



Minutes meeting 25 Nov '25 held at Avebury House

Present

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

Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting.

We would like to reiterate that we welcome council members to our meetings too.

Hopefully in the New Year?

Apologies

Craig Given.

The minutes from the previous meeting (28 Oct '25) were moved as accurate by Murray and seconded by Kate.

Correspondence

On the 19th of November, Murray received an email from Stacey Holbrough regarding 10 Shirley Road. See below.

This morning, the Waipapa Community Board received an updated design for the facility planned at Shirley Community Reserve, which includes the additional meeting spaces that the Board requested at their September Board meeting.

The Shirley Community Reserve facility will be an agenda item at the Board meeting on 11 December 2025.

Once a decision is made on the facility, our Parks team can start their mahi on a 'park plan' which will go out for consultation.

Murray has answered:

We still don't have a defined use – but there is certainly improved potential functionality for whatever use may eventually arise.

Murray would be interested in addressing the community board one final time if that is appropriate.

We Are Richmond and Murray are at the point where they would just like to see something progressed to build or the matter closed and the site left as a reserve.

According to Stacey:

There is an agenda-setting meeting next week where the Chair, Sunita Gautam and Deputy Chair Simon Britten will decide on whether they will hear deputations on the Shirley Community Facility.

Update from the Chair

Murray informed us that the entrance to Pareawa Banks Ave school from Warden street is now being used by trucks for the building of Ferndale school. Luckily they are careful with the planting that has been done.

The pool project is ticking along nicely. There's now \$120,000 in the pot. And a cover will be installed.



Murray got consent for the water services from the road to the pool and Patrick Boland has helped to get the correct people involved to be able to do the work.
Awesome work guys! We really appreciate it.

Treasurer's report

Invoices will be paid. Money has been spent on mulch for Petrie Park.

Capacity Builder

There were approximately 10 people at the vape talk at Delta. It was very interesting and Anna Stewart is an amazing speaker.

Legislation needs to be changed before things will improve.

The 10 year of Richmond Community Garden and 1 year of Riverlution Café celebration was a huge success. We really appreciated the speeches by Pauline Cotter, Deon Swiggs and Glen Livingstone. Alongside Morgane and Hayley's speeches too.

The area is buzzing with weekly Parkrun on Saturday mornings, starting and finishing from the café. It's a 5km walk, jog or run around the river. Check it out:

<https://www.parkrun.co.nz/riverlution/>

Also each Saturday there's a Farmers market from 9am till 12.30pm, please share with your network.

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

Then on Sunday's there's outdoor yoga and Avebury House hosts a vintage market once a month. The last one for the year is on the 30th of November from 10am till 2pm.

Rachel thanked everyone for being a part of WAR and putting volunteer hours in. Much appreciated.

Working groups

Roading

From Craig:

The roading consultation items are what I've been across with David over the last couple of weeks. This is the ccc consultation on stapletons, Julius tce, Petrie and the northern part of chancellor. David and I submitted on behalf of WAR (in the positive on the work). We'll look to do an update with the community board in the new year.

David added that they will keep pushing council to keep putting Richmond on the agenda. For roading, for the Dudley street starting problem, for the Hills road intersection and for South Richmond which seems to have been neglected.

David also mentioned that Slater Street has been finished, ahead of the 8th of December deadline that was expected. Well done council and contractors!

Communications

Rachel has updated the website to reflect all current committee members.

Check it out: <https://wearerichmond.co.nz/rba/>

Richmond Clean Ups

David has written a letter regarding the state of the carpark at the Richmond Village that he wants to send to the landlords and businesses. Rachel and Liesbeth to finalise this letter and distribute it.



Arts & Parks

The Medway parklet is looking good. Sarah, the neighbour can do with another regular hand, though. Maybe we do an event once a month?

Murray will build the seats for Petrie Park, as soon as there's a design.

Warden Street

We will revisit the site at Warden Street in the New Year.

General business

Ross mentioned a pet parade, which we can integrate with the Petrie Park BBQ on Sunday the 22nd of February '26. Rachel to make an event.

Avebury House has a Christmas gathering on the 5th of December from 3.30 till 7pm. All welcome.

Liesbeth mentioned that she has heard from visitors to the Avebury playground, that the slide gets really hot when the sun is out, and the green surface too. Rachel to send an email to council parks and cc Avebury in.

Ross is resigning from Sunrise Rotary after 36,5 years of weekly meetings! He will still be involved and Kate thanked him for his support at Delta.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting will be on Tuesday the 27th of January and will be a brainstorming ideas session, at Richmond Club, 75 London Street. Starting at 7pm.

Everyone welcome!

Date added:	Action Points	
25 Nov '25	Write wrap up newsletter, deadline for content 2 nd of December	Rachel/everyone
25 Nov '25	Keep thinking about garden of the year competition	Everyone
25 Nov '25	Finalise letter for Richmond Village Carpark	Rachel/Liesbeth
25 Nov '25	Finalise last history panel	Rachel/Liesbeth
25 Nov '25	Make event for Petrie Park BBQ	Rachel
25 Nov '25	Write email to council regarding hot slide	Rachel
28 Oct '25	Find the flag to use at events	Murray



28 Oct '25	Follow up with Sahan regarding Eveleyn Couzins	Liesbeth
28 Oct '25	Contact David, owner of dog Simon, for picture and blurb for website	Murray
28 Oct '25	Add new members to mailing list in mailchimp	Liesbeth
28 Oct '25	Follow up with council regarding tagging	Liesbeth
24 Sept '25	Handover treasurer's tasks	Hayley/Craig
27 Nov '24	Attach downpipe and chain at tattoo shop	Murray/Ewout