

MINUTES OF PĀUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	9 November 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 Ian Kearney
Apology:	Micky Reilly
In Attendance:	Richard Bourne Cr Josh Trlin Cr Nathan Waddle

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 Jo and **seconded** by Ian.

3. Treasurer's Report

Jo presented the Treasurer's report:

Balances:

- General Account \$5626.90
- History Account \$12059.53
- History Term Deposit \$11,547.68

Transactions - Income:

Book sales \$135.11

Subscriptions \$40.00

Expenses

Bank fees \$10

Cat trap for Pest Free \$105.80

10 Doc200 trap mechanisms \$330=

Passed for payment

Timber & fixings for 10 traps to Karyn \$358.18

Moved by Jo and **seconded** by Diane

Sale of History Books

Diane contacted Christine Stanley re reimbursement for the cost of posting the books to purchasers. Currently there is no outstanding amount owed to Christine. She will record future postage for reimbursement.

4. Village Planning/

Lighthouse Cinema Carpark Security - PRA is still waiting for the 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 - Anna took over the preparation of the introductory message sheet. The sheet is to go with the Rural 101 magnets to real estate agents to be given to new residents. Karyn will work with Anna on the presentation of the information and Jo will contact the agents regarding distribution.

5. Topical issues

Porirua City Proposed District Plan

Ken represented PRA at the Proposed District Plan Hearings on November 2. PRA submitted on the Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) noting the need for a vegetation clearance zone from a residence greater than the 3m fire protection buffer proposed. PRA presented the case for a larger buffer zone in the rural area, noting that fires in the rural zone, with fewer people about, tend to be detected later. The greater distance from a fire station and from sources of water increase the risk of serious outcomes.

The Hearing Panel appears to have taken note of issues raised by rural residents with regard to the SNAs. The Hearing Panel Minute of 9 November is asking for Council to provide a copy of the Fire Emergency NZ Guidelines and questioning "is there a case to provide separately for SNAs in Rural areas, e.g. for pest control, fire hazards to non-dwelling structures, maintenance of septic tank dispersal fields, drains and overland flow paths, planting of poplars or willow poles on slip-prone sites within SNAs."

Transmission Gully

The impending completion of Transmission Gully was noted.

Ken has communicated to Waka Kotahi PRA's concerns re the planting of tutu alongside Transmission Gully, with the greatest concern being for local beekeepers with the possibility of tutin contaminating honey. Nothing further has been heard from Waka Kotahi

Ken has also spoken with Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi, re PRA's roading concerns and especially the state of the bank between the Burial Ground and SH58. To support the concerns and provide information to both Waka Kotahi and Porirua City Councillors, PRA will put together information including how this area was previously and the changes that have resulted from works carried out by NZTA in the past including slumping, poor drainage and loss of the path.

SH 58

The latest SH58 update from Waka Kotahi is once again raising concerns over the safety of road users, especially when entering and exiting the

local roads. The upgrade of SH58, with roundabouts at the Murphys-Flightys and Moonshine Road intersection, was meant to be completed to coincide with the opening of Transmission Gully. With construction not starting until 2023 and a completion date of 2026, PRA will advocate for interim safety measures including temporary roundabouts at these intersections. PRA will look for Porirua City Council to support this and any other measures to improve road safety in the SH58 corridor until the upgrade is completed.

Rapid Numbers

Karyn is continuing to follow up PRA's concern that the Rapid Number sticks are no longer available through Porirua City Council. Councillors Trlin and Waddle undertook to look at Karyn's correspondence with PCC and follow up on this matter.

6. Other Business

Water Catchment Community

Diane has set up a Facebook page for the Pāuatahanui Freshwater Catchment Community. This will be used to share information on freshwater management and provide notification of workshops or other initiatives.

Paekakariki Hill Road Cell Coverage

Richard asked about possible improvements to cell phone coverage for residents along Paekakariki Hill Road. The ongoing "patchy to nil" coverage is noted and PRA continues to advocate, where and when possible, for better coverage across the district.

Plaque for Wally & Nancy Brown

Jo has spoken with the Principal of the school and the plaque for Wally and Nancy is soon to be mounted by the rose that was planted in memory of their commitment to Pāuatahanui.

PCC Representation Review

Diane presented an oral submission to Council on the Representation Review for PCC. PRA recommended that a rural ward should be established so that there is better understanding and advocacy for the rural community. Cr Josh Trlin and Cr Nathan Waddle explained the Council decision to accept the proposal as presented, and not to accept PRA's recommendation of a rural ward. Council determined that the population within the rural area would not meet the criteria for a separate rural ward, even as a "community of interest". Consideration was also given to establishing a community board but the costs associated with such a board, how it would be funded and how it would work, meant that this option was also discounted.

PCC Councillor Attendance at Meetings

Following the Representation Review the four Councillors representing the Pāuatahanui Ward (previously the Northern Ward) have given a commitment to attend PRA meetings on a more regular basis. PRA has agreed, where practicable, to keep its meetings to the first Tuesday of the month to reduce the likelihood of PRA meetings clashing with those of other residents association attended by Councillors. Currently the Councillors attend the meetings of other Residents Associations on a six-

month rotational basis. PRA has indicated a preference to working with one Councillor for continuity.

**7.
Communications**

Website & Facebook - Continue to update as required

**8.
Correspondence**

The following correspondence was **noted**

Correspondence - Inwards

17/10 He Ara Pukerua – Centennial Highway Celebration
19/10 Rebecca Ambler, Wellington Rugby Football Union – Free tickets
21/10 Paul Nation – Representation Review
21/10 Porirua City Mayor – Councillor attendance at PRA meetings
21/10 Councillor Josh Trlin - Councillor attendance at PRA meetings
21/10 Councillor Nathan Waddle - Councillor attendance at PRA meetings
22/10 Colin Crampton, Wellington Water - Update
25/10 Sarah Bastings, Wellington Riding for Disabled – Volunteers wanted
26/10 Jonathan Harker, Orchestra Wellington – History book information
4/11 Dr John Martin, Historian – History book Transmission Gully material

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

Correspondence - Outwards

14/10 Antonia Allum, Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club – Training space
21/10 Porirua City Mayor & Northern Ward Councillors - Councillor attendance at PRA meetings
26/10 Jonathan Harker, Orchestra Wellington – History book information
4/11 Dr John Martin, Historian – History book Transmission Gully material
7/11 Phil Reidy – Lighthouse Cinema Security

October Minutes
Free tickets to rugby
SH58 update & RDA volunteers

Next meeting

To be advised February 2022

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm