

# MINUTES OF PĀUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	12 October 2021
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	367B Paekakariki Hill Road [Ian's home]
Members Present:	Ken McAdam [Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Jo Cross [Treasurer] Anna Dellow Micky Reilly Ian Kearney
Apology:	Karyn Herbert

## Items

## Minutes

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

### 2. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 3 August 2021, were **moved** by Ken and **seconded** by Ian.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Jo presented the Treasurer's report:

Balances:

- General Account \$5596.90 (includes \$1141.33 Pest Free funds)
- History Account \$11924.42
- History Term Deposit \$11,547.68

Transactions - Income:

Porirua City Council grant \$400=

Book sales \$113.75

Subscriptions \$280.00

Donation White family \$100=

Interest - History account Term Deposit \$17.06

Interest - History account \$2.94

Interest - General account \$1.47

Expenses

Bank fees \$20

Creative Mouse for magnets \$819.38

Brown plaque \$200

August Newsletter \$279.91

To be paid:

Cat trap for Pest Free \$105.80 to Jo

10 Doc200 trap mechanisms \$330= to Jo

Timber & fixings for 10 traps to Karyn

#### **Sale of History Books**

History books are continuing to sell through TradeMe. Diane will contact Christine Stanley re reimbursement for the cost of posting the books to purchasers.

#### **4. Village Planning/**

**Lighthouse Cinema Carpark Security** - PRA is waiting for an update on the cost of the security camera from Phil Reidy, Lighthouse Cinema following agreement by the Committee that PRA will fund the full cost of a security camera to be installed.

**Rural Information Pack** - The magnets with the Rural 101 link were distributed to residents through the Rural delivery. Following discussion it has been agreed that magnets, together with an introductory message, will be provided to real estate agents selling within the Pāuatahanui area to be included in the gift packs provided to successful buyers. Diane will prepare the message sheet and Jo will contact the agents.

#### **5. Topical issues**

##### **Porirua City Proposed District Plan**

Hearings have started for the Council's Proposed District Plan. The first hearing stream of relevance to PRA is that on the Natural Environment topics (including SNAs). For this stream PRA submitted on the need for a vegetation clearance zone from a residence greater than the 3m fire protection buffer proposed. A 10-30m buffer is recommended by Fire and Emergency NZ but this has been rejected in the Council officer's report. PRA has a time to be heard on Tuesday 2 November and intends to present a case for the larger buffer zone in the rural area. As noted in the officer's report, fires in the rural zone, with fewer people about, tend to be detected later and the greater distance from a fire station and from sources of water increase the risk of serious outcomes.

##### **Transmission Gully & SH58**

The ongoing work on SH58 and Transmission Gully was noted.

Ken has been in communication with Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, CPB HEB, over the planting alongside Transmission Gully that has included tutu. The greatest concern is for local beekeepers with the possibility of tutin contaminating honey.

Ken has also spoken with Craig Nicholson, NZTA, re PRA's roading concerns and especially the state of the bank between the Burial Ground and SH58. Micky and Anna will put together information on the problems, including slumping, poor drainage and loss of the path, which have been caused by works carried out previously by NZTA

##### **SH 58 Revocation**

Diane has attended a further meeting set up by the Porirua Harbour Trust and other residents' associations to look at the issues associated with the revocation of sections of SH58. Alongside revocation, there are concerns over the future of Lanes Flat including the restoration of the wetland area and also access to St Joseph's Church.

### **Willowbank Quarry Resource Consent Application**

The Commissioner hearing the initial consent application is considering whether the short-term (5-year) hearing should progress or whether that hearing should be combined with the consent application for 35-year operation of the quarry. Notice of this will be provided to submitters once a decision on the hearing process is made.

## **6. Other Business**

### **School Archives**

Micky is still working on the archiving. Although the room that had been set aside for storing the school archived material is no longer available, the school will continue to provide space for storage of the archives.

### **Pest Free Pāuatahanui**

Jo reported that Pest Free Pāuatahanui has recently purchased a cat trap. Given the cost of the trap, it was agreed that some parameters needed to be set around its use and a fee charged for its hire. Following discussion, to ensure the trap is returned for circulation, the cost of \$110 was set with a \$100 refund on its return.

Jo noted thanks to Karyn and Ruth for their work in making more traps. It is intended that these will be used in the lower Paekakariki Hill Road area in a targeted approach to pest control.

### **Water Catchment Community**

The SurveyMonkey to gauge the level of interest in forming a “community of interest” around water catchment was shared via the newsletter, website and Facebook link and generated 29 responses. Diane has shared the initial results with the respondents and Committee and is now analysing these in more detail in order to plan the next steps. It is most likely that, as well as individual responses to those who completed the survey, an information meeting will be held.

### **Paekakariki Hill Road Cell Coverage**

Jo reported that a new tower is to be put north of Battle Hill which should improve cell phone coverage in that area. PRA has previously noted that cell coverage is “patchy to nil” and that better coverage is needed, something which has recently been highlighted by emergency service vehicles assessing coverage along the TG route.

### **Discover Porirua**

Pāuatahanui’s Village History Trail is featured on the Discover Porirua app which is due to be launched on 26 October during Wellington Heritage Week. It is already available for download through the app stores. The app provides a “self-guided tour” not just for Pāuatahanui but also Plimmerton, Pukerua Bay and Places of Significance around Te Awarua-o-Porirua.

### **PCC Representation Review**

PRA submitted on the Representation Review for PCC, recommending that a rural ward should be established so that there is better understanding and advocacy for the rural community.

### **Friends of Pāuatahanui Burial Ground**

The Burial Ground Committee is to now be Friends of Pāuatahanui Burial Ground. They will continue to work with Porirua City Council and will meet formally three times a year.

Friends of Pāuatahanui Burial Ground have agreed, in response to a request from Porirua City Council, to also include care of the grave of Francis Bradey in Whitby. With both descendents of the family and the Whitby Residents Association no longer wishing to take responsibility for this, it was agreed that some care (together with that of PCC) was appropriate for the Friends of Pāuatahanui Burial Ground, given the association of the Bradey family with Pāuatahanui.

### **PCC Review of Traffic Bylaw**

PCC is currently reviewing the General Bylaw 1991 Part 16 – Traffic. This will include parking areas and charges within the city. It also includes new rules to manage where heavy vehicles can and cannot park and new rules to manage nuisance caused by engine braking. Submissions are open until Monday 8 November. PRA will not be submitting on this but it was agreed that some members of the community may wish to do so.

### **Dog Training Space**

PRA has been approached by the Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club who are looking for a space in which to run their winter training courses. They thought that there may be a barn or similar farm building within Pāuatahanui that they could hire that would provide undercover space, April-October, for approximately 44 people at a time. It was agreed to put this request in the minutes and also to suggest that the Club might put a notice on one of the community Facebook pages.

## **7. Communications**

**Website & Facebook** - Continue to update as required

## **9. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was **noted**

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### **Correspondence – Inwards**

6/08 Christine Stanley - School Archives  
12/08 Judgeford Environmental Protection Society – Willowbank Quarry  
20/08 Wellington Water – Update  
25/08 Jeremy Collins – Proposed District Plan SNAs  
25/08 GOPI Newsletter  
26/08 Maria Joslin, Consultation Support Coordinator, PCC – Willowbank Quarry Minute  
3/09 Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – Farm Plans & flooding issues  
13/09 Paul Nation – Representation Review  
15/09 Ted Guise – Representation Review  
20/09 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, CPB HEB – TG Planting  
1/10 Antonia Allum, Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club – Training space

PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents  
Claire Giblin, Transport Communications, PCC – Roading communications  
Bill Inge, Village Planning, PCC

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Membership enquiries & payments – multiple  
Water Catchment - multiple

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**Correspondence - Outwards**

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17/09 Ted Guise – Representation Review  
4/10 Antonia Allum, Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club – Training space  
5/10 PCC Representation Review - Submission  
8/10 Phil Reidy – Lighthouse Cinema Security

Bill Inge, Village Planning, PCC

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**Next meeting**

Tuesday 9 November 7.30pm at 21 Paekakariki Hill Road (Anna's home)

**Meeting closed at 9.12 pm**