

# MINUTES OF PĀUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting:	6 June 2023
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	483 Paekakariki Hill Road (Jo's home)
Members Present:	Jo Cross [Acting Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Karyn Herbert Laurie Watkins Micky Reilly Richard Bourne
Apologies:	Ken McAdam [Chairperson] Ian Kearney Anna Dellow Cr Josh Trlin
In Attendance:	Cr Chris Kirk-Burnnand, Greater Wellington Regional Council

## Items

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

### 2. Councillor Report

Cr Chris Kirk-Burnnand attended the meeting to provide an update on Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Regional Council structure – The Regional Council has recently undergone a significant structural change, moving to a catchment-based approach. This will mean, for Pāuatahanui, that environmental and regulatory services are combined to work towards achieving goals for Te Awarua-o-Porirua that were defined through the whitua process, leading to better environmental outcomes. Jimmy Young, previously Parks Manager, will be leading the Te Awarua-o-Porirua team.

Regional Council rates – There will be an increase in GW rates. Across the Greater Wellington region the overall increase is 17.8%. However the average increase for Porirua is lower at 8%, with the increase for rural properties being 6.6%. As with the Porirua City Council rates there will be an additional impact resulting from the increased valuations attributed to many properties.

Streams – Greater Wellington has a significant role to play with regard to the streams and harbour. Chris noted that, for land alongside the streams, responsibility lies with individual land owners, including Porirua City Council and

Waka Kotahi, where the streams are within road corridors. However the Committee then noted that, for residents, this can lead to confusion and often difficulty getting any action on problem areas, for example, vegetation in the stream near the Flightys Road bridge. Chris is happy to help residents find the right contacts within the Council.

Belmont Regional Park – Chris acknowledged the concerns that are being expressed by residents over the plans to retire Belmont Regional Park from farming including fire risk, pest management, weed control and insufficient availability of trees for the planting programmes.

Finally Chris encouraged PRA and residents to continue to make submissions and to make our community voices heard.

### **3. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 9 May 2023, were **moved** by Micky and **seconded** by Laurie.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Jo tabled the Treasurer's Report which was then taken as read:

PRA \$4,700.18

includes PRA \$3,597.98, Pest Free \$302.35 & Freshwater Catchment  
\$799.85

History A/c \$10,194.38

History Term Deposit \$11866.72

Transactions

PRA

Income

Subscriptions \$300=

Interest \$10.13

Traps \$90=

Expenses

Bank fee \$10=

Secretary's Honorarium \$200=

Trap mechanisms \$345=

History A/c

Income

Book sales \$205.22

Interest \$20.50

Expenses

Book postage \$38.69

History A/c

Term deposit interest \$123.55

### **5. Village Planning**

Nothing to report

### **6. Topical issues**

#### **PCC Annual Plan 2023-24**

PRA made a submission to the Annual Plan and Jo and Micky also presented an oral submission on behalf of PRA. Other residents also presented oral

submissions with the main issues being the unsustainable rise in rates across the rural sector resulting from Council's proposal to increase rates to meet demands from Wellington Water together with the significant increases in property values. It is generally agreed by residents that it is not right that rural residents, who already fund their own "three waters", should have to contribute to services they do not receive, that the services received from Council are below expectations and that the ways in which rates are attributed to the rural sector are neither equitable nor fair.

PRA will continue to share information on the Annual Plan process but will also begin to look towards the next Long Term Plan as this is seen as an opportunity to address rural rates issues with Council. PRA has also approached Council about Councillors and Council Officers presenting information on how rates are calculated and attributed to different sectors within the community.

### **Village Culvert**

PRA is aware that there are ongoing concerns from residents regarding the state of the culvert in the Village and the current measures that are in place, including the speed humps. PCC has shared their site visit report with PRA and will continue to provide updates as they have new information available.

