

Pauatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at 325 Grays Road on Thursday 17th May 2012

- 1. Present:** John Mazerier [Chair]; Nicky Chapman , Alan Gray [Secretary], Diane Strugnell [Treasurer] , Anna Dellow, & Ken McAdam
- 2. Apologies :** Kay Middleton, Mike Conroy, &. Bob Stott
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of 19th April 2012 were approved:
Moved -Nicky; seconded- Anna.
- 4. Business arising from the minutes.**
 - 4.1. Structure Plan for the development of the Pauatahanui/Judgeford area:**
No further information has been received on the Draft Structure Plan for this project. Once the Long term plan by Council as been completed we would hope to see some action on this.
 - 4.2. Water & sewage reticulation for Pauatahanui Village.** PRA made a submission supporting this \$1.3 million project to Councils Long Term Plan [LTP].
 - 4.3. Pauatahanui History Project:** Pauatahanui History Group has provided the following progress report -

The main events of the last month were:

- Author's contract - John Mazerier, Helen Reilly and Sharon Evans signed off the addendum to Helen's contract, which extends the completion date for the project to 31 May 2012, at no extra cost to the PRA.
- Deadline for new material - at Helen's suggestion, it was agreed that she would accept no new material after 20 April.
- Images and research - in order to meet the 20 April deadline, PHG members have spent more than 50 hours in the last month on research, and completing the collection of over 200 images (photos, maps, etc.). Permission to publish has been sought and received from the owners of all the images.
- Mapping - NorthSouthGIS (formerly Explorer Graphics Ltd.), a prominent Whitby business, kindly agreed to produce all the new maps needed for the book, at no charge, and this work is progressing well..
- Fundraising - An application to the Porirua City Council Community Fund for a grant was declined. An application will be made to the Mana Community Grants Foundation by 31st May.
- Publicity - thanks to Bob Stott, a timely article about the book appeared in the Whitby News.
- Publication manager - the PHG drew up the Job Description for the person to manage the publication of the book, and sent it out to potential applicants.

- The History Group asks PRA to apply to the Mana Community Grants Foundation for a grant of \$10, 000 towards the cost of managing the editing, printing & publishing of the Pauatahanui history book by their closing date of 31st May.

The PRA Committee approved the following resolution-

Resolution

It was resolved at the meeting of the Pauatahanui Residents Association Management Committee on 17th May 2012, that an application be made to the Mana Community Grants Foundation for funds towards the fees & expenses to edit & print the completed manuscript of a history of the Pauatahanui District . The total amount requested is \$10,000 [ten thousand dollars]. The motion was moved by John Mazerier, seconded by Nicky Chapman and duly carried.

The Committee approved an interim private loan [& indemnified any fall-back on PRA] to make the final payment to the Historian on the 31st May when she delivers the manuscript. This sum is already covered by a \$5,000 Lotteries Board Grant which will be received once Lotteries is provided with the completed manuscript.

To date 102 provisional orders have been received for the history book. For more information about the book see the attached sheet from the History Group.

- 4.4.** Environment Court hearing on Plan Change 7 [Windfarms]: PRA, together with Pauatahanui Futures Society, Preserve Pauatahanui and Moonshine Valley Residents Association, will be supporting Porirua City Council's Plan Change 7, at the Environment Court Hearing scheduled for the first week in July. The key focus of the hearing will be with regard to the 700 metre setback of turbines from a property boundary and giving regard to Landscape Protection Areas. These provisions have been appealed against by wind farm developers including NZ Wind Energy, Mighty River Power, Meridian and Genesis, who do not want any specified setback distance, seeing this as setting a precedent.
- 4.5.** Puketiro Windfarm. **In May 2008 Pauatahanui Futures Society and Preserve Pauatahanui took legal action against Greater Wellington Regional Council and RES (the wind farm developer) over the wind farm contract, specifically the granting of access through Battle Hill Farm Forest Park. This action was successful and as a result the original contract between GWRC and RES was overturned. In March 2010 GWRC prepared a new contract for the Puketiro Wind Farm. The latest information, released through an Official Information request, is that this contract has not been countersigned by RES. However RES is applying for new consents for ongoing wind monitoring at the site.**
- 4.6.** Transmission Gully Motorway Hearings: **the Board of Inquiry released their draft report on 4 May 2012** approving the Transmission Gully Motorway Route; which is now awaiting Resource Consent approval.

5. General Business

- 5.1. Accounts:** [00] Account = \$1,409-36 & [01] History Account = \$4,429-80 on 19/04/2012. The annual financial statement of the PRA for the financial year 2011-12 has been completed. .
- 5.2. Porirua Emergency Management Office:** No further information on Civil Defence issues has been received.

5.3. PCC Review of Network Utilities. Transpower is seeking to have included within the District Plan a defined “corridor” creating a wider “buffer zone” along transmission lines 110 KV & over that would require landowners to require resource consent for certain activities within this corridor. [Details were provided in PRA’s April minutes]. After vigorous debate at the last PRA meeting & again at a further public meeting at Pataka, PCC is reviewing the proposed policy in more detail. This includes-

- Transpower is “refining” its proposal in response to the controversy it has caused in the rural community nationally.
- PCC has agreed to run a public workshop to discuss the issue. Transpower’s new proposals are still a “work in progress” & not yet available.
- PCC is planning a workshop at the Lodge at the Inlet on 7th June 7 to 9pm.
- PCC will write to all the owners of property potentially affected by the 64 metre buffer zone proposal sometime in the next 2 weeks. The workshop will be open to anybody interested in the subject, not just those potentially affected.
- This will be followed by establishing a small working Group of about 6 people to work on the problem over the following month to be followed by a report back meeting to the original large group.
- The suggestion for the Working Group is that they are all currently affected by Transpower’s Transmission lines on their property & represent - a] 2 large landowners, with one of them preferably representing also PRA; b] 1 lifestyle or small block owner; c] 1 urban property owner; d] The rest of the group from Transpower & PCC.

PRA considers that the appropriate policies (NPSET and NZECP) already exist. The consideration for Council should not be on increasing the size of the buffer corridor [currently 24 metres] but on how to ensure that the District Plan can give effect to the existing policies in order to provide certainty for Transpower, council officers and landowners when considering activities such as earthworks, building or subdivision close to the transmission network in the rural area..

5.4. Pauatahanui Pathway . Work has begun on the next section of the Te Ara Piko pathway from Ration Point to Ration Creek. For periods during construction Grays Road will be reduced to one lane with traffic lights set up.

5.5. Report on the Pauatahanui Public Burial Ground: from Sharon Evans

- Grave numbering The renumbering scheme for the rows and graves has been carried out, the PCC cemetery website updated, and a new map produced.
- Headstone and rose photography. Additional photos of some headstones and roses have been taken, and added to the PCC website. This is particularly useful for headstones which have inscriptions on more than one surface.
- Signs. PCC has recently installed a Pauatahanui Burial Ground sign, which is very appropriately designed and positioned, at the road entrance. Work is under way on a replacement sign for the one at the gateway to the Burial Ground. This will include the updated map and list of burials, as well as historical information and reference to the heritage roses.
- Maintenance. The Burial Ground is in a very tidy state, with PCC continuing to carry out weeding and mowing as needed

5.6. Speed limits on Grays Road & Paekakariki Hill Road. Porirua City Council has started a public consultation on proposed speed limit changes on Paekakariki Hill Road, Grays Road, Sections of Titahi Bay Road and Raiha Street and introduction of '40 km/h School zones' around selected schools [but not Pauatahanui School]. Submissions on the subject close on Friday 15th June 2012. The details have been previously circulated, but can be found on the Porirua City Council website under "Public Consultations -Changes to Speed Limits in Porirua City."

6. Correspondence:

6.1. Inward

6.1.1. Various PCC committee & other papers including:

- Invitation to the PCC civic Awards ceremony at 7pm on 28/05/2012 at Pataka. [23/04/2012]
- Petition To Retain Moana Court Pensioner Housing from Titahi bay Residents Association [24/04/2012].
- E-mail from Tim Sheppard on rates. [02/05/2012]
- Letter from PCC declining funding from the the Community Development Fund for the Pauatahanui History Book. [10/05/2012]
- Plimmerton Residents Association Newsletter [08/05/2012]
- Letters from PCC & the EPA on Transmission Gully Updates. [11/05/2012]
- Letter from PICT offering complimentary copies of the documentary "Living Waters-Protect the Treasure' about the ecology, diversity & & beauty of the 2 arms of Porirua Harbour . Complimentary copies are available from pictsec@gmail.com [11/05/2012].
- Multiple e-mails from residents of Paekakariki Hill Road concerning PCC's proposal for reducing the speed limit to 60 km/hr. both for & against the proposal.
- A letter from PCC about a Draft Porirua Cemeteries Management Plan & Bylaw Review. A copy is on the PCC website [keyword search for -cemeteries management] [13/05/2012]
- E-mail from Tim Sheppard of a paper on "Local government reform in Wellington – what do you think?" produced by Wellington City Council. [16/05/2012]

6.1.2. **Outward:**

- Submission to PCC on Transpowers proposal for a wider buffer zone for its Transmission lines. [10/05/2011]
- A letter from PCC's Community Development Fund declining a grant towards the cost of publishing the history book .[30/04/2012]
- PRA submission to the Long Term Plan [03/05/2012]

7. Date of next Management Committee meeting-Thursday 21st June at 7.30 pm.

John Mazerier [Chair]