

## **Pauatahanui Residents Association**

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at 325 Grays Road on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012

- 1. Present:** John Mazerier [Chair]; Nicky Chapman , Alan Gray [Secretary], Diane Strugnell [Treasurer] , & Ken McAdam
- 2. Apologies:** Kay Middleton, Mike Conroy, &. Anna Dellow,
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were approved: Moved –Nicky; seconded- Alan
- 4. Business arising from the minutes.**

- 4.1. Structure Plan for the development of the Pauatahanui/Judgeford area:** The Pauatahanui Judgeford structure plan is now posted on Porirua City Councils website [www.pcc.govt.nz](http://www.pcc.govt.nz) under Public Submissions. Hard copies of the full document are available at the Light House Cinema, Pauatahanui. This is a very important local issue, particularly for people living close to Pauatahanui Village or in Judgeford. It proposes some quite radical changes for the area. PCC is calling for public submissions on the project which close by Friday 17th August. There is also an open day at the Light House cinema from 11 am till 4 pm on Saturday 28th July when Council Officers who prepared the report will be available to discuss any of the detail. Or for more information contact Pauatahanui Judgeford Structure Plan, c/- Peter Matich, Porirua City Council, PO Box 50 218, Porirua City. Telephone # 04 237 1498.
- 4.2. Water & sewage reticulation for Pauatahanui Village.** No recent information has been received from PCC on this subject.
- 4.3. Pauatahanui History Project:** Mana Community Grants Foundation has made a grant to the PRA History Project of \$5,000 towards the fees & expenses to edit & print the completed manuscript of a history of the Pauatahanui District. The cost of preparing the book for printing is \$16,100 . A draft contract with the publisher was discussed & some minor changes suggested. Printing will be treated as a separate phase of the project. PRA will not be exposed to any liability if there is a shortfall in funding which is covered by private pledges.

The following resolutions for application to funding bodies for grants towards the publication of the history book were discussed & have been approved by the Management Committee-

### **Resolution 1**

It was resolved at a meeting of the Pauatahanui Residents Association Management Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012, that an application be made to the Lion Foundation; for funds to pay for the publication of the completed manuscript written by a professional historian Helen Reilly of a history of the Pauatahanui District. The amount requested is \$5,000 [five thousand dollars.].

## Resolution 2

It was resolved at a meeting of the Pauatahanui Residents Association Management Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012, that an application be made to Pub Charity; for funds to pay for the publication of the completed manuscript written by a professional historian Helen Reilly of a history of the Pauatahanui District. The amount requested is \$5,000 [five thousand dollars.].

Moved: Alan Gray; Seconded: Ken MacAdam

- 4.4. Environment Court hearing on Plan Change 7 [Windfarms]:** This hearing has been delayed until 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September. PRA is a Section 274 participant in these proceedings together with Pauatahanui Futures Society & Preserve Pauatahanui in support of PCC's Plan change 7 which is being challenged by Mighty River Power & the Wind Energy Association. It was agreed to contribute \$500 from PRA towards legal fees of \$2,215 for the 3 parties. Moved: Ken; Seconded: John. [Nicky & Diane are also involved with Pauatahanui Futures Society & Preserve Pauatahanui and excused themselves from this decision.]
- 4.5. Transmission Gully Motorway Hearings:** All alignments and resource consents have been completed for this Project. . This is subject to a number of conditions particularly relating to environmental issues, imposed by the recent Board of Inquiry. The estimated start date for construction is Mid-2015.

## 5. General Business

- 5.1. Accounts:** [00] Account = \$1,418-25 & [01] History Account = \$7,834-80 on 19/07/2012.
- 5.2. Draft Western Corridor Plan:** The Regional Transport Committee of GWRC has approved a draft Western Corridor Plan for public feedback which ends on Friday 27 July 2012. The website for the draft Plan is at [www.gw.govt.nz/western-corridor-plan/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/western-corridor-plan/) This Plan covers land transport services from Otaki in the north, down through to Wellington City, including east-west connections to the Hutt Valley. \$44 million is estimated for improving State Highway 58 between Transmission Gully Motorway at Pauatahanui & State Highway 2 in the Hutt Valley. It was agreed for PRA to submit emphasizing the improvements needed when this upgrade occurs, for rural road intersections with SH58, particularly in the Judgeford area, to improve road safety for local residents & other users on these minor roads.
- 5.3. Review of Network Utilities.** Transpower is seeking to have included within the District Plan a defined "corridor" creating a wider "buffer zone" up to at least 64 metres under transmission lines 110 KV & over that would require landowners to require resource consent for certain activities within the corridor. [Details were provided in PRA's April minutes]. PCC has established a working Group to formulate a draft policy on the issue. PRA's representative is Diane Strugnell who reports on the first meeting of the Group-
- Currently the NZ Electrical Code of Practice (NZECP34) sets out the safe distances for buildings, structures and earthworks relative to transmission lines and towers. These are mandatory and it is illegal to breach these distances without specific engineering assessment and agreement with Transpower.

- The problem is that at present there is nothing in the District Plan that requires council officers considering resource consent to refer to NZECP34. The result of this anomaly is that consents may be granted for building/earthworks etc that are subsequently illegal but this is "after the fact" and difficult/impossible to redress.
  - From April this year the council is required (through the National Policy Statement - NPSET) to have some policy within their District Plan that gives provision for transmission lines.
  - Transpower is seeking to designate a "corridor" 64 metres wide for the 110kV lines and 74 metres for the 220kV
  - PCC is, through the NPSET working group (comprising 4 community representatives, Transpower and Gina Sweetman, Council appointed planner), attempting to draft a policy that will meet their obligations while avoiding costly/time-consuming battles such as the well-publicised one in the Western Bay of Plenty.
- There has been one meeting at which the community representatives agreed that it is appropriate for PCC to provide for the requirements of NZECP within the District Plan but are adamant that a "blanket corridor" as proposed by Transpower is unacceptable
- A draft intended to reflect the working group's position is currently being prepared.

**5.4. Website:** The website [www.pauatahanui.com](http://www.pauatahanui.com) is currently listed as the PRA website on the Charities Commission information. This website was set up and managed by John Malsher when he was a member of PRA. However, there has been no new information posted on the website since 2009. There has been some correspondence with John who now resides in the UK and he has indicated that he is happy to continue to host and manage the site if PRA can contribute to the cost of doing so. Following some discussion it was agreed that there is value in PRA having its own website as a platform for the minutes, copies of PRA submissions, links to relevant local issues and, potentially, to present information about the history book. The preferred option is that PRA manage the site, which may mean getting a new domain name e.g. Pauatahanui.org.nz or Pauatahanui.co.nz. Diane will contact John Malsher to discuss the existing website, or whether to create a new one; and Ken and Diane will look further into how the website can be managed.

**5.5. Report on the Pauatahanui Public Burial Ground:** Report to the Pauatahanui Residents' Association For the year ended 31 March 2012 by Sharon Evans:

-Management. At the beginning of the year, Porirua City Council staff became more active in the management of the Burial Ground. Bill Inge, Manager of Parks and Reserves, took over as the chair of the Burial Ground Management Committee, and under his leadership, a number of improvements have been made. Marty Climo, PCC sexton, also joined the Committee.

-General maintenance and weeding. This became the responsibility of Parks and Reserves, allowing the heritage rose volunteers to focus on the roses, after many years of struggling to keep up with weeding and general maintenance. The standard of maintenance is high, and the Burial Ground is looking better than it has for some time. To help PCC's workers and the rose volunteers, PCC provided and built a

lockable garden shed at the southeast corner of the Burial Ground, for storing tools, fertiliser, etc.