### **SH58 Safety Upgrade**

PRA has written to Waka Kotahi asking for an update on the proposed timeline for finishing the Harris-Moonshine section, what the next stage will be and how the plans are progressing for this. Waka Kotahi responded that they are currently working to secure the consents and designation changes for the entire stage from Moonshine Road to Transmission Gully interchange, including both roundabouts. They have made the applications and these are "making their way through the formal process." At this point they have not developed the detailed construction approach for this section nor have they awarded a construction contract. Waka Kotahi have said that they plan to come back to the community with more information before starting work on this next section.

PRA has since gone back to Waka Kotahi noting that our community has lived with the impacts of Transmission Gully and SH58 works for a considerable time now - with no end in sight! At PRA's meeting with Waka Kotahi on 16 November last year, we were told that, for Moonshine to TG, consents would be lodged by the end of November but we are now told that the consents are making their way through "the formal process". We also understood that Waka Kotahi were going to look at possible provisions for the local school bus at the end of Moonshine Road. Whilst some of the concerns over school buses have been allayed by the move of the main bus stop to the Flightys-Murphys Road intersection, PRA would like to know what is planned for the local school bus. PRA has also asked, with regard to the community "information", whether there will be opportunities for discussion or will we be presented with a "fait compli"?

To date there has been no further response.

Note: Between the time of the meeting and the printing of the minutes a response has been received and circulated to residents.

### **Transmission Gully**

Noise report - PRA has received the Noise Verification Report which provides information on noise compliance against the requirements of the TG consent conditions. The report has been circulated via email to those residents who attended the meetings that PRA hosted regarding Transmission Gully. PRA will

wait to hear back from those who received the report to see if any further action is required from PRA.

Road Closures – PRA received an apology from Darren Utting, Transmission Gully Project, that we were not included in the “direct neighbour” email regarding the nighttime closures of the Lanes Flat section of SH58. The lack of notice led to some confusion over which sections of road would be closed and when, something which should be avoided if there are future closures planned.

Lanes Flat pathway – PRA has previously advocated for the pathways along Lanes Flat to have a safe connection to the Village. Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi, has confirmed that they still intend to connect the Lanes Flat walkway across the stream to meet the existing footpath on the southern (westbound) side of SH58 that connects to Joseph Banks Drive and under the bridge to Pāuatahanui village.

### **Belmont Regional Park**

PRA received a response from Jimmy Young, Parks Manager, responding to the concerns expressed over how, if the land is not actively farmed, Greater Wellington intends to manage pest control of both animal and plant pests. This response was circulated to PRA members via email. PRA has been added to the Parks stakeholder database so we should receive future park updates and be informed when Belmont master planning is about to start.

### **PCC Speed Limits Consultation**

Porirua City Council is currently consulting on changes to some speed limits within the city. This includes the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 30 kph through Pāuatahanui Village. The information has been circulated to residents via email. PRA has decided not to do a submission.

Note: Between the time of the meeting and the printing of the minutes the Committee reconsidered the decision on making a submission. A submission in support was made, based on the recommendation within the Pāuatahanui Future Focus consultation, that the speed limit within the Village be reduced to 30 kph.

## **7. Group Reports**

### **Public Burial Ground**

Micky reported that there have been two working bees which have gone well and the Burial Ground is looking good.

### **Pest Free Pāuatahanui**

Jo tabled her report on Pest Free Pāuatahanui as appended to these minutes. The number of successful kills each month are now shown on the PFP Facebook page. Residents with traps are being encouraged to report these to PFP so that they can be entered on TrapNZ.

Pest animals along Transmission Gully - Jo asked Chris whether Greater Wellington are putting traps alongside Transmission Gully. Currently there are no ferrets known to be in the Pāuatahanui area but they have been found at Whareroa Farm just north of TG. The concern is that the TG corridor gives ferrets an ideal path south into the PFP area. Chris will look into this.

### **Freshwater Catchment Community**

Together with Pest Free Pāuatahanui, the Freshwater Catchment Community will be holding a workshop in August on managing pest animals and pest plants. To

help make the workshop most relevant a survey has been set up with the link sent to residents via email and Facebook.

