

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting: 1 August 2023

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: 218 Flightys Road (Laurie's Home)

Present

Ken McAdam [Chairperson]
Diane Strugnell [Secretary]
Laurie Watkins
Micky Reilly
Richard Bourne
Stephanie Manning

Apologies:

Jo Cross [Treasurer]
Anna Dellow
Cr Josh Trlin

Item	Minutes
1. Welcome	Ken opened the meeting with a special welcome to Stephanie on joining the Committee
2. Apologies	The apologies were accepted.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 6 June 2023 are a true and correct record. Moved: Laurie Seconded: Richard Carried
4. Matters Arising	It was agreed that all matters arising would be addressed within the agenda.
5. Treasurer's Report	There was no Treasurer's Report. Diane noted that the honorarium payment of \$500 (plus GST) to Flightdec for website services, agreed to at the Committee meeting of 6 September 2022, has now been made.
6. Village Planning	Nothing to report
7. Topical Issues	Village culverts PRA continues to be made aware of the concerns from residents regarding the state of the culvert in the Village at 6 Paekakariki Hill Road. Council has agreed to keep PRA updated but no further information is available at this time.

Micky noted that the sign for the Public Burial Ground was attached to the fence at the eastern end of the culvert but has disappeared with the fence. Steph will follow up with Andrew Frazer to see if he knows where the sign is.

SH58 Safety Upgrade & Road Closures

The ongoing disruptions and inconvenience caused by the SH58 roadworks and the road closures at Lanes Flat were noted. The current work by the entrance to Bradey Road, the uneven road surface and the presence of water pooling at the base of the southbound off ramp are causing significant traffic delays along this section of SH58.

Transmission Gully / NZTA

With the work being carried out on Lanes Flat, the routes for pedestrians and cyclists are becoming more apparent. PRA has concerns that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists has not been taken into account with pedestrians expected to make multiple crossings of SH58 and the highway off ramps, for example when walking from the Village to St Joseph's Church. PRA acknowledges that pedestrian crossings are not likely to be placed at these points but will explore with Waka Kotahi the possibility of "courtesy crossings", "cycle crossings" or other means of warning drivers of pedestrians and cyclists.

It was noted that the logging from Battle Hill has stopped indefinitely which potentially means that logging trucks won't be using Paekakariki Hill Road. PRA is unsure if there is any private logging using the road at the moment. With less heavy vehicles on the road, this raised the question as to whether the repairs to Paekakariki Hill Road from the Transmission Gully work will be able to go ahead. PRA does note that CPB-HEB/TG project are still using the Toomey site for clean fill and that they have 2 years from the opening of TG (April 2022) in which to complete associated works to meet consent conditions. Meantime PCC does have to continue with the routine maintenance of both Paekakariki Hill Road and Flightys Road so any complaints need to be directed to PCC.

Residents in the group continuing to be adversely affected by the noise from Transmission Gully are waiting to receive further information regarding the noise report.

Speed Limits

PRA submitted in support of lowering the speed limit in the Village to 30kph, noting that this was an objective from the 2017 Pāuatahanui Future Focus consultation. The decision on speed limits is being made at the Council meeting of 3 August and, if agreed, will be implemented on 24 August.

Natural Resources Plan - Plan Change 1

Diane reported that Greater Wellington Regional Council are getting closer to notifying the policies and regulations that will affect rural landowners in Pāuatahanui. Some of the regulations will differ depending on land area, with some being set for properties greater than 20 hectares and some for those between 4-20 hectares. On 24 July Greater Wellington held a meeting for landowners of properties greater than 20 hectares and presented a draft outline of policies related to loss of nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), sediment loss and water allocation.

8. Reports

Pāuatahanui Burial Ground

Micky reported that there is to be a meeting of the Friends of the Burial Ground on Friday 4 August. A management plan is currently being prepared by PCC to formalise the

maintenance work that will be carried out by PCC at the burial ground.

Pest Free Pāuatahanui

Jo has provided the minutes of the Pest Free Pāuatahanui meeting held on 25 July. There are currently 214 traps in the community. The number of pest animals (rats, stoats, possums, hedgehogs, rabbits and mice) are being recorded on the PFP Facebook page and entered into TrapNZ. The meeting had a presentation on TrapNZ and Jo is planning a public meeting to demonstrate this. Currently PFP are contacting existing trap holders to check if they are still using the PFP traps. If they are still in use, people are encouraged to report catches and if not, a request is made to return the traps so that they can be reallocated. Jo has booked a site for PFP at Lamb & Calf Day.

Water Catchment Community

Diane reported that there has been a good response to the SurveyMonkey on pest animals and plants. The first workshop, based on the responses provided, is on pest plants to be held at Battle Hill Education Centre on Wednesday 9 August.

Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group

Laurie reported on the visit by the Community Liaison Group to the quarry on 23 June. This was an opportunity for members of the group to see the quarry site. The next CLG meeting is on 7 August.

9. General Business

AGM General Business Items

At the AGM a number of issues were raised by attendees and PRA undertook to follow up on these.

FENZ Base at Lanes Flat

Ken and Laurie will make contact with Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) to ask if there are plans to establish a base at Lanes Flat on the land between the Ventia TG Maintenance site and the Pāuatahanui roundabout. If there is to be a FENZ base there, the follow up question is whether there would be the storage of materials potentially hazardous to the environment.

Rural Fire Risk

Ken will follow up with Greater Wellington regarding the risk of uncontrolled rural fires, especially associated with the lack of firebreaks within existing forestry blocks or the requirement to allow for them within new plantings. The concern over rural fires has already been raised with Greater Wellington associated with their intention to stop farming on Belmont Regional Park.

