

## **Pauatahanui Residents Association**

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at 325 Grays Road on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- 1. Apologies :** John Mazerier, Kay Middleton.
- 2. Present;** Nicky Chapman [Acting Chair], Alan Gray [Secretary], Diane Strugnell [Treasurer] , Rob Foley , Ken McAdam, Anna Dellow & Mike Conroy. Also attending to discuss Transmission Line Land Rights [item **4.7**] were Anthony McLagan & John Bould.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were approved. Moved Diane; Seconded Ken
- 4. Business arising from the minutes.**
  - 4.1. Structure Plan for the development of the Pauatahanui/Judgeford area:** Diane & Anna presented PRA's submission on the structure plan to the PCC oral hearings. The following is a précis of the submission-

Pauatahanui Resident's Association supports the overall intent of the Structure Plan We note that it has received extensive community input during its drafting for which we commend the council. PRA also supports the Council's endeavour to actively preserve the rural ambience and the values inherent in the area, and for taking the initiative in introducing some flexibility and innovation into areas for future development and thereby pre-empting ad-hoc development.

Subdivision - We support the retention of a rural perspective whilst allowing for the growing market for rural residential, as well as rural lifestyle lots. Smaller lots down to 1 hectare allow greater choice for buyers as well as also allowing for the topography & environmental aspects contained within a site. Hopefully this will allow for a more homogeneous look to the rural environment.

Housing density - Whilst supporting subdivision to smaller lot sizes PRA notes that increasing the rural population will require strict controls on this development to prevent degradation of the streams entering the Inlet. Council will also need the resources to police such developments.

Revegetation - to prevent sedimentation into the Inlet is an important part of this plan. We suggest that the Plan gives guidelines for limiting the planting of exotic trees, with preference being given to native plants for re-vegetation.

Pauatahanui Village - We support the plan's limited residential development on the eastern slopes of the Village and further limited commercial development within the Village, consistent with what the infrastructure will maintain. PRA notes the importance of the Village in its totality as belonging to the residents of the whole Pauatahanui area who use its services.

Lanes Flat - We remain concerned about the future of the Lanes Flat Compound Site after the Transmission Gully Motorway is developed and it becomes surplus to NZTA's requirements. We suggest that, if possible, the Council should seek to retain this area so that its future use is consistent with the needs of both the Village & the public as an amenity.

Infrastructure - Any initiatives within this plan will require Council to ensure that the infrastructure is provided that supports the proposed changes including road safety and water and sewage, for example for the Judgeford Hamlet.

**4.2. Water & sewage reticulation for Pauatahanui Village:** PCC is progressing this issue & working through the details. They will soon be sending a letter explaining the scheme and its implications to all property owners in the Village (what form the infrastructure will take on their property, maintenance issues, how the costs will be recovered from residents, etc). The letter will be accompanied by a response form and pre-paid envelope to enable everyone to say whether they are happy to be connected to the scheme. PCC will also be holding a meeting at 7pm, 23 October at the Lighthouse Cinema. The Mayor, Chief Executive and some councillors will be there as well as key council staff. These meeting details will be included in the letter.

**4.3. Pauatahanui History Project:** Sir John Todd whose family corporation was part of the original consortium that planned and developed Whitby in the 1960's & 70's, has generously donated \$1,000 to the History project. The Lion Foundation has again generously awarded a further \$3,000 grant to the History Project towards the books publication, having previously awarded the project \$3000 in 2010 towards the Historians fees. The manuscript is currently with the publications manger for editing & preparation for printing.

**4.4. Moonshine Road – Flood washout repair:** The threatened washout of Moonshine Road by the adjacent stream which also threatens the communication cables along the roadside, has still not been repaired. PCC have prepared a draft application for a Resource Consent and have forwarded this to the Greater Wellington Regional Council for comment. They have requested a large amount of additional information such as detailed stream flows, stream bed geometry and details of the biota in the stream. PCC are arranging a meeting with Greater Wellington on site to review the information requirements before formally submitting the application for a Resource Consent and are hoping to achieve this soon. In the meantime they are monitoring the condition of the road on a daily basis so they can respond quickly to any changes that occur.

**4.5. Environment Court hearing on Plan Change 7 [Windfarm regulations]:** The Environment Court hearing on PCC's Plan Change 7 [Windfarms] was held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September. The first day the Council's expert witnesses on noise, landscape and planning presented their evidence and were cross-examined by the appellant's lawyers (for Mighty River & NZ Wind Energy). On the second day Phernne Tancock representing PRA, Pauatahanui Futures Society, Preserve Pauatahanui and Moonshine Valley Residents Association presented our joint submission supporting Porirua City Council and Nicky & Diane, supported by members of the Pauatahanui Community, gave evidence, and were cross-examined as lay witnesses in the case. The rest of the day was given over to the expert witnesses for the appellants who were cross-examined by lawyers acting for PCC and for the Community Groups. Both lawyers did an excellent job presenting the arguments for retaining Plan Change 7 as is. Transcripts of the oral proceedings were prepared and the legal representatives on both sides have prepared written, closing submissions which have been presented to the judge. The judge, with his two supporting commissioners, will now go through all of the evidence, looking at the whole process (from initial submissions on the plan change, decisions made, evidence presented in court and closing submissions from the lawyers) and will make his decision. This could take several weeks.

**4.6. Winstone,s application for a clean landfill on Haywards Hill-** A community group living on Hayward's Hill & concerned about this development has circulated a leaflet opposing the development [See Kapi-Mana's 25<sup>th</sup> September issue for details] . PRA has had an approach from Winstones and has indicated that it would be important to see the full details of the consent

application before commenting further. 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. Because of the impact & size of this project it is assumed it will be a notified consent but this is to be checked with Council.

**4.7. Transmission line land rights:** The meeting was joined by Anthony McLagan & John Bould, who along with Diane Strugnell & David Bradford (who was unable to attend but sent his input via e-mail) are community representatives of a working group established by PCC to report on Transpower's proposal for a 64 metre 'buffer zone' under its transmission lines where restrictions on the land use will be administered by Council. The group has met but despite consensus between these 4 members the final report to Council has not progressed & no further updates have been received from the outside contractor employed by Council to chair the group & produce a report. A recent e-mail refers to- "observing what is happening with Western Bay of Plenty, *[where an Independent Commissioner has ruled against Transpower, a decision Transpower is now appealing in the Environment Court]* and also awaiting Transpower to respond to us." After a detailed discussion it was agreed that-1] The 4 community members will press the chair to complete the report, for whilst what is happening in other districts may influence how PCC proceeds with the buffer zone proposal; it was agreed that the community group report regarding the local situation was still relevant and should be presented to Council . 2] That PRA talk to Council expressing concern at this delay in reporting back, noting that the subject is being debated in several councils around the country & that PCC should be informed of the community group's opinion rather than the subject being suspended in this way. Anthony & John were thanked for their input.

**4.8. Speed limits on Paekakariki Hill Road:** The speed limit changes to 60 km/hr on Grays Road & Paekakariki Hill Road were approved by PCC's Te Komiti meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.

**4.9. Website for PRA.** Diane has registered the domain name Pauatahanui.org.nz for PRA. She is currently working on a draft layout for a website with probable links to current issues, submissions made by PRA, past minutes and the history book. Once Diane has the outline she will bring it to the committee for comment and then consideration can be given to the actual website design, content and hosting issues.

**5. Accounts:** PRA General [00] Account Balance = \$1,716.29 Further \$120 in subscriptions received bringing year-to-date total to \$820. PRA History [01] Account Balance = \$12,223.48 . Lion Foundation Grant of \$3,000, and Sir John Todd donation of \$1,000 received.

## **6. General Business**

**6.1. Officer confirmation checklist:** As routinely require by the Charities Commission all members of the PRA Management Committee are completing the certified officers checklist supplied by the Commission.

**6.2. Pauatahanui Village Planning Programme:** Anna Dellow recently attended a get together organised by PCC for representatives of the Villages Planning Programmes in Porirua. Porirua City Council's Village Planning Programme is up and running in many of the local areas. Pauatahanui has had a successful programme in place since 2007. Many projects have been completed and more are in the pipeline. Success factors and outcomes have been identified. We are now at

the stage where we need to evaluate the village plan and consider any improvements that will ensure the community continues to get the most out of the time and energy it has invested in its village planning. The PRA will look at the actions that still need to be implemented and endeavour to prioritise them according to values identified by local residents. Projects currently underway include The Pauatahanui History Book, upgrades to the Village pathways, maintenance of the historic Burial Ground and roses, Village centre parking, and continued environmental protection of the Inlet. For further information please see the PCC website [www.pcc.govt.nz/ Village Planning Programme](http://www.pcc.govt.nz/Village_Planning_Programme).

## **7. Other business-**

### **7.1. Report on the Pauatahanui Public Burial Ground Managers Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> August:**

Present: Bill Inge, PCC, (Chair) Marty Climo, PCC, Rosemary Patterson, representing the Heritage Rose Group Sharon Evans, representing PRA, Andrew Henderson, representing Stace descendants

#### **Burial Ground 1856 Trust Deed**

This was displayed at the meeting, since most of the Managers had not seen it before. Although it has only recently been deposited in Pataka, it is in good condition. Pataka will provide high-quality hard copies which will be available for public use.

#### **New sign for main entrance**

Bill Inge, Chair of the Managers' Committee, has had a new sign made for the main entrance to the Burial Ground (off the St Alban's driveway). It is a great improvement on the old sign, and shows clearly the layout of the graves, and the list of those buried, as well as information about the history and the heritage roses.

