

MINUTES PAUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	20 August 2015
Time:	7:30pm
Venue:	21 Paekakariki Hill Road
Members present:	Ken McAdam [Chair] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Maria McDonald Lynne Hayes Anna Dellow Joanne Cross Andy Manning
Apologies:	Nicky Chapman
In Attendance:	Sharon Evans Alan Gray Robin Chesterfield

Items

Minutes

Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

1. Approval of minutes

The draft minutes from the previous meeting held on 16 July, were **moved** by Lynne and **seconded** by Maria.

2. Matters arising

All previous Action Items completed will be removed from future action item lists. The Committee **noted** the progress on action items.

3. History Project

Sharon began by thanking the committee for her nomination for a Porirua City 50 Award.

Sharon provided an update on the History Book:-

- Sales of the book have been slower
- The setting up of sales on TradeMe is going through the final stages of registration and should soon be operational.
- It is not anticipated that the History Group will be selling the book at Lamb & Calf day this year. Jo suggested a stall at Whitby Mall prior to Christmas and Andy offered to put a poster on the noticeboard outside the Lavender Room.
- Disappointment was expressed over the responses from the Editor of Memories magazine regarding the inaccuracies and lack of referencing or acknowledgements in the February article on Pauatahanui. It was agreed that no further action would be taken.

4. Public Burial Ground

Sharon updated the committee on the Public Burial Ground

- Wording for another of the plaques to be placed in the Burial Ground is being done and Sharon is currently sourcing accompanying images
- Sharon has offered to provide a tour of the Public Burial Ground as part of the Porirua City 50 events
- Ken is planning another working group to repair further graves in early November with the date to be decided
- PCC have provided 50 new labels for the heritage roses
- Rosemary Patterson, Rose Project Coordinator for the Burial Ground, held a pruning demonstration of the heritage roses in July and is planning some tours of the roses
- The Burial Ground is to be included in the Plimmerton Rotary Garden tour on 29 November and St Albans Church will be open as part of this.

5. GroundUp car park & Wildlife Reserve

Alan Gray and Robin Chesterfield outlined for the committee the concerns that have been expressed over the recent sealing of the car park behind GroundUp cafe. Millings have been laid and the concerns are that a material is being used that a) has not been fully consented through Council processes, b) has not had adequate drainage installed to deal with runoff and c) has the potential to cause damage to the wildlife reserve ecosystems from runoff.

The Committee noted that the Wildlife Reserve has a QE2 covenant. It was agreed that any negative environmental impacts of runoff from the millings is best addressed by QE2 or by DOC or Forest & Bird as managers of the reserve. As negative impacts on the Wildlife Reserve was one of the issues raised in PRA's submission on the GroundUp Resource Consent, PRA will maintain an interest on any findings associated with this specific concern.

The Committee noted that the PRA submission on the GroundUp consent also raised the issue of activities being granted retrospective consents by Council with Council failing to act when correct processes were not followed and the message that this communicates to the community. The Committee agreed to write to PCC expressing concern over the failure to follow the processes that were specifically outlined when the consent was granted.

6. Pauatahanui Village Planning Programme

Anna outlined the progress on the Village Planning programme. The following updates were **noted** by the Committee:

Rubbish bins

The number of rubbish bins that have been installed in the Village are appropriate but the positioning for optimal use still needs some refinement so these may be moved to better positions. It has been suggested that one could be placed by the table by the pedestrian crossing.

Historic Trail:

- The information for the panels is nearly completed and Christine, Anna and Claire have a meeting on Monday 24th with the designer from Pataka.
- The builder from Quality Construction has presented a new design for the history trail noticeboard that includes an extra panel. The Committee considered this design plan but has expressed the wish to keep to the original design that includes just the one panel. The noticeboard is to be placed to the left side of the entrance to the Wildlife Reserve. It is possible that a seat will be placed in this area and bollards will be placed to ensure the area is not used for parking.

Village Traffic Safety

A meeting was held onsite today with Anna, Claire Giblin (Village Planning Liaison Officer), Bradley Roberts (school principal), Geoff Marshall (PCC Rooding Manager), Jaime Arnold (PCC Supervisor Parking & Bylaws) and Ian Barlow (Village Planning Manager). A range of options were considered to address the safety issues for children and pedestrians in the village especially around parking in the bus area, school bus turning, the pedestrian crossing including possible signs, the use of traffic islands to direct traffic and the siting of a bus shelter. Council officers will consider the options and report back to the Committee.

Grays Road carpark

The work done by Rotary to tidy up the parking area at the Village end of Gray Road was noted and it was agreed that this has been a definite improvement.

Welcome Sign

Jo will follow up with NZTA as the Committee needs information from them regarding possible siting of a sign.

Village Planning Funding

Claire Giblin provided the committee with a breakdown of the spending on the Village Planning from the last financial year, as tabled. It was agreed that an outline of the spending will be included in the next newsletter as a summary of the 2014-15 year's achievements.

Pauatahanui Village has been allocated \$40,000 from PCC for the Village Planning programme for the 2015-16 year towards entry signage and landscaping, including the completion of the History Trail.

Future Planning

Anna noted that the Village Plan is due to be updated and she has suggested that a subcommittee could be formed to assist her with this.

Claire Giblin and Bronwyn Kropp, PCC Councillor, are to be invited to the next PRA meeting to discuss the Village Planning Programme

7. Treasurers Report

Diane tabled the Treasurer's Report:

Transactions since meeting of 16 July**PRA account**

Received	Membership	\$125.00
Balance		\$3224.48

PRA History account

Book Sales		\$279.03
Balance	Cheque	\$15,401.63
	PayPal	\$198.01
		\$15,599.64

8. Other topical issues

Resource Consents

It has been brought to the Committee's notice that, under current Council Policies and Rules, operating a home based office in the Rural Zone is a Discretionary Activity and therefore requires a Resource Consent. The Committee agreed that this issue will be added to the PRA Action Plan as requiring further discussion

SH58 Upgrade

The recent serious accident on SH58 was noted.

Transmission Gully

The development of the site offices on Lanes Flat was noted. Maria will contact Lauren McKenzie, Community & Stakeholder Manager, for the Transmission Gully project for an update.

Plan Change 16 Network Utilities

On 1 August PCC notified the new rules and standards associated with the electricity transmission corridor (high voltage lines and associated pylons). Submitters have until 11 September if they wish to lodge an appeal with the Environment Court. PRA will not be lodging an appeal.

Porirua City 50 Awards

The Committee nominated Sharon Evans for her work on the Pauatahanui Burial Ground and the history project. Recipients of the awards will be notified in late September.

Greater Wellington Natural Resources Plan

Greater Wellington Regional Council has released the Natural Resources Plan for public consultation. Some of the proposed policies and rules will affect the Pauatahanui community and could include livestock access to waterways, fertiliser and agricultural application, farm refuse dumps and offal pits, cultivation, break-feeding, earthworks, vegetation clearance, plantation forestry and water takes.

Diane has contacted GW officers asking for more specific information regarding the effects on the Pauatahanui community. Once received this will be circulated through the newsletter and by email. Submissions on the Plan close on 23 September.

School Connection to Village Sewerage Scheme

Anna noted that the school is paying charges associated with the sewerage scheme. She also noted that only one of the toilet blocks is connected and that this also causes some issues for the school. Ken and Anna will check if this is consistent with the original agreements made when the scheme was set up.

9. PRA Communications

Newsletter material

The Committee agreed the following articles for the August newsletter:

- Minutes update
 - Committee Member profile – Lynne
 - Greater Wellington Natural Resources Plan
 - Village Planning Outcomes 2014-15
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10. Correspondence

Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**

Correspondence – Inwards

22/07 Wendy Rhodes, Editor, Memories Magazine
22/07 PICT secretary – notice of winding up of PICT
3/08 Andrew Fraser – Running a business from home in the Rural Zone
3/08 – Community Connect Panui – as circulated
13/08 GW Natural Resources Plan notification
PCC Democratic Services – Council Meeting Documents
Membership Updates

Correspondence – Outward

17/07 Letter to the Editor, Memories Magazine
20/07 Claire Giblin, PCC – 2014-15 Village Planning expenditure
31/07 PCC – Nomination of Sharon Evans for Porirua 50 awards
July Minutes
June/July Newsletter
Membership Updates

Public Consultations

Greater Wellington Natural Resources Plan

Next meeting

- Next ordinary PRA meeting will be held Thursday 17 September 2015, 7.30pm at Andy's home, 470 Paremata Road
 - **Meeting closed at 10.00pm**
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Approved by:

Ken McAdam

Chairman

Pauatahanui Residents Association

Management Committee