

MINUTES OF PĀUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	6 July 2021
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	21 Paekakariki Hill Road [Anna's home]
Members Present:	Ken McAdam [Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Jo Cross [Treasurer] Anna Dellow Karyn Herbert Micky Reilly
In Attendance:	Ian Kearney Craig de Denus

Items

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 4 May 2021, were **moved** by Karyn and **seconded** by Ian.

3. Action Points

The Committee worked through the list of Action Points from the previous meetings. The outcomes of the discussion are noted

Rapid Numbers - The Committee considers it is important that there is consistency in the display of Rapid Numbers and that sticks for these are made available. Karyn will follow up with this.

Burial Ground Pathway - The state of the bank between the Burial Ground, including the path to the Burial Ground, are of concern. They have been made worse by works carried out previously by NZTA and PRA would like NZTA/Waka Kotahi to consider remediation as part of the revocation process. Ken will follow up with this when he discusses other roading concerns with Craig Nicholson.

Community Water Station - No further information has been received from Wellington Water or WREMO on the siting of the Community Water Station at the Belmont Road-SH58 intersection. Diane will follow this up.

WREMO Generator - There have been previous attempts to get a generator at the school for community use in the event of a natural disaster. PRA has supported this initiative in the past but it was agreed to take no further action on this as issues such as maintaining a generator to keep it "disaster ready" makes it impractical.

Traffic speed monitoring in the Village – Speed of traffic through the Village was a concern noted in the Future Focus consultation. Some monitoring was done but, associated with TG, traffic volumes and trucks through the Village have been more of a concern than the speed of vehicles. Speed monitoring will therefore be removed as an Action Item at this time.

4. Treasurer's Report

Jo has provided the following information for the Treasurer's report:

Balances:

- General Account \$5974.72 (includes \$1181.33 Pest Free funds)
- History Account \$11401.45
- History Term Deposit \$11,530.62

Transactions - Income:

History account interest \$17.03

Book sales \$65.00

Subscriptions \$280.00

Donation \$30.00

Traps - \$40.00

Expenses

Bank fees - \$10

Reimbursement passed for payment:

Jo - Wally & Nancy Brown plaque - \$200.00

Subscriptions

Jo has spoken with Ruth at Rural Trading Post about the possibility of an "incentive package", such as vouchers from local businesses, that could be given to financial members of PRA to encourage more uptake of membership. The Committee agreed that further thought will need to be given to how a scheme such as this might work.

5. Village Planning/

Lighthouse Cinema Carpark Security - PRA has now had confirmation from Porirua City Council that Council will not contribute any funds towards a security camera. At the last meeting of PRA it was agreed that PRA would contribute \$1300 towards the cost of a security camera. Security in the Lighthouse Cinema car park was an issue highlighted in the Pāuatahanui Future Focus community consultation so it was agreed by the Committee that PRA will fund the full cost of a security camera to be installed.

Burial Ground Sign - The new noticeboard at the Burial Ground was revealed on June 18th by Anita Baker, Mayor, and Dr Taku Parai, Ngati Toa. Anna spoke on behalf of PRA, outlining the history and the importance of the sign and Micky provided an interesting talk on the background of three of the people buried at the ground. PRA was pleased to see the number of people that attended the event which was followed by refreshments at the Lighthouse Cinema.

Rural Information Pack - All of the information for the rural information pack is now available on the PRA website. Nick McFall, Creative Mouse, has provided a design for the fridge magnet which the

Committee approved. Jo will check the cost and quantity to be produced. The Committee intends to provide all households with a fridge magnet giving the link to the website. Following the initial distribution, it is intended that new residents will receive one from the real estate agent selling them the property.

6. Topical issues

Porirua City Long Term Plan

Jo, Anna and Diane attended the Council's Long Term Plan hearing on 12 May to present PRA's submission.

Transmission Gully & SH58

The ongoing work on Transmission Gully was noted. Formal confirmation has now been received from Waka Kotahi/NZTA that the funds are available for the second stage of the SH58 upgrade from Mt Cecil Road to Transmission Gully. Although Waka Kotahi has stated that it is intended that this will "ensure greater safety, efficiency and reliability for people using the road", PRA noted safety concerns both with the current road situation which is likely to get worse once TG opens.

SH 58 Revocation

With the opening of Transmission Gully there will be some changes to the status of local roads including the probable revocation of SH58 from Paremata to Pāuatahanui. The Porirua Harbour and Catchments Community Trust has formed a group to advocate in the interests of the Pāuatahanui Inlet and surrounding areas with representation from the affected residents associations including Pāuatahanui, Paremata and Whitby. A preliminary meeting is being held with Wendy Walker, Chief Executive, PCC, on Thursday 8 July to discuss Porirua City's understanding of the timetable and local issues associated with revocation.

