

## **Pauatahanui Residents Association**

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at 325 Grays Road on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

- 1. Present:** Ken McAdam [ Acting Chair], Nicky Chapman, Alan Gray [Secretary], Bob Stott & Anna Dellow.
- 2. Apologies :** Diane Strugnell, Mike Conroy, Kay Middleton & John Mazenier.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were approved: Moved –Nicky; seconded- Bob.
- 4. Business arising from the minutes.**

**4.1. Structure Plan for the development of the Pauatahanui/Judgeford area:**  
No further information received at this time. The Council is considering the Draft Structure Plan at present, & plans for it to be publicly notified for general public submissions in mid 2012 with Council hearing of submissions to follow. It was agreed that PRA should circulate a newsletter to all residents when we have a copy of the Draft plan.

**4.2. Water & sewage reticulation for the Village.** A draft report on the reticulation of water & sewage to Pauatahanui Village has been presented to a meeting in the Village on 28/02/2012 & sent to all the ratepayers in the Village along with an explanatory letter from the Mayor. A copy of the draft report is attached with these minutes. 1.3 million dollars has been allocated for this project in PCC's just released Draft Long Term Plan 2012-22 to be used in year 2. If approved the Mayor thinks installation can possibly commence within 18 months. Relevant points to note are-

1] Water as well as sewage will be provided for 27 sections.

2] The sewage scheme will follow the lines of the one recommended at previous meetings in the Village & which has already been well tested with 3 buildings & the public toilets already connected. - a macerator pump & pipeline to connect with the sewage system in Whitby. Pump out will be timed to coincide with off-peak times from Whitby to reduce the load on the Councils sewage system.

3] PCC will raise a loan of approx. 1.3 million [option 1] & this will include all costs including removing existing septic tanks, installing tanks with macerator pumps in their place, hooking it up to the house & to the mains pipe. At the same time installing a mains water supply which will be a trickle feed of 1,000 liters a day to each household tank. The water supply will be more generous for commercial premises. It will not be mains water pressure.

4] In return households will be charged urban rates plus the targeted surcharge for supplying water & sewage. They will lose the 30% rural differential on rates. Thus there will be no or minimal upfront charges to householders & increased rates & water & sewage charges could be offset to some extent by reduced costs for maintaining septic tanks, cartage of fresh water during shortages etc. All ratepayers in Porirua will bear the cost of the loan. This proposal has previously been used in the past.

5] Pauatahanui Village will continue to be zoned rural for all other issues until there is any plan change to rezone it, [ probably as a special zone to preserve its rural character] , which the Mayor said would be several years away.

6] Each section owner has been approached by PCC & 27 out of 29 have so far agreed with the project & 2 did not want to be included.

7] Council will vote on the draft proposal on 28th March. It will then go out for public consultation, with submissions & hearings as part of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

8] Further consultation between property owners and PCC will occur once the project has been formally adopted into the Draft Long Term Plan. .

9] There is very little flexibility in this system for any expansion of the network. i.e. limited expansion of the Village, at least for smaller sections, for several years. They have allowed for a "10 year" design with 5 to 10% tolerance.

11] The Consultant for the Project who is happy to answer questions is-

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**4.3. Pauatahanui History Project:** The historian **Helen** Reilly is on target to complete the manuscript and illustrations by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2012. The meeting approved the change of finishing date to her contract. No extra funds were required for this extension. The History Group [PHG] has decided to self-publish the book, with the help of professionals, and will shortly be seeking applicants to undertake the publishing aspect of the book. When PHG has selected a Publication Manager, it will provide PRA with a draft contract.

Bob is completing an article for Whitby news about the History Project which will provide publicity for the book. Whitby News is keen to receive a regular piece each month of about 250 words on PRA news. ,

All the funds needed for the writing of the book have been completed. Fundraising for publication will start soon, with the first application due by 30 March. This will be to the Porirua Community Development Fund which funds one-off events, & the following motion was approved-

### **Resolution**

It was resolved at the meeting of the Pauatahanui Residents Association Management Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012, that an application be made to the Porirua Community Development Fund for funds towards contracting a publisher to print the history of the Pauatahanui District which is just being completed. Moved –Ken; seconded- Nicky. The motion was approved

**4.4. Environment Court hearing on Plan Change 7 [Windfarms]: The hearing between Porirua City Council[PCC] & the NZ Wind Energy Association/Mighty River Power will be heard in the Environment Court in the week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Nicky is preparing PRA's submission on the subject in support of PCC's position by 30<sup>th</sup> March. The legal costs for advice on this have been privately funded. Everything in the submission can be cross examined.**

**4.5. Transmission Gully Motorway Hearings: The decision from these hearings will be released in June. The decision will not say that the Motorway will be built, which is up to Government; but it will decide whether or not it can be built. If it approves the scheme, expect a Minister to turn the first sod before the next election!**

## **5. General Business**

**5.1. Accounts:** [00] Account = \$1,964-36 & [01] History Account = \$4,390-00

## **6. Other business:**

**6.1. Porirua Emergency Management Office:** On Wed 14 March Anna attended a Local Welfare Advisory Group meeting in Porirua on Civil Defence emergencies. Chaired by Trevor Farmer, PCC's Emergency Management Manager, the meeting was supported by various local agencies and groups including the Red Cross, Housing NZ, Citizens Advice Bureau, Fire Service, Ministry of Education and other local Residents Associations.

The objective of the meeting was to bring together groups that play a pivotal role in communities and advise them of ways in which they can educate and train others in preparedness for a civil defence emergency. Trevor encouraged the groups to establish who are in their communities, what links they may have and the logistics of how to bring them together. He talked about the need to develop a plan for our community and to establish what processes can be put in place to do this. He said a lot has been learnt from the Christchurch Earthquake and that they can't stress enough the need for our communities to be prepared for all eventualities. The next meeting date is still to be set.

**6.2. PCC Review of Network Utilities.** In December 2011, PRA sent a letter to PCC asking to be kept informed of their discussions with the Network Utility Groups as Transpower is seeking to have, within the District Plan of some Councils; a defined "corridor" creating a wider "buffer zone" along transmission lines that would require landowners to require resource consent for certain activities within this corridor. The State Owned Enterprise is requesting Councils to create 32 metre wide buffer zones either side of Transpower's transmission lines [64 metres in total width] on private land under their district plan. The buffer zones will restrict landowner rights and normal farming activities within a vast swathe of private land, without compensation. [See attached newssheet from Federated Farmers on the issue]. There are many properties in the Pauatahanui Area that would be affected if this were to happen. At a public meeting held by PCC regarding their network utilities policies; Transpower presented on this subject at that forum so Transpower are already "paving their way" with the council. PCC to be contacted again as to whether they are in negotiation with Transpower on this issue.

**6.3. Charities Commission Changes:** PRA has been notified by the Charities Commission of two changes to the Charities Act 2005 by Parliament in February 2012 that could affect PRA's status as a charity if not complied with:

**First change: ALL registered charities must tell the Charities Commission if a certified officer becomes disqualified.** For example, if an officer becomes bankrupt part way through their term of office. They suggest regularly asking officers to confirm that they are still qualified to be officers. They suggest this could be done each year with the Annual General Meeting.

**Second change: Charities must certify as officers the members of their highest governing body AND all those in a position to have significant influence over the management or administration of the charity.** Positions of significant influence are voluntary or paid positions that have significant influence over the charity's management or administration; decision-making ; expenditure of funds or resources; & day-to-day operations.

You can read more information on these changes at :

<http://www.charities.govt.nz/news/charities-act-changes/>

The Management Committee agreed to circulate the Commissions officers checklist to all Committee Members to complete; & to repeat this exercise at each AGM for all officers & twice yearly for those officers with signing authority on the PRA's funds.

- 7. Draft Long Term Plans :** Both Porirua city Council & Greater Wellington Regional Council have released their Draft Long Term Plans for 2012- 2022. These set out priorities the Councils will focus on over the next 10 years and how services will be funded. The plan document is available on Porirua City Councils website & submissions close on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. For the Regional Council the full document is available on [www.gw.govt.nz/have-your-say](http://www.gw.govt.nz/have-your-say) & submissions close on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## **8 Correspondence:**

### **8.1 Inward**

8.1.1 Various PCC committee & other papers including:

8.1.2 Information about Neighbours Day Aotearoa - March 24 & 25, from PCC [23/02/2012]

8.1.3 Request for information on the Pauatahanui/Judgeford Structure Plan [23/02/2012]

8.1.4 City Centre Revitalisation E Newsletter March 2012 [08/03/2012]

8.1.5 Notice from the Charities Commission: Recent changes to the Charities Act [27/02/2012]

8.1.6 Porirua Welfare Advisory Group meeting new date: When: Wednesday, 14 March 2012 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. (GMT+12:00) Auckland, Wellington. Where: Porirua Emergency Management Office - 7 Serlby Place [27/02/2012]

8.1.7 Plimmerton Residents Association newsletter for March 2012 [10/03/2012]

8.1.8 E-mail newsletter from Mayor Nick Leggett "MAYORAL WALKS" [02/03/2012]

### **8.2 Outward:** None

- 9. Date of next Management Committee meeting-**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm.

John Mazerier

Chair