WREMO

Unfortunately Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) were unable to attend the PRA AGM. As the Pāuatahanui Emergency Hub guide is due to be reviewed later this year, a presentation by WREMO is still very relevant. PRA will therefore arrange another public meeting for WREMO to do a presentation for residents.

Transmission Gully Highway Weed Control

Although there was extensive planting done along the Transmission Gully road corridor, the number of weeds is becoming prolific and of concern to neighbouring properties. This is Waka Kotahi's responsibility and PRA will contact Ventia and Waka Kotahi regarding this.

Rural Watch/Neighbourhood Watch

A show of hands at the AGM indicated that there was some interest in reinvigorating Rural Watch / Neighbourhood Watch especially given the many changes to the Pāuatahanui area and the recent reminders through civil defence emergencies in other parts of the country. The Committee noted that there are already Facebook or email groups on most of the rural roads. This raised the question as to whether there is already a road coordinator or whether a volunteer coordinator should be sought for each road. This is most likely to be addressed when the Emergency Hub review occurs later this year.

Rural Rates Information Meeting

PRA is aware that there are a lot of strong feelings within the community regarding rates. PRA had begun working with PCC to hold a public meeting where Councillors and Council Officers could provide information on how the rating system works and how the rural rates are derived. However, following discussion, it was agreed that before this it would be helpful, for the Committee and interested residents to gather more background information, for example, on how the rural rates differential is applied in other districts. It was noted that it is within the Long Term Plan process, rather than the Annual Plan, that Council is able to make changes to rating policy. With the next Long Term Plan process beginning towards the end of this year, the Committee agreed that 30 minutes at each meeting would be open to members of the community wishing to present constructive ideas on how a more tenable rural rates policy might be arrived at.

Waste Minimisation Engagement

PRA has been approached by PCC's Waste Minimisation Advisor, requesting an opportunity to attend a community meeting to provide information and answer questions on waste and reducing waste. As the AGM has just been held and there is already a meeting to be held with WREMO, it was agreed that we will not hold a meeting on waste minimisation. Instead we will ask if there is some information that can be circulated to residents.

Porirua Northern Growth Area

PRA has been invited by Kāinga Ora, along with other local community organisations and residents associations, to attend a meeting on the Specified Development Project proposed for the Porirua Northern Growth Area. It was noted that this project is more likely to impact residents of Plimmerton, Mana and Pukerua Bay. Diane will check if interested residents can get the information through avenues other than PRA.

10. Communications

Website

Diane has had a meeting with Fraser from Flightdec. They are looking to provide an update to our website, making some changes to the layout to make it more contemporary and also providing a different format for uploading information.

11. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted

Correspondence - Inwards

- 7/06 Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – Meeting follow up - ferrets on TG, Flights Road stream
 - 7/06 Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi – SH 58 Safety Upgrade update
 - 8/06 Porirua Harbour Trust - Volunteer trustees
 - 9/06 Donald Love - SH58 OIA response
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9/06 Susan Iorns - SH58-Bradey Road intersection
11/06 Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi – SH58-Bradey Road intersection
13/06 Rebecca Ferguson - Impact of SH58 work on roads off SH58
14/06 Customer Services, Wellington Electricity – Planned outages
15/06 Jeanne Thomson - Annual Plan submissions
19/06 David Christensen - Ongoing noise from TG
20/06 Christine Jacobson - Te Awarua-o-Porirua Photography competition
20/06 Andrew Frazer - Culvert on Paekakariki Hill Road
20/06 Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet Cockle update
21/06 Nickola Loordin, WREMO - AGM guest speaker
22/06 Emily Chau, PCC Waste Management & Minimisation - Local Action Plan Community Workshop summary
22/06 Laurie Watkins - Flights Road Noise Monitoring meeting
23/06 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully Project – SH58 Road closures
28/06 Micky Reilly - Request for letter of support for St Joseph’s Church
28/06 Nicki Starkey, Electoral Commission - Recruitment for 2023 General Election
30/06 Porirua City Council - Remittance advice
4/07 Deanne Smylie, Ngahere Korowai Coordinator - Collective Hui
5/07 George Cook, Greater Wellington, Metlink - Community Connect concession
11/07 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully Project - Night works
18/07 Deepa Goswami, PCC Waste Minimisation advisor - Community engagement
24/07 Wellington Heritage - Wellington Heritage week
27/07 John Renshaw, Battle Hill park ranger - Reopening Puketiro Loop
28/07 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully Project – SH58 Road closures
1/08 Josh Clark, Senior Stakeholder Relationship Manager, Kāinga Ora - Porirua Northern Growth Area

Claire Giblin, PCC Customer Liaison, Transport – Road
PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents

Total emails inwards 243

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9/06 Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi – SH58-Bradey Road intersection
12/06 Porirua City Council - Submission on village speed limit
14/06 Tina Budd, Moonshine Valley Residents Association - New Chairperson
16/06 Jeanne Thomson - Annual Plan submissions
19/06 David Christensen - Ongoing noise from TG
10/07 St Joseph’s Church - Letter of support

June Minutes

July Newsletter via Rural Delivery

PRA AGM notifications

PCC - Roading notices

PCB HEB & Waka Kotahi - Roading notices

Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group

Pest Animal & Pest Plant Workshop

Total emails outwards 231

11. Meeting Close 9.35 pm

12. Next Meeting Tuesday 5 September 7.30pm
Venue: To be advised

Approved by: Ken McAdam
Chairperson,
Pāuatahanui Residents Association Management Committee