



Minutes meeting 26 May '26 held at Avebury House

Present

David Duffy (interim-chair), Liesbeth van Bruchem, Ewout van Bruchem, Rachel Crawford, Kate Palmer, Chris Carter, Ross Skinner, Craig Given, Nick Hughes, Annie Smith, Belinda Barrett-Walker, Mackensie Cornelius, Allister McKinnel, Helen Macdonald.

Apologies

Murray James, Hayley Guglietta, Suzie Power.

The evening started with a welcome from David, who was chairing the meeting, and a brief introduction from everyone in attendance.

Belinda, the Graffiti Volunteer Coordinator from the Graffiti team at council, told us all about Snap Send Solve and the Graffiti team.

Did you know that the Graffiti team exists since 2008?

The aim is to reduce the impact graffiti has on communities by keeping the city clean, safe and free of graffiti. They work with City Care and a group of volunteers.

It is important that graffiti gets reported and removed quickly, so keep snap send solving it, or ring the council or use the website to report it.

If you've noted offensive tagging, please ring, because this will have to be removed within 4 hours and snap send solve can sometimes take a couple of days before it is triaged.

Belinda's colleague Donna sends out a monthly snapshot of the graffiti statistics and the removal hot spots. If you would like to receive this, please email Donna.Tocher@ccc.govt.nz to be added to the 'friends of graffiti' list.

Minutes from previous meeting

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

Correspondence

We briefly discussed the correspondence and it was noted that Liesbeth used the secretary email address to get a bit of traction regarding the Swanns Road bridge to make it a pedestrian and cyclist only bridge, which was in the cards shortly after the earthquakes and said to be revisited after Avonside Girls High School moved away. It seems it has fallen off the radar and we would appreciate an update regarding this.

Treasurer's report

The May treasurer's report was tabled and moved by Liesbeth, seconded by Chris. We also tabled the Tier4 report and this will need to be signed by Murray.

Update from our capacity builder

Rachel thanked Liesbeth, who has been WAR's secretary for the last 2,5 years and is now taking a step back. Please get in touch if you would like to step into this role, we need a secretary!

Rachel has recently worked more hours than her usual 20 hours a week, but will scale back once the funding application has been lodged.

She has been in the capacity builder role for 4 years now and it is great to see the connections she's made with all the organisations.



The outreach stall (Come say hi) at the Riverlution Market on the 16th of May was a success and we were all in favour of Rachel having a stall once a month (on the 3rd Saturday of the month) for the foreseeable future. Next 'come say hi' will be on the 20th of June. Anyone is welcome to 'man' the stall with Rachel.

The Envirohub organises Green Drinks once a month. See poster.

Rachel and Liesbeth got together with Tori Peden from Keep Christchurch Beautiful. We are planning a clean up in the neighbourhood in the week of 18 to 25 September '26.

Rachel mentions that she shares an office with Jess Lamb, who works for Without Waste (<https://withoutwaste.co.nz/>). Jess is also an active member of Forest & Bird Youth and we encourage Rangatahi aged 14 to 25 years to get in touch, because they organise lots of cool events for this age group.

There's a weaving workshop at RCG on the 13th of June '26 from 10am to make decorations for our Ururangi tree at Matariki (11th of July '26).

Then on Sunday the 14th of June '26, Petrie Park will be transformed between 11am and 2pm with a planting and tidy up session. All welcome. Hot soup provided.

And Warden Street will be tackled on Thursday the 18th of June '26. Please keep an eye on the We Are Richmond Facebook events. <https://www.facebook.com/wearerichmondchch>



Resolution

We Are Richmond (formally Richmond Resident's and Business Association) resolves to seek funding from the 2026-2027 Strengthening Communities Fund.

Policies

We discussed the need for policies (like a Health, Safety and Wellness Policy and a Child Safeguarding and Protection Policy) and that we require these for good governance.

Motion: we will be working towards preparation of the above mentioned policies as they may apply to We Are Richmond.

All in favour.

Future Plan

David initiated getting the following organisations together to talk about where each organisation is headed: Richmond Community Garden, Avebury House, Climate Action Campus, We Are Richmond. An initial meeting is to be held at the end of July.

General Business

We watched Delta's video, see link below if you want to watch it again.

<https://youtu.be/BW0OpiqTf0c?si=LZ7ckHKJa306LSuM>

Please share the following event: RedZone Housing Community Forum/The future of the redzone, meeting on the 4th of June from 7pm at Richmond Club.

PO Box 26-097,
Christchurch, 8013
secretary@wearerichmond.co.nz



The event will include:

- Presentations to clarify the current situation
- Time for community questions and discussion
- A facilitated workshop session to capture community views

Feedback from the forum will be compiled and shared with Christchurch City Council staff to inform their work ahead of anticipated decision-making later this year.

The following people have indicated they can help on the evening:

Ross, David, Rachel, Annie, Mackensie

And here's a list of people who can do a flyer drop:

Helen, David, Rachel, Ewout & Liesbeth, Nick.

Planning for a meet the candidate evening is underway for Wednesday the 21st of October '26.

More info to follow.

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

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed: _____ (date:)

The next meeting will be at Avebury House on Tuesday the 23rd of June, from 7pm.

Action points

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Date added	Action	Who
28 April '26	Name change on Societies Register	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
24 March '26	Invite CAB to come to our meeting	Rachel/Liesbeth
24 March '26	Get together with Christiaan for website stats	Rachel/Liesbeth