



Minutes meeting 28 Oct '25 held at Avebury House

Present

Murray James (chair), Liesbeth van Bruchem, Ewout van Bruchem, Rachel Crawford, David Duffy, Kate Palmer, Nick Hughes, Chris Carter.

Apologies

Craig Given, Jenna Kelly, Hayley Guglietta, Ross Skinner.

It was mentioned that the minutes are always prompt and easy to read.

The minutes from the previous meeting (23 Sept '25) were moved as accurate by Murray and everyone was in favour.

There was one error in them, though, the October meeting was not on the 21st of October. Hope no one turned up in vain.

Correspondence:

The council emailed regarding the availability of a biodiversity fund.

The purpose of the fund is to:

- Protect areas of significant ecological value **on private land** within the boundaries of the Christchurch City Council;
- Support and encourage initiatives that **protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity** on private land;
- Share total costs for fencing, native planting, pest animal and pest plant control on a **funding ratio of 50:50 (Council:Landowner)**

We will keep this in mind for a future project.

Nick updated us in regard to the Dudley Street starling problem and the cleaning of the footpath that kept going. The council promised the residents in January to convene and meet, but they are still thinking about it now. This is unacceptable, because nesting season is about to start again and trees have fallen over in the storm.

Rachel to contact Jake McLellan to get some traction.

Craig received an email from Jake McLellan regarding the Pareawa Banks Ave cycleway.

Jake admits there was a communication ball dropped between CCC and the school and WAR would have been well placed to help resolve the issue, or even could have avoided the problem altogether if Craig and David had been involved from the start.

He will remind the team next time there's a roading project being undertaken in Richmond.

Much appreciated, Jake!

Outgoing correspondence:

Murray emailed Jake to congratulate him with the election result from all of us at WAR.

Update from the Chair

The Shirley pool project has a bit of momentum going.

A new water main needs to be installed, from Shirley Road, so if anyone knows anyone working for Isaacs, Fulton Hogan or the likes, get in touch with Murray.

Susanna from council deserves a thank you note (Rachel to write it), because consent was granted a day after the request was put in.



The better off kickstart fund is still available to pay for this project and Shirley Intermediate is having a fundraiser where they sell water bottles. Please share the event.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17evmghYjs/>

This came out of an idea from Reuben Davidson: buy a litre of water, fill the pool.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was not distributed this time, but Murray informed us that Rachel has been paid and we still have money to go around.

There's money allocated for Petrie Park, but unfortunately Bridget has no capacity to finish it anymore. Rachel to find out with the funders if we can use the funds to pay someone else.

Capacity Builder

Kate and Rachel met with Chris Duncan from Neighbourhood Support. Chris explained that they would facilitate and build relationships with people in streets. They would set up a meet & greet, but then would be hands off, because the group needs to mobilise themselves. She had a stall at the Spring Fair which was well attended. Chris will also write something for the RCN. Kate to follow up if she has done that.

Rachel mentioned she has created an event regarding vaping, where Anna Stewart will talk. It will be on the 10th of November from 7 till 8.30pm at Delta Community.

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It was decided that Rachel will look into purchasing a flag to be used at events. Approximately \$150

Working groups

Roading

Craig and David received an invite from council to meet with the new roading team (Catherine Jones and Kirin Skelton). It was a nice meeting which bodes well for good cooperation in the future.

Next on the list for roading, footpath and landscaping are:

Chancellor Street, Stapletons Road and Petrie Street (from Warden to Averill). Consultation regarding this starts next month and it is projected to be finished in late 2027.

According to David, 75% of the original roading plan will then have been completed, in 9 years.

The Slater Street roading project has been going well.

But we are aware that South Richmond has been neglected. The communication lines regarding this have now been re-established, so watch this space!

Liesbeth to follow up again with Sahan Lalpe regarding Eveleyn Couzins Ave.

Communications

The website needs to reflect the current committee members. Rachel to ask Christiaan if she gets too busy with other things. He has offered to help and gets it done quickly.



Murray to contact David, the owner of dog Simon to get a picture and a wee blurb, so we can update the dogs of Petrie Park on the website as well.

Arts & Parks

Rachel has created an event for the Medway parklet. Saturday the 8th of November from 10am.

Murray to bring the Avon Otakaro trailer to do a sausage sizzle.

Rachel to organise sausages and bread. Liesbeth will bring onions and sauce.

Everyone welcome, because there's also quite a bit of weeding to do.



Warden Street

Rachel to touch base with Hayley to see if WAR needs to pick this up as a project going forward, or if it sits with the school and Hayley.

Spring Fair debrief

The Spring Fair was a big success. Approximately 2000 to 3000 people attended.

Our Pace intern Alex made lots and lots of signs, but then unfortunately couldn't attend the Spring Fair.

The WAR stall did not have a lot of engagement, but there were some good conversations and 2 people signed up to become a member. Liesbeth to add them to mailchimp.

It might be better for the WAR stall to be in the main garden. There was a bit of a bottleneck now next to the pool and the playground.

An extra debrief meeting will be organised by Rachel in the near future for those who were there and have ideas and feedback.

General business

We brainstormed about the Richmond garden of the year competition. David to work this out further so we can roll it out next year.

We talked about 10 Shirley Road and Nick will follow up with Selena, after which Murray will write a letter.

Liesbeth will follow up with council regarding the tagging on the planterbox.





And David will contact Trevor Cattermole and Jake McLellan regarding the Richmond Village carpark to find out who owns what and then action getting the surface fixed.

Rachel to invite Jenna to apply for RYLA. We think she will be the perfect candidate for this Rotary Youth Leadership Course.

It was decided that we will send out 2 newsletter a year. Rachel to start preparing for the 'wrap up' newsletter at the end of this year.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Next meeting will be our last one for the year and is on the 25th of November at Avebury House, 7pm.

Date added:	Action Points	
28 Oct '25	Write to Jake regarding Dudley Street	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Write thank you email to Susanna from council	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Find out who funded Petrie Park project and check if we can re-allocate these funds	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Find out if Chris has written something for RCN	Kate
28 Oct '25	Buy a flag to use at events	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Follow up with Sahan regarding Eveleyn Couzins	Liesbeth
28 Oct '25	Contact owner of dog Simon for picture and blurb for website	Murray
28 Oct '25	Touch base with Hayley regarding Warden Street	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Think about Richmond Garden of the year competition	David/everyone
28 Oct '25	Add new members to mailing list in mailchimp	Liesbeth
28 Oct '25	Organise Spring Fair debrief meeting	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Follow up with council regarding tagging	Liesbeth



28 Oct '25	Write letter to Trevor and Jake regarding carpark	David
28 Oct '25	Invite Jenna to apply to RYLA	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Write newsletter to wrap up the year	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Contact Selena regarding 10 Shirley Road	Nick
24 Sept '25	Write letter to express concern with 10 Shirley Road Project after Nick has contacted Selena	Murray
24 Sept '25	Handover treasurer's tasks and pay invoices	Hayley/Craig
27 Aug '25	Write submission regarding vape shops and send to Duncan Webb and Reuben Davidson after vape talk	Rachel/Murray
27 Aug '25	Pick a date in Feb for summer with your neighbours	Rachel
28 May '25	Add dog Nui to the website	Hayley
28 May '25	Design last history panel	Rachel
27 Nov '24	Attach downpipe and chain at tattoo shop	Murray/Ewout