#### **Poppy markers for WW1 memorials**

Marty Climo, PCC Sexton, has arranged for a small red poppy permanent marker to be placed on each of the five graves that has a memorial to a soldier who died in World War I. They were: James Gardner, Kenneth Boulton, Henry Death, Norman Jones and Victor Smith. Glover Memorials of Porirua has provided the markers free of charge.

#### **Row markers**

Marty Climo has also arranged for a small marker to be placed at each end of each row, to make finding a grave easier.

#### **Pauatahanui Burial Ground Headstones'**

Dale Hartle, PCC website manager, has produced a hard copy version of Burial Ground material from the website. This includes maps, photos, listings of graves, and headstone inscriptions. The committee members were given copies.

#### **Heritage rose postcards and leaflet**

Design is under way of a selection of postcards and a leaflet about the heritage roses.

#### **Seat in Burial Ground**

It was agreed that it would be appropriate to have a seat in the Burial Ground, and work has started on finding a suitable design.

#### **2012-2013 budget**

Bill Inge advised that the budget will cover mowing, maintenance, and the signs, markers, seat and publications discussed at the meeting.

Sharon Evans

**7.2. Forum on the Future of Greater Wellington:** A day-long Forum is to be held on Thursday, 25 October with the intention of moving forward the emerging discussion about the future of greater Wellington. The event is being organised by the Rotary Club of Wellington in association with Victoria University .

WHAT? It's the 2012 Rotary Forum, in partnership with Victoria University

WHEN? 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Thursday, 25 October 2012

WHERE? Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus, Victoria University (Bunny Street CBD)

HOW MUCH? \$55.00 per person (includes am and pm teas and lunch) – tickets transferrable

WHO? Authoritative speakers on a wide range of relevant topics including four top scholars from local secondary schools, Hon Hekia Parata, Matiu Rei, Prof Peter Hughes, Hon David Caygill, Mary-Jane Rivers, Sam Knowles, Dave Gibson, Susan Blaikie, Wayne Alexander, Celia Wade-Brown, Nick Leggett, Fran Wilde, Grant Roberston MP. Any surplus proceeds from this event go to the Wellington Free Ambulance Defibrillator programme. For more information contact [www.rotaryforum.org.nz](http://www.rotaryforum.org.nz)

## **8. Correspondence:**

### **8.1. Inward**

Various PCC committee & other papers including:

Notice about a plan to hold the annual Village Planning Programme get-together on Wednesday, September 5, from 7pm at Te Rauparaha Arena on 5<sup>th</sup> September.[20/08/2012]

Community consultation on a Porirua Local Alcohol Plan. Offer to do a presentation. [15/08/2012]

Local government law reform. An e-mail from the Whitireia Law Centre [15/08/2012]

Invitation to PICT AGM 7.30pm 12 Sept 2012 @ St Andrews hall Plimmerton.[29/08/2012]

The Environment Court of New Zealand notice of hearing. There will be a sitting of the Environment Court to hear PCC versus the Wind Energy Association & Mighty River Power over Plan Change 7-Windfarms. Commencing: Wednesday, 5 September 2012 at 10:00 am [29/08/2012].

Sewage reticulation scheme in Pauatahanui Village. Paper for consideration by Council on 30/08/2009. [24/08/2012]

Reminder from PCC of the national earthquake "Shakeout" drill at 9:26 am on the 26th September 2012.[07/09/2012]

Notification of a celebration of Sustainable Living at Te Rito Gardens. Sat 15th September (10am- 2pm) [03/09/2012]

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter. What's new in Plimmerton? September 2012 [30/08/2012]

Letter from Pub Charity declining a grant for the History Book Project. [29/08/2012]

Emergency Management meeting re local key priorities. When: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Where: Porirua Emergency Management Office (PEMO) 7 Selby Place, Porirua [12/09/2012]

Minutes of the Welfare Operational Group Meeting – 29th August 2012 at Porirua Emergency Management Office [12/09/2012]

Letter from Geoff Marshall PCC about progress [or lack of it] in obtaining GWRC resource consent to repair the washout on Moonshine Road. [12/09/2012]

Letter from Sir John Todd donating \$1,000 to the History project. [19/08/2012]

Letter from the Lion Foundation awarding a further \$3,000 grant to the History Project. [07/09/2012].

Department of Internal Affairs - Update newsletter for charities - September 2012 [17/09/12]

## **8.2 Outward:**

Letter of thanks to the Lion Foundation for their further \$3,000 grant to the History Project [03/09/2012]

Letter of thanks to Sir John Todd for his \$1,000 donation to the History project. [22/08/2012]

Application to the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for a grant for the History Book Project. [26/08/2012]

Letter to the Managing Director of NorthSouth GIS New Zealand in Whitby for producing a number of especially designed maps as a contribution to the Pauatahanui History Book [16/08/2012]

**9.** Date of next Management Committee meeting-Thursdays 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm.

Nicky Chapman. Acting Chair. PRA