



Minutes meeting 24 June '25 held at Avebury House

Present

Murray James (chair), Liesbeth van Bruchem, Ewout van Bruchem, Hayley Guglietta, Ross Skinner, David Duffy, Kate Laing, Emily Low, Kris Mackie, Jenna Kelly, Craig Given, Kate Palmer.

Apologies

Nick Hughes, Cheryl Doig.

Murray opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. We all introduced ourselves and it was lovely to have a few extra interested people.

The minutes from the previous meeting (27 May '25) were moved by Hayley and seconded by David.

Correspondence

Correspondence was discussed when it came up at the various agenda points.

Update from the Chair

Murray has been busy. There was another clean up at Shirley Intermediate and the old fence around the pool is now down and the new one is being built. The pool still needs a coat of paint and the filtration needs to be tested. There's \$60,000 in the bank to undertake this.

The council budgeted project (@ more than 3 million) at 10 Shirley Road is still ongoing. The council wanted to push their vision for a contemporary building, while the community wants something with more character. It is back to the drawing board now.

WAR will go into talks to anchor the project. David mentioned we shouldn't forget the kids and make the space suitable for them.

Treasurer's report

Hayley tabled the treasurer's report. There have not been many transactions this month.

We are looking for a new treasurer, since Hayley is stepping down at the AGM.

Working groups

Roading

When will the works on Slater Street start?

The works are scheduled to begin in August.

Where will the contractors be based?

It's likely the contractor will use a prefab setup on the street.

When will the Greenway be fully completed?

The Greenway project itself is complete. The intersections are around 60% finished. Unfortunately, I don't have a confirmed completion month for those yet.

Which 30km/h streets will be reverting?

Just to confirm what I mentioned last night: only streets where the changes weren't implemented will be reverting. None in Richmond are affected.

When is the report on Dudley Street coming to the Board, and can the trimming of trees on the residential side be dealt with sooner?

I have followed up on the timing of the report and request an update on the tree trimming. I'll come back when I hear.

From: Jake McLellan



Richmond Clean Ups

We haven't done a clean up lately, but if you notice anything overgrown or in need of attention, let us know and we organise an impromptu working bee.

Kris mentioned the litter and asked if the council had a budget for clean ups.

Hayley mentioned that there's a street sweeper program to keep the gutters clean to prevent pollution of stormwater and the park rangers are out and about picking up dumped rubbish.

There are also groups like Keep NZ beautiful and Without Waste who are proactive and we do a yearly Mother of all Clean Ups around Mother's Day.

Arts & Parks

Hayley talked about Petrie Park and the plan for the planting.

The Waipapa Papanui Innes Central Community Board decided to approve the tree planting plan, with some minor changes on 12 June '25.

These changes involve working with local residents and We Are Richmond to ensure a tree species mix at the southern end of Petrie Park.

Contact Kiran Skelton, the Engagement Advisor at: letstalk@ccc.govt.nz to receive the meeting minutes from this meeting and to be kept updated with future correspondence.

We work closely together with Toby, the Urban Forest Park council liason.

Emily and Kate mentioned problems with drainage in Petrie Park and trees that have been cut, exposing their properties. Hayley will follow up.

We also talked about the position of the seats/benches and there will be more community consultation sessions before work begins. Just keep an eye out on our socials.

<https://www.facebook.com/wearerichmondchch/>

www.wearerichmond.co.nz

Warden Street

Warden Street entrance has been opened up to allow kids to walk to school via the back way. Hayley has been busy planting the alleyway with plants that were lifted from the site where Ferndale school is being built.

Hayley to organise a community day soon to get all the plants in.

Nick and Hayley have been in talks with the Ministry of Education, regarding the swale, which is very wet and needs a path through it for the kids to walk to school. The MOE has previously (verbally) agreed to fund this, but is now backing off.

We intend to still go ahead with making the permeable path and planting a future forest.

Nick proposed that Pareawa Banks Ave School Board seeks to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MOE to document and agree current and future use and rights of access. While not legally binding, this will provide clarity to all parties and inform future decision making. WAR should seek to continue to be an interested party.

Meet the candidates

Our very own Hayley Guglietta will stand for election for the Central Ward.

After the 8th of July '25 it will be clear who else has put their name forward.

We will organise a meet the candidates evening late August.

Ross has organised the Richmond Club as venue and Sunrise Rotary will supply nibbles and organise the MC. Once a date has been set and a flyer created, we will raise awareness via social media and the Richmond Community Newsletter.



Murray to write something for the RCN, by the deadline of the 20th of July, because we need everyone in Richmond to vote.

Constitution

The constitution will be distributed amongst the committee members once more for final approval.

General business

Kate from Delta talked about their foodbank, which has been a cornerstone of Delta for many years. They handed out 3000 parcels per year. With increasing demand and limited resources, the current model has become unsustainable. The decision has been made to transition away from the traditional food parcel model and move towards a relational, sustainable and empowering approach to build resilience.

The community cafés and an expanding suite of wraparound services (like advocacy, budgeting advice, digital inclusion, foot clinics and skills-based programs) will continue and grow.

There will still be support around food, but hopefully more engagement with other services.

Craig mentioned an article regarding social housing at Guild Street.

See here the article (You'll have to open it in an incognito chrome window to get past the stuff paywall and see the whole article):

<https://www.thepress.co.nz/nz-news/360711374/growing-guild-street-how-derelict-land-became-home>

Ross asked about the canopy for the Riverlution Café and Hayley mentioned it was decided to get a steel structure, rather than timber for the canvas. This is to temporarily winterize the café. Afterwards, the canopy will move to the hub and be re-used.

Ross is in talks with Rotary and the trust to finance this. This is much appreciated.

We congratulated Murray on his Volunteer Recognition Award, which he received on the 16th of June '25. This recognition was long overdue. A lot of what Murray does goes unseen. He always turns up, takes an active interest, puts his hand up to do the hard stuff (submissions, deputations, accounts) and is always willing to provide tools and equipment and time for clean ups or building projects or events.

Ka pai! We appreciate it!





Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Next meeting will be our AGM 22 July '25 at Avebury House, 7pm.
In the Flesher room (opposite the room we were in).

Action Points	
Go into talks to have WAR be anchor for 10 Shirley Road	Murray/Hayley?
Nominate people to be the new treasurer	Everyone
Nominate people to be the new secretary	Everyone
Follow up regarding cut trees and water logged area in Petrie Park	Hayley
Organise Community Day for Warden Street	Hayley
Write article for Aug RCN regarding elections, due date 20 July '25	Murray
Contact speaker for AGM	Murray
Get in touch with Sunita for an Ara student intern	Rachel
Design last history panel	Rachel
Organise an event for the Medway parklet neighbouring residents	Rachel/Liesbeth
Get watering can back from Shinhoo	Rachel/Liesbeth
Think of a competition to use vouchers	Rachel
Attach downpipe and chain at tattoo shop	Murray/Hayley