circulate before the next meeting.
- Graeme highlighted that the drafted plant list would help us plan for next year's requirements – which we will need to forward to both Parks after the next meeting (Sep/Oct).

3 – School Gully

Only 100 plants still to be planted, though related work too required.

Pete advised that he has been removing more fencing from the Marine Drive and Ngatea Road sides of the gully. Discussion about gathering it to one or two spots – but some liaison required between Pete, Matt Rose and Paul Devlin. No great urgency, but obviously getting rid of barbed wire safely would be a priority.

4 - Increasing encroachment into the Cliff Track Reserve

The committee noted that the owner of 27A Ranui Crescent has now constructed a staircase with handrail right down to the cliff track, at least 9m into the reserve.

This follows the committee's attempt over 2 years ago to get the same person to reverse his encroachment into the reserve of approximately 250 sq metres.

5 Other business

Paul Devlin advised the committee about forthcoming plans relating the "Purau Maori Reserve" and adjacent foreshore. Negotiations are ongoing with the interested parties, but there will be an announcement and there may be some public feedback afterwards.

Meeting ended 8.30 pm. Next meeting – Monday September 30th - 7pm