### **Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group**

Diane represented PRA at the first meeting of the Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group (CLG) held on 22 May. The keys purposes of the Community Liaison Group are to have effective engagement with the quarry operators on an on-going and regular basis about matters associated with the quarrying operations: to promote the flow of information between the local community and the quarry operators so as to, wherever possible, address any issues that may arise; to discuss the results of monitoring and any matters that may arise as a result of the monitoring; and to discuss any feedback on effectiveness of management plans and conditions. The Community Liaison Group does not have a role in regard to any complaints made about the quarry operations as these need to be addressed to and by the quarry operators or the Councils (Porirua City Council and/or Greater Wellington Regional Council) as the consenting authorities.

The first meeting outlined the role of the group and presented information on the work completed to date as well as the next planned activities. Fulton Hogan, the quarry operator, is working towards setting up a website that is likely to contain the CLG minutes, complaints lodging and acknowledgement, management plans, blasting dates and monitoring results.

## **8. General Business**

### **Wellington Region Emergency Management Office**

Anna has been in touch with the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO). The Pāuatahanui Emergency Hub Guide was developed in 2017 and is due to be reviewed some time after August. Meanwhile someone from WREMO is happy to come and talk to the community about emergency preparedness. It was suggested that this may be a good topic for a guest speaker at the AGM.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The date for the Annual General Meeting has been set for 7.30pm Tuesday 18 July at Judgeford Golf Club.

The Committee is keen to find out if there are members of the community interested in joining the Committee.

## **9. Correspondence**

The following correspondence was **noted**

### **Correspondence - Inwards**

10/05	Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – PRA meeting attendance
12/05	Peter Walsh, National Quarries Manager, Fulton Hogan – Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison meeting
15/05	Justin Wong, Stuff reporter – PCC Annual Plan
15/05	PCC Road Safety – Speed Management Plan
16/05	Jimmy Young, Parks Manager, GW – Belmont Regional Park
18/05	Donald Love – SH58 Road closures
19/05	Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi – SH58 Road closures
21/05	Porirua Harbour Trust – Belmont Regional Park
22/05	Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully Project – SH58 Road closures
23/05	John Spence, Chairperson, Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group – CLG Minutes
24/05	Deanne Smylie, Ngahere Korowai Coordinator - Newsletter

24/05 Customer Services, Wellington Electricity – Planned outages  
 26/05 Wellington Heritage – Wellington Heritage Week  
 29/05 Nickola Loodin – Community Resilience & Recovery, Wellington Regional  
 Emergency Management Office  
 30/05 Andrew Frazer – Progress on culvert at 6 Paekakariki Hill Road  
 1/06 Darrell Statham, Manager Transportation, PCC – SH58 Safety upgrade  
 1/06 Porirua Locality Prototype Programme  
 1/06 Jane Gurr, Transport Project Coordinator, PCC – Traffic counts for  
 Moonshine Road  
 1/06 Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi – SH 58 Safety Upgrade update  
 2/06 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully  
 Project – Noise report  
 2/06 Customer Services, Wellington Electricity – Planned outages

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

Total emails inwards 167

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### **Correspondence - Outwards**

10/05 Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – PRA meeting attendance  
 12/05 PCC Submission on Annual Plan 2023-24  
 15/05 Justin Wong, Stuff reporter – PCC Annual Plan  
 18/05 Customer Services, Wellington Electricity – Planned outages  
 19/05 Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi – SH58 Road closures  
 19/05 Crs Trlin & Waddle – AGM topics  
 20/05 Barbara Becker, Stakeholder & Communications Manager, Downer –  
 SH58 Weekend close  
 22/05 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully  
 Project – SH58 Road closures  
 22/05 Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi – Lanes Flat  
 27/05 Customer Services, Wellington Electricity – Planned outages  
 28/05 John Spence, Chairperson, Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group  
 – Noise reports  
 28/05 Joel Rowan & Ulvi Salayev, Waka Kotahi – SH 58 Safety Upgrade update  
 1/06 Darrell Statham, Manager Transportation, PCC – SH58 Safety upgrade  
 1/06 Joel Rowan, Waka Kotahi – SH 58 Safety Upgrade update  
 2/06 Darren Utting, Manager Stakeholder Approvals, Transmission Gully  
 Project – Noise report  
 2/06 Wellington Electricity – Planned outages

May Minutes

PCC Annual Plan communications  
 PCC - Roading notices  
 Belmont Regional Park  
 PCC Road Safety - Speed Management Plan  
 Transmission Gully Project – Noise report  
 Pest Animal & Pest Plant Survey

Total emails outwards 121

**Next meeting - Annual General Meeting**  
7.30pm Tuesday 18 July Judgeford Golf Club

Next Committee meeting - To be advised

**Meeting closed at 10.00 pm**

## **Pest Free Pāuatahanui Report**

From Pest Free Pāuatahanui meetings 28/3/24 and 23/5/23 and Pest Free Porirua 4/5/23

Next meeting 25/7/23 at Jo's (or offers to host) 7.30pm – TrapNZ training session from Alistair

Traps left - LRT 7, Doc200 4

4 doc200 out in April, all to Paekakariki Hill Rd  
1 long rat tunnel out May

1 enquiry regarding poisoning rats and mice (pet friendly) - mousex, ratx and ratrid 100% biodegradable, no harmful synthetic chemicals, safe for farms, pet safe, ecoclearproducts  
1 enquiry regarding rat killing - update to Facebook re drowning being illegal and inhumane

Catch reports restarted (thanks Shona) 39 mice, 14 rats, 2 possums, 1 rabbit, 1 hedgehog  
May - to come

-need more traps- enquired from GWRC price for 10 doc200 mechanisms & ordered 10 xBT200 ss  
Karyn and Ruth have kindly agreed to make the boxes and put together the traps- Jo to pick up mechanisms and pass on to Karyn

-Almost finished helping GOPI with their project- 1 landowner left to contact

-Ron Stevens (thanks) has done and continues with the gps and entering to TrapNZ for the traps at Morgans Golf Course  
- once that is done we can add the catches. This is a big job and remains a wip. Morgans Golf Course is doing amazing work with their pest free

-Rural Living Pāuatahanui (thanks Hayley) has agreed to act as drop off point for traps (need sign, traps, permission form [Rebecca is working on this] and video [will temporarily load Doc one to Fb])

-have arranged to lend my sign stand to PFP - working with Creative Mouse (thanks Nick) on sign

-attended pf Porirua group meeting and completed 7 actions from there

- requested info from Ventia about traps to prevent ferrets moving south along TG from Kapiti (one caught at Whareroa)

-completed the application for the public to donate traps to our group, approved  
- [giveatrap.org.nz](http://giveatrap.org.nz) choose pest free pauatahanui - how do we get this out there? already posted to fb

- requested info regarding Pindone and its safety for hawks, dogs and cats. It is no good as residual poison can kill any animal eating the leftovers, followed up with fumigation- product Magtoxin, a bit fiddly but good as rabbits die in burrow so no residual problem. Jo to get in touch and see if this is sold at Rural Living. However general consensus of committee is rabbits don't kill our wildlife so less of an issue and killing them may encourage stoats to feed on native species. Also not part of Pest Free 2050 so not a priority.

- relooking at Pest Free2050, it is mustelids (stoat, ferret and weasel), rats (ship, Norway and kiore) and possums that are our targets.

- bagged up and froze processed rabbit for stoat trappers having no luck- get in touch if you need it

- Jo Stokes to undertake our articles for fb page - pest of the month and traps info.

-great response from GWRC regarding Belmont Regional Park. We have been added as stakeholders so should receive regular updates as they work to "restoring healthy ecosystems for the benefit of nature and people"



Jobs left from previous meeting not discussed this time

- contacting our trap holders (Judy and Jo to work on)
- Jo to follow up with Judgeford Golf Club catches

Ideas for the future-

- joint workshop with Freshwater Catchment, bird count day, prizes for trappers, qr code for 'give a trap' at local businesses