

MINUTES OF PAUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	7 July 2020
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	29 Paekakariki Hill Road [Stephen's home]
Members Present:	Ken McAdam [Chair] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Jo Cross [Treasurer] Anna Dellow Micky Reilly Karyn Herbert Stephen Knox
In Attendance:	Christine Stanley, Pauatahanui History Group

Items

Minutes

- 1. Welcome** The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.
- 2. Approval of minutes** The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 2 June 2020, were **moved** by Jo and **seconded** by Karyn
- 3. Matters arising** The Committee **noted** that all Matters Arising would be addressed within the agenda items. Action Points were discussed and recorded as relevant agenda items.
- 4. Treasurer's Report**

Jo tabled the Treasurer's report:

Balances:

 - General Account \$4462.19 (includes \$861.33 Pest Free funds)
 - History Account \$9988.01
 - History Term Deposit \$11,437.43

Transactions - Income:

Book sales- \$130.00
Term deposit interest - \$84.02
PCC Grant - \$400.00 (banked to History account in error)
Subscriptions - \$220.00
Donation \$20.00

Expenses
Bank charges - \$10.00

Outstanding
\$100.00 transfer between PRA and History accounts

5. History Group Update

Christine tabled a report updating information on the Pauatahanui History Group.

Christine's report, as appended, was accepted.

There was some discussion regarding the formal reinstatement of a Burial Ground Committee. It was agreed that as well as representation from the Council, PRA, the Heritage Rose Group and St Alban's Church, there should be representation from family associated with the Burial Ground. This person would be in addition to the Stace family representative as it is not known if the Stace family wish to continue being represented. Jo will check with Andrew Henderson who is the current Stace family representative. It was also agreed that Ngati Toa should be approached to see if they wish to be represented on the Burial Ground Committee.

6. Village Planning/

Lighthouse Cinema Carpark Security - The vegetation along the bridge pathway has been cut back by Downers using the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles. This one-off cutting back of the vegetation is intended to make footpath users feel much safer. The new light fittings have now been despatched from Italy after being held up due to Covid-19. They will be installed once they arrive.

Burial Ground Notice Board - Anna and Diane met with Bill Inge, PCC, to look at the information on the existing noticeboard, including the possibility of repositioning the board. Bill has provided the Committee with three options for size and positioning of the board.

There is still strong support from within the Committee to have a copy of the Burial Ground Trust Deed available at the Burial Ground. Various possibilities for how this might be achieved were discussed.

It was agreed that the first step is to determine what wording on the current board needs to be changed. This will require all the parties involved - PCC, the Public Burial Ground Committee, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, St Alban's and PRA - to meet and discuss the information. Justine McDermott, Senior Advisor Partnerships, has offered to set up a meeting and Anna will contact Justine to follow up on this offer. It was agreed that three representatives from PRA would attend any meeting - Anna, Ken and Micky in the first instance with Diane as back up.

Rural Information Pack - Jo, Karyn, Micky and Diane have been working on the information to be included in the Rural Information Pack. A working group meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 July to review progress.

Bus Bay Maintenance - The construction of the bus shelter and the planting in the school bus bay were undertaken by PRA under Village Planning. The bus shelter was formally passed to Greater Wellington who are responsible for its maintenance. The planting is on school property and much of the work and care has been undertaken by Potty Planters. The garden currently requires more maintenance and Jo has received suggestions for changes to make it easier to maintain long-

term, including the removal of the cabbage trees. It is possible that this work could continue to be done by Potty Planters or with help from PCC under the Village Planning "joint working bee" proposal for village asset maintenance. Jo will follow up with the school and talk to Peter Sullivan regarding the cabbage trees.

It has also been reported that rubbish has been dumped in this area and the possibility of installing a rubbish bin beside the bus shelter was raised. It was noted that PCC are not willing to install any more rubbish bins in the Village as this tends to encourage people to leave rubbish rather than take it with them.

Roading - PCC's roading team have continued to hold meetings with residents of the roads currently undergoing major works. Work on Murphys Road has been completed and the work on Harris Road is nearly complete. The next major undertaking will be the removal of trees on Belmont Road. Diane attended a PCC meeting with Belmont Road residents on 17 June. The removal of the trees will cause disruption and the impacts on residents will be significant. It will also take some considerable time but has to be done before any other improvements to Belmont Road can be undertaken.

7. Topical issues

Transmission Gully

Craig Nicholson, NZTA, will be providing an update on the Transmission Gully project to the Anchor Men's Group. The Anchor Men's Group is comprised of men from the three Whitby churches but they are giving an open invitation to the wider community given the interest in Transmission Gully. To be held at the Anchor Church, 1 Joseph Banks Drive, Whitby, the meeting on Saturday 1 August at 8.30am is a breakfast meeting open to anyone who is interested in attending and listening to Craig. There is a gold coin donation towards the breakfast and meeting.

SH58

Chris Nally, NZTA, has not yet responded to Ken's requests for an update on SH58.

Development of former Tuk Tuk Site, 39 Paekakariki Hill Road

Submissions on the proposed development of 39 Paekakariki Hill Road closed on 10 June. Nothing new to report.

8. Other Business

Annual General Meeting

The date for the AGM has been set for Sunday 16 August 2.00pm at the Pauatahanui Golf Course, Paekakariki Hill Road. Gareth Morgan and Nick Tansley, Morgan Foundation, owners of the Pauatahanui Golf Course and the neighbouring property, will be guest speakers, talking about their plans for the Golf Club. These plans include developing access for walkers and cyclists between the Golf Club and Battle Hill.

Wally Brown - The Committee noted the recent death of Wally Brown. Wally is remembered for the many ways in which he contributed to the Pauatahanui community over his lifetime, including to the school and

especially more recently to the Pauatahanui History Group and the history book. Nancy's role was also acknowledged. The Committee considered that planting a tree at the school, in memory of Wally and Nancy, would be a fitting tribute. Jo will follow this up.

RMA Fast Tracking - Sandi Johnston brought to the Committee's attention the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Bill, noting that it could impact on projects within our area.

Community Pig Problem - Heather Phillips has brought to the Committee's attention the problem of wild pigs and/or farmed pigs not kept under control, causing substantial damage to pasture on neighbouring properties. Attempts have been made to address this problem through the local (Upper Hutt and Porirua) and regional councils.

Motukaraka Point - Shirley Cameron has brought to the Committee's attention a number of issues that are of concern to the residents of Motukaraka Point including increasing areas of mud where people are driving and parking on the grass verges. To help the Committee to consider how best to support the residents' concerns, Diane will contact Shirley to ask the Motukaraka Point residents to provide further information on their concerns and what they see as possible solutions.

9. Communications

Newsletter

The next newsletter will include notification of the AGM, the membership form, acknowledgement of Wally Brown's passing

Website

The main focus for the website is working towards having the Rural Information Pack ready for use.

PRA has set up a Facebook group as an information-sharing platform. It does not enable people to post comments or responses.

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**

Correspondence - Inwards

9/06	Sandi Johnston – Willowbank quarry
14/05	Ratepayers & Residents Assns NZ – Notice of AGM
15/06	Christine Stanley – Wally Brown's passing
15/06	Philip Reidy – Wally Brown's passing
18/06	Mark Neeseon, Secretary, PHACCT – Rural Information Pack
18/06	Shirley Cameron – Motukaraka Point (telephone)
23/06.....	Rachel Burke – Trucks in Village at school times
23/06	Tony Tomlin – Willowbank Quarry
26/06	Sandi Johnston – RMA Fast tracking Bill
29/06	Christine Stanley – History projects

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

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Next meeting

Annual General Meeting Sunday 16 August 2.00pm

Pauatahanui Golf Club, Paekakariki Hill Road

Meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Report from Pauatahanui History Group 29 June 2020

1. **Burial Ground story plaques.** The Pauatahanui History Group (PHG) is reviewing its involvement with this project and looking at past activity, the outcomes and possible future involvement.
2. **Burial Ground Committee.** The PHG urges the Pauatahanui Residents Association to initiate the formation of a new Burial Ground Committee. There was a named Burial Ground Committee for many years until recently.

The Porirua City (Pauatahanui Burial Ground) Act 2007 only requires that *'the Council must take all reasonably practicable steps to foster community involvement in the upkeep and beautification of the Burial Ground.'* Other parts of this Act state that the PCC is responsible for all costs associated with maintenance.

However, the Council's Porirua Cemeteries Management Plan September 2012 states *'the Management of the Burial Ground is the responsibility of the Pauatahanui Burial Ground Committee. This committee is comprised of a Council officer and representatives of the Heritage Rose Group, the Stace family, Pauatahanui Residents Association, and St Albans Church. Committee activities cover physical maintenance, heritage roses, preservation and conservation, genealogical and historical research, records, publicity, documentation and liaison with other groups'.*

There is no current Burial Ground Committee that we know of.

The Act and the Management Plan are at odds with each other.

The PHG asks that the PRA and the PHG meet with the Council to clarify this.

The PHG suggests that if the formation of a Burial Ground Committee is agreed to, then it will consist of a Council officer, and representatives of the Heritage Rose Group, Pauatahanui Residents Association, and St Albans Church. However, it suggests that the committee position previously set aside for the Stace family be changed to 'a descendant of an early family buried in the BG'. This is proposed due to difficulties experienced in getting a member of the Stace family to be actively involved in recent Burial Ground Committees. The committee should also include reference to Ngati Toa as tangata whenua.

3. **School Archive Project.** The PHG will be reviewing this project in the near future
4. **Other local history projects.** Depending on the outcome and timeframes of the above projects, the PHG is considering a list of projects that it would like to see developed

We would like to acknowledge the recent death of Benjamin Walter (Wally) Brown. Wally was a driving force behind the Pauatahanui History Book and a major source of information for the books and for Pauatahanui history in general. He had spent his entire 91 years in Pauatahanui and he made sure his local history knowledge was documented and preserved for the community.