



Minutes meeting 28 April '26 held at Avebury House

Present

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

Apologies

Ewout van Bruchem, Hayley Guglietta, Jenna Kelly.

Murray welcomed us all and especially Suzie, who joined us for the first time. We did a round of introductions and the official meeting started at 7.10pm.

Minutes from previous meeting

The minutes from the March meeting were moved by Rachel and seconded by Kate and accepted as true and correct by all.

Correspondence

We discussed the correspondence since last meeting and thank Trevor Cattermole for his quick action contacting the council regarding Dudley Street and Guild Street.

Craig will be kept in the loop regarding this.

Our organisation has now been re-registered with the Companies Office, thank you Rachel.

We can now do a name change from RRBA to We Are Richmond. Rachel to action this.

Liesbeth filled in the survey from the Richmond Community Garden regarding improvement of the hub and we had a brief discussion about this. David suggested it would be good for RCG, WAR and Avebury House to meet and put together a future plan. Maybe even with Climate Action Campus as well.

It was mentioned that Hayley (Avon Otakaro Network) secured a lease on Trent Street for an urban farm. Well done!

Tori Peden, Tidy Kiwi, emailed to see if she can help us with litter pick up projects or graffiti hot spots. Liesbeth to email back and cc Rachel in.

The email regarding Matariki is to get volunteers to help. Please put in your diary: 11th of July.

We will need: people to help with children's activity (Murray can do marshmallow roasting), people to help with hangi set up, with hangi serving and afterwards with dish washing and table cleaning (maybe the following day).

Let Rachel know if you can help.

Update from the Chair

Murray talked about the working bee in Warden Street, where a small group of volunteers weed wacked and planted 100 plants.

Communication with the school needs to be improved, even though it was mentioned in the school newsletter and there were posters on the entrance and Facebook posts regarding it. Sometimes a direct approach is more efficient.



Murray took his digger to Petrie Park to dig over the rounds, ready for planting on the 14th of June (put this date in your diary too!).

Regarding the pavilion for Petrie Park: Mark Stevenson, from Council's Planning and Strategic Transport Unit (who Murray spoke to at the Mayoral Forum), will look into the consenting process and hopefully we can start building it without a resource consent.

Murray, David and Rachel went to have their say on the submission for the draft annual plan.

Progress on the Shirley Pool is on hold at the moment. We all agreed with Murray that there shouldn't be money spent on consultation, but just on getting (at least the learners) pool ready. Murray and Nick to talk about this.

Treasurer's report

The April treasurer's report was tabled.

Rachel to apply to COGS for funding for her role by the 13th of May.

Update from our capacity builder

Rachel will send out the RCAN minutes, so that we can all see which organisations are involved.

There's a new Philipino church on the corner of Stanmore Road and Swanns Road. Kate to make contact.

New businesses and this church can be added to our website. <https://wearerichmond.co.nz/shop-local-richmond/>

Rachel to pass the information on to Christiaan so he can do it.

The Spring Fair is coming up on the 17th of October.

The Riverlution Café is putting outdoor film nights on. Get free tickets via Humanitix:

<https://events.humanitix.com/riverlution-film-nights>



Kate informed us about all the great activities that are happening at Delta Community House.

From this week, there will be: Thursday Kai Club. A café to connect people, with a wrap around service for vulnerable people. The aim is to connect with Trevor and see how the longterm unemployed can be involved.



The Thursday Kai Club starts at 3.30 with afternoon tea and from 5pm dinner will be served, which can also be taken home or be as a frozen meal.

The Flourish café on a Wednesday (led by disabled people) is also a big success and we are very lucky to have Delta in our community.

Place Partnership Fund

See below the email we received on the 16th of April from Richmond Community Garden:

Following on from the Place Partnership Fund meeting we had this week, we now have clarity on what we will be applying for. The proposal includes 14 art pieces along the Riverlution Eco Park, incorporating Oamaru stone from old buildings in the city, and key materials from former Red Zone posts for signage at each installation.

Stage 1

- Fitzgerald - CCC lease
 - Riverlution Tiny House Village (Swanns Road edge)
 - Otākaro Urban Farm (behind Riverlution Village)
 - Gallery shed - The White Room
 - Richmond Community Garden
 - Riverlution Eco Hub/ Riverlution Precious Plastic
 - Riverlution Café
 - Riverlution Fungi Farm
 - Monkey Puzzle Tree
 - Riverbend Refuge
 - Evan's Way
 - Casa Dei Bambini -
 - Adventure Avenue
 - Di's garden -
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- Dudley planting - No sculpture just planting

We have also decided to cover the remaining costs for plating and related elements through other funding streams and opportunities.

If you are a site that would like to be part of this project, please send us a support letter confirming your interest so we can include this in our funding application over the next couple of weeks. If you are an artist or collective, please also send a support letter outlining your proposed artwork concept.

If there is a particular area you are especially interested in being involved with, please highlight this as well. I will be in touch with each of you individually next week, but wanted to give you advance notice so you can start thinking about it.

Morgane

Murray to touch base with Hayley.

WAR to write a support letter.

Liesbeth to write regarding the Swanns Road parklet.

Review of our impact at Richmond Gala

David mentioned that our stall at the Richmond Gala was not as successful as it used to be. We need to have better preparation, better communication and a proper display board. Everyone needs to know what we are presenting and we can start working on this for the Spring Fair.



Working Groups

Richmond Village

Murray caught up with Inderjit from Bottle-O and Hardeep from Big Daddy. They both want to contribute to the repair.

Murray to get a quote and find out the exact easements, so we know the rights and obligations each of the landlords have.

General Business

David mentioned that it would be a good idea for either us or Avebury House to focus on the ethnic groups in our community and highlight how they live.

Kate said she can get ESOL students involved in this.

Ross is working hard to get funding. He secured \$500 from Maxraft for the Avebury newsletter and is talking to Southern Hospitality regarding an upright freezer for Delta. Thanks for your hard work!

We briefly discussed the upcoming elections and have decided to run another candidate evening.

Rachel to get started on who are the candidates, what is our area.

And Ross to contact Richmond Club for the meeting space.

Our AGM will be held on the 27th of July.

We are looking for a new chair and a new secretary.

Rachel to put the word out.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will be at Avebury House on Tuesday the 26th of May, from 7pm.

Action points

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Date added	Action	Who
28 April '26	Name change on Societies Register	Rachel
28 April '26	Future plan for RCG, WAR, Avebury House and CAC?	Rachel, David, Liesbeth
28 April '26	Email Tori Peden, Tidy Kiwi	Liesbeth
28 April '26	Matariki volunteers, let Rachel know if you can help	Everyone
28 April '26	Apply to COGS by 13 May '26	Rachel
28 April '26	Send out RCAN minutes to everyone	Rachel



28 April '26	Make connection with new church	Kate
28 April '26	Pass information regarding new businesses and groups in Richmond to Christiaan to put on website	Rachel
28 April '26	Place Partnership actions	Murray/Rachel/Liesbeth
28 April '26	Get quote for carpark and contact lawyer for easements	Murray
28 April '26	Work on display board for Spring Fair	Rachel/everyone
28 April '26	Work on candidates evening	Rachel/Ross
28 April '26	Get the word out regarding the AGM and new positions to be filled	Rachel
24 March '26	Invite CAB to come to our meeting	Rachel/Liesbeth
24 March '26	Organise chalk board for Medway parklet	Liesbeth/Rachel
24 March '26	Get together with Christiaan for website stats	Rachel/Liesbeth
24 Feb '26	Email monitoring and research team from council regarding Life in ChCh survey. We would have appreciated the option to get your answers emailed back to you and we would like to find out the results, so we can work on issues that residents have pinpointed for Richmond	Rachel
24 Feb '26	Organise weed-a-thon session Randall Street on a Thursday	Rachel