

MINUTES OF PAUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date of meeting:	4 April 2017
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	Judgeford Golf Club
Present:	
Committee Members	Ken McAdam [Chairperson], Jo Cross [Treasurer], Diane Strugnell [Secretary], Andy Manning, Anna Dellow, Stephen Knox
Council Representatives	Mayor Mike Tana, Cr Beverley Wakem, Cr Anita Baker, Cr Dale Williams, Cr Ross Legget, Wendy Walker [Chief Executive], James Jefferson [General Manager, Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services], Warwick Read [Commercial Manager], Graeme Grieve [Financial Consultant], Kelsey Wood [Corporate Planning Advisor]
Attendees	Michaela Reilly, Barbara Hunter, Andrew Weeks, Jill Weeks, Jalna Wilkins, Alan Gray, Simon Nottingham, Mike Andrews, Ron Stevens, Julia Stevens, Dan Myers, Vance McIndoe, Donald Love, David Carmine plus others
Apologies:	Maria McDonald, Brian Steele, Ian Pauley

Items

1. Welcome and Apologies

Minutes

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Village Planning

An update on the Village Planning Projects was provided.

- Rural signs - Jo Cross reported that the rural signs are aimed at traffic calming to focus on the safety of walkers, cyclists and riders. It is hoped to have a sign for each road if it is affordable. Jo has been looking at the sites with Bill Inge, PCC.
- Bus shelter - Anna Dellow reported on the proposed bus shelter for the school bus bay. There has been consultation with GWRC, PCC, the school and students. Once the site has been cleared the bus shelter will be installed. There will be art panels on film, hopefully using art work by a local artist. Once completed GWRC will take ownership of the bus shelter which will place responsibility for ongoing maintenance with GWRC.
- Review Consultation - Diane Strugnell reported that there has been a great response to the Village Planning survey with more than 85 responses received through the online survey, by post and drop off. The PRA committee will collate the results and these will help form the next stages in Village Planning as well as helping PRA determine issues for ongoing advocacy.

3. Annual Plan Consultation

Mayor Mike Tana introduced the representatives from Council including Councillors and Officers.

Cr Dale Williams then gave a presentation on the Annual Plan 2017-18 as well as tabling the Council's document "Let's Talk about the Year Ahead".

Key presentation points included:-

- PCC has unexpected expenses resulting from November 2016 storm-quake event with 307 incidents reported including 46 slips. This will cost the Council an additional 2.3 million in capital expenditure plus maintenance expenses
- Council expenditure for 2017-18 is projected to be \$86 million. \$26 million will be received in income from fees and charges with the balance of \$60 million to be funded through rates.
- Council is proposing a 4.9% increase over and above the increase associated with property valuations.
- Council is also proposing to change the way in which the rates take is distributed by increasing the rural differential and introducing a City Development Rate for businesses. Property values have increased with the average residential increase of 24% being higher than the increase in values within the rural and commercial sectors.
- The proposed "rebalancing of rates" would see the Rural differential increase from 70% to 75% and the City Development Rate apply to 750 businesses rather than the 56 currently paying this.

Council is seeking feedback on 4 options

- Option 1 - as is - with no rebalancing
- Option 2 - increase in the Rural Differential and City Development Rate
- Option 3 - increase in the Rural Differential and a higher City Development Rate
- Option 4 - increase in the Rural Differential and a higher City Development Rate (as in Option 3) with a reduction in the Uniform Annual General Charge

Council is also seeking views on

- The implementation of a Living Wage
- The review of the Wastewater bylaws (which includes onsite wastewater systems i.e. septic tanks)
- Improvements to the Porirua City administration building

Submissions are due before the 1st May

Following the presentation there was an opportunity for discussion and questions. Points raised included

- that rates did not go down when valuations went down

- is it equitable for rural people in Porirua to be having a different differential to those in other local body areas such as Kapiti or Wellington?
- has attention been paid to the Local Government Act and its requirements on budgets, long-term plans and the funding of future infrastructure?
- weather events have greater direct impacts on rural rate payers who pay for more things directly but also get other charges such as the OSWW fees with wastewater service costs being viewed as more “money gathering”
- other council spending was questioned, noting that some spending is considered “frivolous” with rate-payers’ money and that Council should “take the cherries off the cake”.
- the cost of subdividing, but with no more services provided, puts people off
- if the increase in the Rural Differential in real terms is only \$100,000 is this worth the angst and alienation it will cause. It seems to be a meagre amount for the headaches it will cause the rural community
- the proposed changes target/disadvantage the minority sectors i.e. the rural and business sectors
- why change the way of collecting rates
- residential vs rural valuations cannot be compared
- Rural rate payers are 2% of population but pay 3.5% of rates

4. Other Business

AGM

The AGM is being held on Tuesday 2 May. As there has been the April meeting with the Council as guest speakers, the AGM will be confined to AGM matters and general business.

World War II Honours Board

On Sunday 23rd April 11.00am at St Albans Church, the recently completed and installed World War II Honours Board will be dedicated by Reverend Brendan Drew, Chaplain, Trentham Military Camp.

Anzac Day Service

The Pauatahanui Anzac Day service will be held at St Alban’s Church at 10.00am on Anzac Day, Tuesday 25 April.

Next meetings

Tuesday 2 May – 7.30pm AGM,
Pauatahanui School

Tuesday 6 June – 7.30pm Committee meeting
29 Paekakariki Hill Road (Stephen’s home)

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Approved by:

Ken McAdam

Chairman

Pauatahanui Residents Association

Management Committee