-Parking. In consultation with the St Alban's vestry, PCC provided and installed synthetic matting and grass on the parking area opposite the Burial Ground entrance. This gives parking space for Burial Ground visitors, and helps prevent damage to other grassed areas.

-Burial Ground database. With the help of Dale Hartle, PCC's website manager, the numbering of rows and plots has been updated to bring it into line with the system used in the other Porirua cemeteries. This new information, together with a revised map and list of headstone inscriptions, has been added to the PCC website. Additional photos of some headstones and some roses have also been added to the website.

-Sign. PCC has provided and installed a sign at the roadway entrance.

**6. Application for a clean landfill on Hayward's Hill:** Winstone Aggregates is developing a proposal to develop a clean fill facility on rural land adjacent to State Highway 58 at the top of Hayward's Hill. Their Project Manager has sent an outline of the proposal asking for PRA's comments & offering to meet to discuss. Agreed that any meeting would be more valuable after the consents with GWRC & PCC have been lodged when full details will be available including NZTransport Agencies report on any roading issues around the proposal. . PRA would be particularly interested in the mitigation plans for any streams in the area, and the effect on traffic flows & safety on SH58 with the formation of a new road entrance here for heavy trucks to enter the landfill. PRA will reply thanking them for involving us & asking to be kept informed.

## **7. Correspondence:**

### **7.1. Inward**

Various PCC committee & other papers including:

- Announcement of the Wellington Regional Airport Community Awards [05/06/2012]
- The Porirua Emergency Management Office invitation to attend a Porirua Welfare Operational Group meeting on the 20th June, 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Porirua Emergency Management Office - 7 Serlby Place, Porirua CBD [30/05/2012]
- Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter. What's new in Plimmerton? June 2012 & Queen's Birthday Weekend Update [30/05/2012].
- Out and About in Pauatahanui. Whitby Newsbrief is offering a voice to the residents and businesses of Pauatahanui... From Gordon Johnson, Whitby Newsbrief Limited [05/06/2012]
- E-mail from Jason Harvey -Wills [PCC] about parking zone changes in Pauatahanui Village. [20/06/2012].
- Letter from the Mana Community Grants Foundation awarding \$5,000 towards the publication of a Pauatahanui History. [20/06/2012]
- Board of Inquiry's final report and decision on the Notices of Requirement and Resource Consents for the Transmission Gully Proposal [22/06/2012]
- Pauatahanui Burial Ground Managers Meeting on 5 June 2012. Report from Sharon Evans [25/06/2012]

- Invitation from the Regional Council for a public meeting on 18th July to discuss public transport issues [06/06/2012]
- Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter. What's new in Plimmerton? July 2012 [28/06/2012]
- PCC's City Centre Revitalisation E Newsletter July 2012 [28/06/2012]
- E-mail from Barbara Donaldson, GWRC Councillor. The Regional Transport Committee approved the draft Western Corridor Plan for public feedback at its 22 June meeting. The public feedback period is starting now and ends Friday 27 July 2012. [02/07/2012]
- Minutes of the Welfare Operational Team Meeting (working title) 20th June 2012 at Porirua Emergency Management Office [04/07/2012]
- Plimmerton Residents' Association Mid-Winter STOP PRESS news. [06/07/2012]

## **7.2. Outward:**

- Submission on 'SPEED LIMIT CHANGES 2012' from the Pauatahanui Residents Association [11/06/2012]
- Letter of thanks to the Mana Community Grants Foundation for awarding \$5,000 to the Pauatahanui History Project. [21/06/2012]
- Letter of thanks to Craig Nicholson Principal Project Manager, Transmission Gully project for being Guest Speaker at PRA's AGM on 28/06/2012. [01/07/2012]
- Letter of thanks to Helen Reilly for her work as author of the Pauatahanui History Book.

## **8. Date of next Management Committee meeting-Thursday 16th August at 7.30 pm.**

John Mazerier.

Chair.

Pauatahanui Residents Association