

Pauatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held at 325 Grays Road on Thursday 6 December 2012.

1.0 Apologies : Mike Conroy, Kay Middleton, Rob Foley John Mazenier.

2.0 Present:, Nicky Chapman [Acting Chair], Alan Gray [Secretary], Diane Strugnell [Treasurer] , Ken McAdam, & Anna Dellow.

3.0 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting of 25th October 2012 were approved. Moved: Diane; Seconded: Anna.

4.0 Business arising from the minutes.

4.1 Water & sewage (&Gas!) reticulation for Pauatahanui Village: Work on the proposed Water and Sewage Reticulation Scheme is still proceeding. PCC is in the process of completing a more detailed design scheme based on the number of properties who have expressed a desire to be connected. Knowing the final number of connections will help price the scheme more accurately. At this stage 7 properties that will not be charged include the school, preschool, public toilets, church, wildlife reserve and the three properties already connected to the mains sewage. .There is also an issue of easements on properties to be connected to allow servicing, but individual property owners will be contacted by PCC regarding this.

Powerco/Gashub are said to be linking an existing terminal line at 209 Paekakariki Hill Rd, and bringing this down to the village and linking it up with the Whitby line in Joseph Banks Drive. So as well as sewage and water reticulation there could be mains gas available too to Village residents. Council's engineers are already investigating co-sharing installation of the 3 services, water, sewage & gas.

For further information on water & sewage reticulation of the Village contact - Harriet Shelton at hshelton@pcc.govt.nz

4.2 History Project: The NZ Lottery Grants Board has awarded a further \$5,000 towards the publishing costs of the history book. This means all costs towards the writing & publishing of the book have been covered & only the printing costs remain. Pre-publication orders for the book currently stand at 234. Editing is proceeding aiming for copies to be on sale in May 2013. Anybody interested in placing a pre-order (which does not commit you to buying but means you will be notified when it is available) please go to -www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz

4.3 Moonshine Road – Flood washout repair: The flood damage to Moonshine Road several months ago has still not been repaired as PCC is waiting for resource consent from the Regional Council. This has been a long drawn out process by GWRC, & they have still not approved the details for repair . As well consent has still not been received from interested parties including DOC. However PCC is monitoring the road regularly in the meantime.

4.4 Winstone's application for a clean landfill on Haywards Hill- Winstone's application for a resource consent for their proposed landfill off SH58 on Haywards Hill was lodged with both Porirua City Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) on 29 November 2012. If both Councils decide the application is complete and can be accepted, the next stage in the process is public notification which is likely to start in mid-late January when people are more likely to be back from Christmas / holiday breaks. A copy of the application (including all reports) will be available to the public during the official notification period should people

wish to make a submission on the project. PRA will be considering the application when it is notified, with particular interest in traffic management issues on SH58 and also the potential impact on waterways. Winstone's are proposing to use water from a storage pond on-site for dust suppression purposes, removing the need to take any water from the stream which runs through the site. A community group who are concerned about the effects the proposed site will have on the residents & the local community have set up a website at www.notipathhighway58.org.nz

4.5 Transmission line land rights: The local working group established by Council to consider Transpower's proposal for extensive buffer zones over private land for its electricity network, met with Council Officers & Transpower representatives on 7 December. It became apparent that a lot of work had gone on behind the scenes, in particular PCC staff had held meeting with their counterparts in Wellington City Council, Lower Hutt City Council, and Upper Hutt City Council, to forge a combined response to Transpower's proposals and it included negotiations with Transpower.

The following is from the draft position paper Council had prepared.

-The document recognises Council's responsibility to both Transpower and landowners

-It recognises a basic area 12 m from the centre line of the transmission lines or from the edge of the pylons which is now called a "**Yard**". This **Yard** is the basic corridor for planning purposes. Within the **Yard** everything that complies with the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice(NZEC34:2001) is allowed for with 2 proposed exceptions, related to buildings. These are

1. Any buildings used for sensitive activities will be non-complying. Sensitive activities are defined as residential buildings, schools and hospitals.
2. Additions and alterations to existing buildings and structures over 2.5m in height and/or more than 10m² in area or new buildings and structures over 2.5m in height and/or more than 10m² in area. These within the Electricity Transmission **Yard** are restricted discretionary activities. Such buildings are most likely to be farm buildings e.g. hay sheds, implement sheds. A restricted discretionary activity means that a resource consent does not need to be publicly notified with only Transpower notified as an affected party.

Council has restricted its discretion to the following matters when considering an application for resource consent **within the Yard**:

- 1]Any risk to the structural integrity of the transmission line;
- 2]Any effects on the ability of the transmission line owner to operate, maintain and/or upgrade the Electricity Transmission Network;
- 3]The proximity of buildings and structures to electrical hazards;
- 4]Operational risks relating to health or public safety, and the risk of property damage;
- 5]The siting of buildings in relation to transmission lines
- 6]Amenity and integration of land use activities; and
- 7]Any actual or potential reverse sensitivity effects.

In some areas where the transmission lines are on poles rather than pylons, the Yard is actually narrower, to either 8 or 10 metres although this has yet to be clarified with Transpower.

Outside the Yard in rural areas & areas not yet subdivided, the Yard is extended by an **electricity transmission Corridor** which will be 32m for 110kV transmission lines &

37m for 220kV transmission lines, either side of the centre line of the electricity transmission line (64 & 74 metres wide respectively).

Council's only concern in this Corridor is with any potential subdivision activities, ensuring that the subdivision plans do not restrict Transpower's access to the electricity lines for maintenance and that any subdivision lots can provide for a building site that is not within the **Yard**.

Subdivision of land which is within an Electricity Transmission **Corridor** is proposed to be a restricted discretionary activity. Subdivisions will be subject to other relevant consent requirements under the District Plan but where this is also within the transmission **Corridor**, Transpower will be notified as an affected party. Council has restricted its discretion to the following matters when considering an application for resource consent and/or appropriate conditions **within the Corridor**:

- 1] The extent to which the design, construction and layout of the subdivision (including landscaping) allows for buildings to be located outside of the Electricity Transmission **Yard** to ensure adverse effects on and from the Electricity Transmission Network and on public health and safety are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated;
- 2]The provision for the on-going operation, maintenance and planned upgrade of Electricity Transmission Lines;
- 3]The risk to the structural integrity of the Electricity Transmission Network;
- 4]The extent to which the subdivision design and consequential development will minimise the risk of injury and/or property damage from such lines;
- 5]The extent to which the subdivision design and consequential development will minimise the potential reverse sensitivity on and amenity and nuisance effects of the transmission asset; and
- 6]Outcomes of consultation with Transpower.

It will be the responsibility of the land owner to coordinate with Transpower on any subdivision within the Corridor and to ensure that the subdivision complies with the NZECP34 regulations.

Transpower wanted to add earthworks to this list, as they are concerned about earthworks that might compromise the stability of a pylon or that earth might be piled up that could reduce the safe clearance distance between the lines and the ground. Council feels that earthworks are reasonably covered under its District Plan already.

The Working Group thinks it can probably live with all this. It confirms the essential requirement that Council will not be responsible for policing the Governments NZECP34 regulations which will remain the responsibility of the land owner consulting directly with Transpower. Council's concern is with buildings populated by people that are close (within the Yard) to the transmission lines. It seems unlikely, although not impossible, that somebody could wish to build a residence within the **Yard**. Within the **Corridor** it will be for Council to ensure that, for new subdivisions, building platforms do not encroach on the **Yard**, and do not limit Transpower's access to the line. Council does not want to accept responsibility for administering or policing NZECP34.

There are still some concerns, such as compensation for reduced value of the land which is a national issue with Transpower and not something Council would get involved in. Reverse sensitivity is an issue that seems mainly to apply to heavily populated buildings such as schools, hospitals etc. There will probably be ongoing urban issues, as well as rural ones, such as orchards under lines having to build supportive frames etc. which do not fit the requirements for the **Yard**.

There seems to be have been a significant shift by Transpower to accommodate public concerns, and Council has stayed staunch in notifying landowners about NZECP34 but not accepting responsibility for policing it.

Council is putting out a draft paper for public consultation in mid-January which will be calling for submissions on the issue. They hope to be able to notify it as a plan change by mid-2013.

4.5 Speed limits on Paekakariki Hill Road: The road signs notifying the 60km/hr speed limit on Paekakariki Hill Road and Grays road are now in place & the new speed limit is now legally in force on both roads according to PCC.

5.0Accounts: Bank balances were [00] Account = \$905-67 & [01] History Account = \$12,271-48 on 06/12/2012 . Approval was given for payment of \$5,750-00 to the publisher Geoff Norman in accordance with the contract for the initial editing of the History Book.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Pauatahanui Village Planning Programme. The meeting reviewed the original action plan developed with PCC in 2009 'A Framework for the Development of Pauatahanui Village,' Most of it has been achieved or is a work in progress. Some current issues are-

-The new parking signs for the Village to improve access to the business area have been approved by PCC but not yet installed. It was suggested that different time zones for parking be colour coded so they are more visible.

-Turning areas for traffic e.g. school buses, in the Village is restricted.

-The foot traffic access past the dairy at its northern end is constricted.

-Extension of the Inlet pathway to the Village from Ration Point will require more parking to be available at the Village end; & an increase in signage to remind cyclists that cycling is not permitted in the reserve, & notifying dog walkers that dogs are not allowed in the reserve because it is a bird sanctuary.

6.2 PRA Website. A domain name has been obtained www.pauatahanui.org.nz and Diane has begun working on the outline of a website for PRA. It is intended that this will be an information platform. It will not be interactive or allow people to post to it. Pages being developed include

- A home page with basic information on the roles and functions of PRA
- Management Committee – positions held on PRA committee
- Current issues – a brief note of issues current to PRA such as Plan Change 7, Transmission Network, Transmission Gully, Local road speed limits
- Submissions – links to formal submissions that PRA have made e.g. Plan Change 7, Transmission Gully
- Meeting minutes – a link to recent and archived meeting minutes
- History Project – a brief outline of the history project and links to their website
- Contact Us – PRA contact details
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At this point, and before a website is fully developed, PRA need to decide

- a) Is a website in fact required/necessary/important? – because someone will need to take responsibility for it being kept up-to-date, posting the minutes etc.
- b) Who will this person be? Does it need to be a member of the committee or could it be a local “volunteer”?
- c) Does the proposed format meet the identified needs?
- d) Should there be additional information e.g. civil defence
- e) Should there be links to PCC? GW? Other local groups e.g. PICT? The school? Local businesses?

Diane has circulated some other websites people may wish to look at when considering the above questions. She has tended more to the format used by the Sumner Residents Association.

<http://www.sumnerresidents.co.nz/>

<http://www.nra.org.nz/>

<http://www.waiatarua.org.nz/>

<http://www.pukeruabay.org.nz>

6.3 Transmission Gully Motorway. Message received from the Transmission Gully Project 21/11/2012- “The Government has approved an application from the NZ Transport Agency to pursue a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to finance and build the Transmission Gully highway. You can access more detailed information on the intended PPP through the Transmission Gully project website

<http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/transmission-gully>.

The following are the expected key stages and timelines for establishing the PPP for the Transmission Gully project:

- November 2012 (Announce Registration of Interest: To identify consortia interested in and capable of delivering the required services)
- January 2013 (Announce Expression of Interest: Potential consortia are asked to provide information on their capability to do the work)
- April 2013 (Identify shortlist of PPP consortia)
- Mid-2013 (Issue Request for Proposal: Formal bids on the project requested from the shortlisted consortia)
- End-2013 (Request for Proposal closes)
- Mid-2014 (PPP contract awarded)

Construction would begin by late 2014 and the highway would open for traffic by 2020.”

7.0 Other Business-

7.1 The problem of Canada Geese; a request from the Chair of the

Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve: In a 1992 survey one Canada goose was sited. The 2004 survey indicated 10 birds. By 2010 the numbers have increase to more than 70. Large flights seen around the inlet today will be moving to moulting grounds on farms around the catchment in December / January.

Canada geese were removed from fish and game management in June 2011. Anyone can now hunt and kill Canada geese at any time of year without a game licence. This change to the protection status was aimed at addressing the unacceptable and increasing impact on farm pastures and crops. Fish and Game now have no responsibility for Canada geese and it is left to landowners to control the impact of these birds.

For the past three years Canada geese have attempted to nest at Pauatahanui Reserve. Forest and Bird volunteers have managed to addle the eggs and deter

further same year re-nesting. This year goslings with adults from nests outside the Reserve have moved onto the Reserve.

Non breeding geese descend in droves on the Reserve each day. The ponds and shoreline native vegetation is damaged and the pond water and tracks receive a large amount of droppings. Being larger noisy birds the Canada geese tend to displace the native birds on the ponds and streams. Forest and Bird with support of DOC is actively working to discourage the geese from the Reserve by nest control and shooting. Numbers on the inlet will however continue to increase with birds nesting on farms around the Porirua catchment and feeding on local pastures. At nightfall many geese roost on the Pauatahanui mudflats as safe haven. Forest and Bird Pauatahanui Reserve is not resourced to deal with the wider issue of local control of Canada geese numbers. Porirua harbour and nearby grassland is an ideal environment for the geese population to keep growing. At the current growth rate there will be hundreds of Canada geese within five years. Coordination of landowners with recreational shooters and culling by netting during the moult could substantially control the numbers before they are out of control as at Lake Wairarapa.

Please contact Robin Chesterfield ph 2338314 email chesterfield@xtra.co.nz if you are interested in assisting with Canada goose control or have any information as to the movements of the geese within the Inlet catchment.

7.2 Report on Pauatahanui Burial Ground Managers Meeting of 3 December 2012 from Sharon Evans, representing PRA:

Heritage rose postcards and leaflet. The first printing of the leaflet has all been distributed, including to the Rural Trading Post. A second printing will be available soon, and the postcards will also be produced soon.

New sign for main entrance (off the St Alban's driveway). This has been installed by PCC. It has a corrugated iron roof and a concrete aggregate base. It features information about the history and the heritage roses, together with a plan of the BG and an alphabetical list of all known burials.

Seat in Burial Ground. This has now been installed, including a concrete aggregate base. It faces North-west, with a glimpse of the Inlet.

1856 Trust Deed. Digital and hard copies have been produced by staff at Pataka, and are available for study there.

Story plaques. The wording of the first two plaques (Thomas Hollis Stace and Heke Parata Clark) has been approved by descendants, and Jenny Smeaton of Ngati Toa reported no objection. One of the descendants, Shona Moller, has offered to provide a picture of Heke Clark. The plaques will be produced and placed, probably early next year.

Possible upgrading of paths. It was agreed that the recently installed concrete aggregate bases of the sign and the seat are very attractive and appropriate to the surroundings, and that Bill Inge will check out the cost of upgrading all the existing paths with this material.

Budgetary constraints. Bill Inge reported that cost-cutting will affect next year's budget. Possible sources of revenue were discussed, and it was suggested that we should investigate the possibility of allowing ashes to be interred in a structure similar to the recently built columbarium (ashes wall) in St Alban's churchyard.

Metal plaque from Jones grave (describing how Sarah-Ann Barrow was the first white woman settler to set foot on Petone Beach). The plaque came loose several

months ago and has been removed by PCC staff for safe keeping. There is an ongoing discussion as to the best way of re-attaching it.

Holly hedge. The hedge, parts of which are over 130 years old, has become very tall and top heavy. There was a discussion as to whether cutting it back would be appropriate, either by radical topping, removing and replacing with cuttings, or a combination of these approaches.

This was the last meeting for the year, and it is worth noting that the following improvements to the Burial Ground have been made in 2012:

1. Synthetic matting laid in the parking area on St. Alban's' land.
2. Mowing brought under PCC management.
3. General maintenance carried out by PCC to a high standard.
4. Grave and row renumbering completed and added to PCC website.
5. Hard copy version of website information on headstones produced.
6. Additional photos of headstones and roses added to website.
7. Two new entrance signs installed.
8. New seat installed.
9. 1856 Trust Deed restored to legal owner, received at Pataka, and copied.
10. Leaflet printed and distributed.

Projects under way are:

1. Production and installation of first two story plaques.
2. Production and installation of poppy markers on five WWI memorials, and row markers.

7. Correspondence:

7.1 Inward

Various PCC committee & other papers including:

Plimmerton Residents' Association Newsletter. What's new in Plimmerton?
November 2012

Minutes of the Welfare Operational Team Meeting – 17th October 2012– at Porirua
Emergency Management Office [07/11/2012]

Internal Affairs' invitation to annual meeting and forum for charities. Wednesday 28
November, 1pm – 4.30pm Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Quay
Wellington.[07/11/2012]

Wellington Region Local Government Review Panel - final report [30/10/2012]

Village Planning Programme Newsletter - October 12

Letter from the Lottery Grants Board allocating \$5,000 towards the publishing costs
of the history of Pauatahanui.[07/11/2012]

Porirua City Council's Annual Report 2011/12 [02/11/2012]

Invitation from PCC to free public seminar by community engagement expert Jim
Diers [13/11/2012]

Copy of the emergency action plan for Pukerua Bay, sent by Tim Sheppard.
[14/11/2012]

Greater Wellington Regional Plan Review newsletter no. 4 [20/11/2012]

2013 Census Information Roadshow 23 December at Pataka [20/11/2012]

Invitation to attend the launch of the Porirua City Third Sector Profile on Wednesday, 5 December 2012 from PCC [20/11/2012]

The Greater Wellington Regional Council invitation to a public presentation on progress to develop a new Regional Plan for managing our natural resources. [27/11/2012]

The Mayor is hosting a Porirua meeting on a preferred model for regional governance on Tuesday, 11 December 2012 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in The Spine Pataka. [27/11/2012]

Plimmerton newsletter November 2012 [30/11/2012]

Invitation from PCC to attend a public meeting to share your views on local government change. 11 December, 7pm to 9pm, at Pataka [03/12.2012].

Reports of the Pauatahanui Burial Ground Managers Meetings for October & December. [06/12/2012]

7.2 Outward:

Letter to the Lottery Grants Board thanking them for allocating \$5,000 towards the publishing costs of the history of Pauatahanui.[21/11/2012]

8.0 Date of next Management Committee meeting-Thursday 21st February at 7.30 pm.

Nicky Chapman

Acting Chair. PRA