7. Updates

Pest Free Pāuatahanui

Jo provided an update on Pest Free Pāuatahanui.

There are no Doc200 traps left and only 8 long rat tunnels. There is currently a shortage of timber and trap mechanisms are also hard to come by. Karyn and Ruth have some timber and are making more traps.

Gareth Morgan, Morgan's Golf Retreat, is keen to be able to introduce kiwi into the area. He has been talking with Jo about pest control in the area as it would be important, not just for the Morgan property to be pest free but also neighbouring properties.

Jo is looking for assistance with the digital technology associated with Pest Free Pāuatahanui. TrapNZ has a website and an app which enables catches to be logged and monthly catch reports provided. The assistance being sought includes loading data. Ian has offered to help Jo initially.

Jo is also considering the purchase of a teardrop flag for use at events attended by Pest Free Pāuatahanui

Pāuatahanui Burial Ground

Anna reported on the recent meeting of the Burial Ground Committee. The Burial Ground is the responsibility of Porirua City Council, under the

Cemeteries Manager, with the involvement of the Burial ground Committee. As there has not been any formal structure to the Committee PCC have now put together a document to ratify the Committee and its role. This document is currently being considered by members of the Committee including Anna as PRA representative and Micky who has the primary care role for the heritage roses.

Micky noted that the Pāuatahanui Burial Ground Volunteers are finalists in the Wellington Airport Community Awards which is a great tribute to Rosemary Patterson and her team of volunteers.

8. Other Business **Plaque for Wally & Nancy Brown**

Jo now has the plaque for Wally and Nancy which is to be placed by the rose that was planted at the school in memory of their commitment to Pāuatahanui. Consideration now needs to be given to the best way of mounting the plaque ready for it to be unveiled when the roses are in flower.

Paekakariki Hill Road Cell Coverage

PRA has been approached by Mana Lions regarding cell coverage along Paekakariki Hill Road. They are interested in getting coverage at Battle Hill for their Eat Drink and Be Crafty Event and are talking to other potentially interested parties to see if a suitable tower can be erected. Preliminary discussion with NZTA has not provided any support but the Rural Connectivity Group, which has advised that a new cell tower will not be commissioned in the area until 2023, have recommended discussions continue with NZTA. Members of PRA have indicated that cell coverage is “patchy to nil” so PRA will respond to Mana Lions indicating our support for better cell coverage in the area.

Water Catchment Community

One of the objectives of the PRA is to “Promote the advancement of environmental protection or improvement to its rivers and waterways, with particular emphasis on the Pāuatahanui Inlet”. Under this objective Diane is keen to establish a water catchment community that would operate under the auspices of PRA in the same way as Pest Free Pāuatahanui does. The aim would be to provide information, support and potentially resources to residents wishing to improve the freshwater streams on their properties. The first step will be to gauge the level of interest in forming a “community of interest”. The Committee gave approval for this initial step.

Representation Review

PCC recently voted to establish a Maori ward for the City in the 2022 and 2025 elections. They now are required to consult the community on the representation arrangements including the number of councillors and the areas they represent. Following discussion it was agreed that PRA would submit to PCC suggesting that it would be helpful to have a Rural ward with a councillor elected specifically to represent the rural community. It was also agreed that the quality of representation is more important than the number of representatives within a ward and that there can be advantages to having a smaller number of councillors.

9. Communications

Website - As required
Facebook - PRA will do a post noting the benefits of membership and encouraging residents to join

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**

Correspondence – Inwards

14/05 Phil Reidy – Lighthouse Cinema Security
17/05 Janice Rodenburg, Wellington Water – Meeting re wastewater overflows
27/05 Robyn Illemann - CommUnity
27/05 Ian Barlow, Mana Lions – Cell Phone Coverage
3/06 Donald Love – Privacy Issue
3/06 Te Waka Kotahi/NZTA – SH59
4/06 Te Waka Kotahi/NZTA – SH58 Update
14/06 Andrew Reid, Composting NZ
29/06 Justine McDermott, PCC – Review of representation

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

Correspondence - Outwards

6/05 Submission to Willowbank Quarry resource consent application
14/05 Phil Reidy – Lighthouse Cinema Security
28/05 Ian Barlow, Mana Lions – Cell Phone Coverage
11/06 Phil Reidy – Lighthouse Cinema Security
18/06 Mayor, PCC – Burial Ground Sign reveal thanks
18/06 Taku Parai, Ammon Katene, Ngati Toa - Burial Ground Sign reveal thanks

Bill Inge, PCC – Village Planning

May Minutes

Next meeting

Tuesday 3 August 7.30pm at 483 Paekakariki Hill Road (Jo's home)

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm