

MINUTES OF PĀUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting: 14 February 2023
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: 483 Paekakariki Hill Road (Jo's home)

Members Present: Ken McAdam [Chairperson]
Diane Strugnell [Secretary]
Jo Cross [Treasurer]
Anna Dellow
Laurie Watkins
Micky Reilly
Ian Kearney
Richard Bourne

Apologies: Karyn Hebert
Cr Josh Trlin

Items

Minutes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 1 November 2022, were **moved** by Jo and **seconded** by Anna.

3. Matters Arising & Action Items

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

4. Treasurer's Report

Jo presented the Treasurer's report:

PRA \$4423.81

includes PRA \$3226.61, Pest Free \$397.35 & Freshwater Catchment
\$799.85

History A/c \$9490,64

History Term Deposit \$11743.17

Transactions

PRA

Interest income \$26.39

Expenses - \$30 Bank fee

History A/c

Book sales \$505.17

Interest Income \$60.29

5. Village Planning

Public Toilets

Jo reported that we are still waiting for the maintenance work on the public toilets to be completed. This includes the painting work, installation of signs and fixing the path.

P10 Parking

In January Council opened submissions on the proposal to install a 10 minute parking limit on the area immediately outside the public toilets in the Village, adjacent to the Lighthouse. PRA has previously discussed this with PCC as vehicles parked long-term in this area have made it more difficult for members of the public to access the toilets. PRA submitted in favour of the proposal.

Village Planning Review

PRA has been involved in the Council's review of the Village Planning Programme. The recommendations from this review are to be discussed at the Council meeting to be held on 16 February. The recommendations for refreshing the programme include

- a new model which incorporates three pillars being, physical infrastructure (community projects), social infrastructure (community building) and local voice (community engagement),
- a change of name for the programme to Hāpai Hapori | Empowering Communities Programme
- changes to the funding structure with three proposed options to be consulted on as part of the 2023/24 Annual Plan

6. Topical issues

Village Culverts

PRA has been made aware of the concerns regarding the condition of the culverts in the Village, especially the one that has been identified by the presence of temporary speed humps. PRA acknowledges there is some complexity with regards to

- managing traffic through the Village including heavy vehicles associated with TG and local forestry operations
- dealing with the required repairs including funding and responsibilities associated with Waka Kotahi and Transmission Gully.

It is our understanding that Council has responsibility to carry out the repairs to local roads, including those that might be attributable to TG, regardless of the time frame associated with the TG Board of Inquiry conditions. Given that there is still some time and a number of processes before TG has to meet the BoI conditions, PRA will be urging Council to repair the culverts as a matter of urgency.

SH58 Safety Upgrade

Diane attended a meeting on 16 November 2022 with representatives of PCC and Waka Kotahi on the Harris Road-Transmission Gully section of the SH58 safety upgrade with specific reference to the school bus operations. Minutes from the meeting together with a pdf of the information Waka Kotahi prepared for PRA were circulated. No further information has been received and no further meetings are planned at this stage.

Transmission Gully Motorway

PRA wrote to Waka Kotahi to follow up on the noise monitoring that had been undertaken. The reply from Waka Kotahi indicated that a

report would be provided in early February.

In response to queries from residents PRA also asked Darren Utting, TG, about the moving of fill to the Toomey site on Paekakariki Hill Road. Darren responded that although TG has a consent for further volumes of spoil material to be taken to the site, they do not expect much more before they do some “reshaping” and tidy up work. He also noted that there will be forestry activity from Battle Hill starting to use the Toomey access road.

Willowbank Quarry Resource Consent Application

The Willowbank Quarry resource consent application has been granted for the continued long-term operation of the quarry and expansion of the existing quarry footprint. One of the consent conditions is that a Community Liaison Group is formed. The group is to comprise one person from each council, one from Iwi, two from the quarry operator and three from the community with one of those being from Murphys Road plus a chairperson and PRA has been asked if a member of the Committee would be part of this group as one of the community representatives.

There will be quarterly meetings until after the first year of quarry activity and biannually after that, unless there is a need for further meetings. It was noted that the representation is only to be used to pass on information to the community about quarry activities and also to receive feedback from the community. Any complaints or other issues from the community regarding the quarry operations are still to be done through the proper channels i.e. to the Councils or the quarry manager.

Laurie will represent PRA on the Community Liaison Group.

7. Group Reports

Public Burial Ground

Micky and Anna reported that the Council is convening quarterly meetings of the Friends of the Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground. Micky has also set up a six-weekly schedule for working bees to tend the roses and grounds that are not covered by the Council's maintenance.

The Friends of the Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground are keen to have the walking access path to the Burial Ground reinstated and are asking PCC for funding towards an engineer's report to support this. The path ran parallel to the section of road towards the roundabout and, aside from now being overgrown, was compromised by the bank being cut back by Waka Kotahi some years ago.

It was also reported that St Alban's Church is currently, and successfully, trapping rats and possums using Doc200 and Timm's traps.

Pest Free Pāuatahanui

Jo presented her report for Pest Free Pāuatahanui

For the 2022-23 year a further 1 doc 200 out, 3 long rat tunnels out

and 3 cat trap usages with 2 successful trappings

PRA holds \$397.35 for Pest Free with a verbal agreement to supply an additional \$1000 if required

Traps in stock

Doc 200 = 9, long rat tunnel =7 - all with logo and now numbered

A new committee group is being formed from an interested group of: Jo Cross, Ian Kearney, Shona Cooling, Jo Stokes, Rebecca Ferguson, Rosie Clements, Judy Parker, Heather Phillips, Donald Love, Caroline Carter, Paul Nation

The group decided to write a new trap enrolment form and to make the \$20 an annual rental fee to facilitate return of unused traps.

I have sold all the Pest Free plants donated by Pāuatahanui reserve (Mary Dinniss) with the profit to the school of \$2261.00.

I followed up with Gareth Morgan on our discussions re funding for Pest Free. He advised that unfortunately Predator Free Trust focus is on urban groups as we require too many traps in the rural environment but GWRC will provide support with advice although not funding

The next Pest Free Porirua meeting is 2/3/23 at DOC Porirua

I provided help (ongoing) to Alistair Webb who is working on behalf of GOPI to encircle the inlet with traps. This went very well. The idea is to protect the reserve and he is identifying and contacting for permission prospective landowners around the inlet [subject to his map requests]. He is working on installing the new Goodnature A21 rat/ stoat traps. These alert your phone when a hit is made and, as an example, a local landowner was able to determine a hedgehog was the first hit on night one!!

Mainly I have been working on getting Trap.NZ up and running with assistance from Alistair Webb (Whitby/ GOPI) <https://www.trap.nz/>. So far we have created the proper map for Pest Free Pāuatahanui which is for an area over 10,000 ha and have/ will have pinned all 65 traps to it at their addresses. This was a bigger job than it sounds but will allow us to move forward adding the old trapping data, collecting and adding new catches. This hopefully will help engage our community, encourage more trapping, allow us to get more funding and not to mention produce some very cool reports about where and what catches are being made which will also allow us to deploy our traps more efficiently, and assist with government monitoring of pests. I am very happy that this project is finally moving and I really want to thank Alistair for making it happen.

A couple of interesting snippets I learnt while doing the prep work - 1 trapper in Belmont Road has trapped 16 stoats over the last 18 months, 1 trapper has trapped 7 possums in a fortnight recently in Paekakariki Hill Road, and I now know how to add kills made by

"traps" known as Kasey the cat - 3 mice this week and Allie the dog (dozens of rabbits) !!

Freshwater Catchment Community

Diane reported that the group is continuing to work with Greater Wellington on the project to begin introducing dung beetles within the catchment area. The first package of the four species to be introduced will be arriving soon. The packages of dung beetles typically include 4 different species, each chosen to be active within different seasons and environments.

The group is also applying to be part of an eDNA project funded by Wilderlab, NZ EPA and NZ Landcare Trust. Successful projects will receive eDNA sampling kits, testing, and additional support to undertake sampling of their local waterways. Our group has already done some eDNA sampling and it would be great to extend this to other areas within the catchment.

History Group

PRA is still keen to learn of other possible projects that can be funded from the History Group funds. Christine Stanley from the History Group will be asked to attend an upcoming PRA meeting.

8. General Business

Community Noticeboard

It was noted that PRA could have a role in making residents aware of some community initiatives that otherwise people might not know about. Previously these might have been the subject of a physical "community noticeboard". These are now often displayed on social media and do not necessarily reach everyone either. The PRA Committee is very mindful that, within our community, there is a diversity of ideas, views and opinions. Following discussion it was agreed that PRA could include a "community noticeboard" section within the minutes with the understanding that

- it is for community initiatives and not commercial interests
- that PRA is offering the information but is not doing so as an endorsement or promotion
- that PRA retains the right to accept or refuse to host the information

Annual General Meeting

PRA is required to hold our Annual General Meeting before 31 August. Previously the time has varied from April to August as well as between an evening or weekend meeting. The timing for the next AGM will be added to the March agenda.

9. Communications

Community Noticeboard

Belmont Regional Park

A petition has been set up to "Preserve and keep farming the 1000 hectare farm at Belmont Regional Park"

For more information <https://preservebelmontfarmpark.co.nz/>

Rural Smallholders Auction

Interest is being gauged for a locally-held rural smallholders auction.

If interested email Lorena at lorenacrombie@yahoo.co.nz

Website

With both Wellington Electricity and PCC trying to be more proactive in the the management of trees that are risking our local power supply and/or road access, Diane has approached them about providing information for the website on this topical issue.

10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**

Correspondence - Inwards

4/11 GOPI Cockle Count
8/11.....Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi - SH58 Safety Upgrade meeting
12/11 Heather Mason, BHFFP Ranger - Puketiro Loop Logging
21/11 Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi - SH58 Safety Upgrade Minutes
24/11 Megan Krishnan, PCC Senior Advisor Partnerships - Village Planning review Update
25/11 Kate Boocock, PCC Senior Advisor Partnerships - Community Hub
02/12 Bill Inge, PCC Village Projects Coordinator - Vegetation on pathway
02/12 Claire Giblin, PCC Customer Liaison, Transport - Rapid Numbers
05/12 Peter Chapman, PCC Manager, Corridor Access, Transport - Village culverts
05/12 Ed Barber, Forest360 - Logging Trucks using Paekakariki Hill Road
05/12 Nigel Clark, PCC Manager, Porirua Harbour, Catchments and Resource Recovery - Volunteer Celebration
13/12 Janine Sorenson - Message from Wellington Electricity
14/12 Darren Utting, Transmission Gully - Noise monitoring
14/12 Reuben Friend, PCC General Manager, Community & Partnerships - Discover Porirua Pathways
18/12 Heather Mason, BHFFP Ranger - Puketiro Loop Logging Meeting minutes
09/01 Darren Utting, Transmission Gully - Toomey site
10/01 Tracey Steel - PCC Customer Liaison Coordinator, Infrastructure - Consultation on P10 Parking restrictions in Village
11/01....Philip Reidy, Lighthouse Cinema - Parking restrictions in Village
25/01 Emily Greenberg, Wellington Water - Public workshop on managing stormwater to reduce pollution
27/01 Sandi Johnston - Riparian Planting information
27/01 Sandi Johnston - Power outages
02/02 Andrew Frazer - Failing culvert in village
03/02 Mayor, PCC - Failing culvert in village update
04/02 Paul Nation, Manager, Willowbank Farm - Community Liaison Group
04/02 Julie Diamond - Belmont Regional Park
09/02 Heather Mason, BHFFP Ranger - Puketiro Loop Logging
10/02 Sandra Stevenson, Preserve Belmont Farm Park - Belmont Regional Park

Correspondence - Outwards

08/11 Plimmerton Rotary - Thanks for seat replacement
21/11 Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi - SH58 Safety Upgrade Minutes of meeting
21/11 Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi - SH58 Safety Upgrade bus stops
02/12 Claire Giblin, PCC Customer Liaison, Transport - Rapid Numbers

- 14/12 Kylie Eltham, Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi - Transmission Gully Noise monitoring
- 16/12 Catherine McManus, GW Land Management Advisor - Flightys Road Willows
- 18/12 Heather Mason, BHFFP Ranger - Puketiro Loop Logging Meeting minutes
- 20/12 Darren Utting, Transmission Gully - Toomey site
- 11/01....Philip Reidy, Lighthouse Cinema - Parking restrictions in Village

November Minutes
SH58 Update
TG Noise Monitoring
BHFFP Puketiro Loop Logging
P10 Parking restrictions in Village

Next meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 7 March

21 Paekakariki Hill Road (Anna's home) - To be confirmed

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm