

Minutes
Meeting of the Le Bons Bay Reserve Management Committee
2pm, Sunday 10th November 2024, at the Domain Hall

Present: Jo Rolley (Chair), Bruce and Jenny Nicholl, Richard Hall (Treasurer), Doris Peleikis, Charlotte Bleasdale (Secretary), Carol Osgood and Ciaran Murray, Michelle Rodgers, Tim Matthews.

Apologies: Dane Moir (CCC), Hannah Murdoch (CCC). **(Jo/Charlotte. Carried)**

Minutes: Minutes of 29th June 2024 meeting, having been circulated, were accepted as a true and correct record. **(Richard/Bruce. Carried)**

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Matters Arising:

1. **Co-option of new members.** It was moved that Michelle Rodgers and Tim Matthews be co-opted as new members of the Le Bons Bay Reserve Management Committee. **(Jo/Jenny. Carried)**
2. **Completion of history panel.** The new framed panel telling the history of the Domain and Hall has been completed and framed by Richard and is installed inside the Hall. An alternative, laminated panel will be placed in the changing room window so it can be viewed from outside. Jo moved thanks to Richard. **(Jo/Charlotte. Carried)**
3. **Ramp for ease of moving BBQ.** Bruce has proposed a scheme to make a grass ramp along most of two sides of the Hall to assist with moving the BBQ on and off the concrete verandah; and also for safety reasons, as the existing step off the verandah is quite high. The RMC members inspected the area and assessed the issues of manoeuvring this heavy piece of equipment. It was agreed, as a first step, that Richard will look into getting larger casters that will make it easier to wheel the BBQ on grass. The ramp proposal receives further discussion under Annual Plan and Budget below.
4. **Cricket pitch and tennis court spraying update.** Bruce reported that the tennis courts have been sprayed. However, there are a number of areas where the lichen has lifted the surface seal, and he asked that CCC be consulted about how to address this problem. A number of bumps have appeared in the surface, which are probably the result of encroachment of the poplar roots, as the stumps were not poisoned after the trees were felled. It was agreed that Charlotte will ask Hannah about arranging an inspection and ask her to liaise with Bruce about this, so that he can be on hand.
5. **Reserve Management Plan.** It was agreed the plan had worn well since it was written. One of the few goals not achieved was the installation of showers in the Hall for cricket players and for school groups overnighing. A number of community members had been against this as they believed it would open up the possibility of turning the Reserve into a campsite. Dane has asked if we want assistance with revising the Plan. It was agreed that the RMC needs to think about whether any clauses need revision.
6. **Landscaping plan.** It had been assumed that there was an existing landscaping plan to follow up on the poplar removal; however, this is not the case. Hannah had offered to research the Urban

Forest Plan, but she advises that the current Plan is mainly about Christchurch City and more urban areas, so that a more targeted approach to the Banks Peninsula rural land will need to be developed. She will report back on how this is progressing and the best route forward for a landscape plan.

Treasurer's report: Richard spoke to his report – copy attached. There is currently a balance of \$5,251.67 in the account (at 7th November 2024) with total income of \$207.08 from Hall hire and bank interest, and outgoings of \$478.85 on Meridian energy and work undertaken by Brad McNamara.

Any other business:

1. **Annual and Long-term Plan.** There was further consideration of the proposal to construct a grass ramp around the Hall verandah. It was agreed that the RMC will seek a quote for the work from Brad McNamara and decide how to proceed from there – final decision to be made by email to avoid another meeting over the holiday period. If agreed, and subject to pricing, this item would either be added to the Annual Plan or funded by RMC, as with other items below for which Brad will be asked to quote.
2. **Walkway to Rue De La Mer.** Bruce said that there had been serious damage from rabbits on the pathway and the compacted graveled section needs to be extended by about 30m to make a reasonable surface. RMC members inspected the damage and also the area of poplars felled so far. It was agreed that Brad will be asked to quote to upgrade the walkway and also for a further tidy-up of the old willows and blackberry by the felled poplars.
3. Painting of white posts by cricket pitch. The chain link fence posts and paling fence need repainting. It was agreed that Charlotte will ask Hannah if she can source paint for us and the RMC will do the work via a working bee over the summer.
4. Jo noted that Hannah advised that the Domain entrance roadway would not be put on Fulton Hogan's regular maintenance schedule, but that the beach carpark will be added from 2025.

The meeting closed at 3.05pm.

Next meeting date: TBA