

MINUTES OF PAUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	6 August 2019
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	21 Paekakariki Hill Road [Anna's House]
Members Present:	Ken McAdam [Chair] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Anna Dellow Micky Reilly Stephen Knox Karyn Herbert
Apologies:	Jo Cross [Treasurer]
In Attendance:	Ron Stevens

Items

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Rural Broadband

The need for Rural Broadband was one of the issues that came through in the Pauatahanui Future Focus consultation and was also raised at the AGM in May. Ron Stevens offered to assist the PRA Committee with this and attended the meeting, providing an overview of what is available and how local residents can find out what Broadband services they are able to access.

Ron introduced the Committee to

- Crown Infrastructure Partners - the Crown-owned company responsible for rolling out rural broadband <https://www.crowninfrastructure.govt.nz/>
- Rural Connectivity Group - Jointly owned by Vodaphone, Spark and 2degrees <https://www.thercg.co.nz/>
- Wireless Internet Service Providers - smaller companies also supplying broadband services <https://www.wispa.nz/>

Rural broadband is wireless and relies on a network of local towers. Wireless broadband relies on "line of sight" so if there is a communication tower visible rural broadband should be capable of being received (although something as simple as a tree in the "wrong place" can disrupt the signal).

There may be a fibre cable going past a property but this cannot be "tapped into" at an individual level. In the rural areas this is going to a distribution "box" from which the signal is sent via the copper cable

to individual homes. There will be at least two new towers being installed within the Pauatahanui area to provide coverage along the Transmission Gully highway and this may benefit some local properties.

All of the networks do have some limitations - like a pie, there is a limited number of reasonable slices that are available at each distribution point. Because of these limits, some service providers are not taking on new customers if they are unable to "slice their pie into any smaller pieces".

Ron demonstrated the websites where specific information shows what is available at an individual property level

- National Broadband Map - where people can type in their address and find out what services are available in their area including - Fibre, Cable, Wireless, ADSL, VDSL <https://broadbandmap.nz/>
- OOKLA test - to check internet speeds - as the best internet options are "all about the speed" <https://www.speedtest.net/>

Ron recommended that, in the first instance, local residents check what is available in their area and check what speeds they are receiving. If they are not getting what is available or are not happy with the speeds they are receiving then they need to talk to their internet provider.

If residents are living in an area where they are not able to receive any of the services, then satellite may be the only option for receiving internet services.

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 9 July 2019, were **moved** by Micky and **seconded** by Anna

4. Matters arising

The Committee **noted** that all Matters Arising would be addressed within the agenda items.

Committee Action Points were updated.

5. Treasurer's Report

Diane tabled the Treasurer's report prepared by Jo::

Balances: General Account \$7949.67

- History Account \$4838.71
- History Term Deposit \$11,165.45

Transactions - Income:

Subscriptions \$55.00

Traps \$100.00

History a/c Book sales \$113.75

No expenses

6. Village Planning

2019-20 Village Planning Projects - The Village Planning requests for 2019-20 have been considered by Council's City Delivery Committee and will be presented to the Council meeting on 21

August for formal approval.

The projects currently put forward are

- Pauatahanui pedestrian safety in the Lighthouse carpark and walkway to Whitby. This will include

(a) Installation of three 'blind spot' mirrors to improve visibility at each end of the SH58 pedestrian underpass.

(b) Vegetation clearance along the pathway and tree pruning around the edge of the Lighthouse Cinema car park.

(c) Due diligence including a car park lighting and access review and pedestrian count and community engagement to explore possible night-time use of the walkway requiring lighting

- Upgraded information board for Pauatahanui Burial Ground including the commissioning & placement of replacement board with new graphics and incorporating print of Trust Deed

Village Planning Document - The Committee has agreed that having the Village Planning document available online and available for download and printing as required is preferred over having printed copies. Diane will check with Justine McDermott, PCC Village Planning, when this will be available

Village Asset Maintenance - Anna reported that the new green bins (replacing the old blue bins) have been installed and paintwork requiring 'touching up' in the Village has been done. The sign on the public toilets, which had incorrect spelling and address, has been replaced.

Rural Road Maintenance - Claire Giblin has been appointed as Customer Liaison Manager - Transport for Porirua City Council. Diane has arranged to meet with Claire to present the issues with PCC communications over roading maintenance that were identified in the Pauatahanui Future Focus consultation.

Rural Information Pack - Nothing to report

7. Topical issues

SH58

Ken has continued to represent PRA at meetings over the delays to the SH58 upgrade. There has been a meeting with Kris Fafoi (MP) with Ken, Mike Conroy (BRANZ), Sandi Johnston and Sharon Gullery. The recommendation from this meeting was that a combined letter be written to NZTA from PRA, BRANZ, AA, PCC and Kris Fafoi.

Ken also attended a further meeting with NZTA representatives, arranged by Kris Fafoi. NZTA undertook to communicate back to Kris and PRA is waiting to hear the outcome.

It has been clearly communicated by NZTA that their main concerns are for the traffic using SH58 and not for the local residents wishing to exit their roads. NZTA has been some awareness of the school buses but, disappointingly, for little else.

Local resident groups are also organising meetings and PRA is

supportive of the initiatives being taken. PRA will continue to work with Members of Parliament, local councillors to lobby NZTA to find interim measures that will ensure the safety of SH58 road users until such time as the full upgrade is completed.

Muddy area by Village Roundabout

PRA has been in communication with NZTA over the state of the area by the Village roundabout. An initial proposal from NZTA was to fill the holes and to plant flaxes to prevent vehicles accessing the area. Following discussion with NZTA, it is now intended that the holes will be filled and plastic posts placed to discourage trucks from using the area with a more permanent solution once Transmission Gully is completed.

Transmission Gully

CPB-HEB was asked about remediation for any noise impacts on local residents on the completion of Transmission Gully. A reply was received stating that the Transmission Gully project consent includes operational traffic noise conditions, set by the Board of Inquiry in 2012 which need to be complied with. Once the road is open there is a requirement to validate the noise assessment to make sure the predicted noise levels, as assessed at the time of the Board of Inquiry, still comply. If it is found that noise levels exceed the consent conditions then appropriate mitigation measures will be undertaken to ensure compliance, such as noise walls and/or individual property modifications, for example acoustic glazing.

Coastal Hazards

Anna attended the PCC workshop on Coastal Hazards on 27 July. The information presented was similar to that presented at the previous workshop.

District Plan

It has been noted that the draft District Plan is due to be released for informal community consultation in September. This will be followed early next year by the formal consultation, submissions and hearing processes.

7. Communications

Newsletter

Karyn outlined the content for the next newsletter including a brief introduction to the current Committee and updates on the topical issues including SH58, rural broadband and the District Plan as well as noting the new ownership at the Rural Trading Post and promoting PRA's website.

Website

Karyn and Diane have met to discuss the PRA website and are looking to review the layout and current content as well as uploading more content providing information on a wider range of topics for local residents.

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**

Correspondence - Inwards

11/07 Craig Nicholson, NZTA – Mud mess adjacent to roundabout
12/07 Lynlee Bailey, PCC Democratic Services – Local Government election nomination
14/07....Iain MacLean, Pukerua Bay Residents Assn – Meet the Candidates
15/07....Amanda Nilsen, TG – TG Road surfacing
16/07 Phil Tuohy – Mud mess adjacent to roundabout
16/07 Ben Aulakh, PCC – News release: Litter survey
19/07 Alan Gray – Meet the Candidates meeting
29/07 Sarah Ropata, PCB HEB – Paekakariki Hill Road horse incident
30/07 Claire Giblin, PCC Transport – Village Road & footpath cleaning
30/07 Craig Nicholson, NZTA – Mud mess adjacent to roundabout
1/08 Mele Baker, PCC – Paekakariki Hill Road – Notice of works update
3/08 Jude Barlow – Press release – Porirua’s Waste Water Woes

PCC Village Planning – Justine McDermott, Bill Inge
PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents

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4/08 Craig Nicholson, NZTA - Mud mess adjacent to roundabout

PCC Village Planning – Justine McDermott, Bill Inge

Next meeting

Tuesday 3 September 7.30pm at Anna’s home, 21 Paekakariki Hill
Road

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm