

# MINUTES OF PĀUATAHANUI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Date of meeting: 7 March 2023

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Time: 7.30pm

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Venue: 21 Paekakariki Hill Road (Anna's home)

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Members Present: Ken McAdam [Chairperson]  
Diane Strugnell [Secretary]  
Anna Dellow  
Karyn Hebert  
Laurie Watkins  
Micky Reilly (until 8.15pm)  
Ian Kearney  
Richard Bourne

Apologies: Jo Cross [Treasurer]

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In Attendance: Cr Josh Trlin (until 8.45pm)

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## Items

### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

### 2. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, held on 14 February 2023, were **moved** by Laurie and **seconded** by Micky.

### 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

Diane presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Jo:

PRA \$4540.45

includes PRA \$3263.25, Pest Free \$477.35 & Freshwater Catchment  
\$799.85

History A/c \$9589.42

History Term Deposit \$11743.17

Transactions

PRA

Income

Subscriptions \$40.00

Traps \$80.00

Interest income \$6.63

Expenses  
\$10 Bank fee

History A/c  
Book sales \$84.50  
Interest Income \$14.28

**Moved by:** Diane **Seconded:** Karyn

## 5. Councillor Report

Josh reported on the Village Planning Review and where this sits in relation to the wider Council considerations. A decision on the future of the Village Planning Programme was due to be made by Council at a Council meeting on 16 February. Councillors had attended workshops on the Village Planning Review and were wanting some changes including more active project planning with Council as well as more community groups able to access the funding. Councillors considered that the paper prepared for the 16 February meeting did not fully reflect their position on Village Planning and the decision was made to "leave the report on the table" to be considered in line with the long term plan 2024-2054."

The topic of Village Planning led Josh to outline the challenges facing Council in the current economic environment. Council is experiencing significant cost increases and needs to balance the Council's level of debt, the cost of rates to residents and the levels of service Council needs to provide. There would need to be a significant rates rise if Council is to follow what was proposed in the 2021-2051 Long Term Plan. Council will therefore be reconsulting on the Annual Plan before making further decisions on spending, such as Village Planning. Josh also noted that this is a property revaluation year so properties that have risen in value by more or less than the average increase in Porirua will see a proportional impact on their rates. PRA will be working actively with Council to engage residents in any consultations on the Annual Plan.

Josh also took note of the concerns expressed by the Committee with regard to the condition of the culverts in the Village .

Representing Council he was also asked

- if PCC has received any information on the monitoring of noise levels from Transmission Gully as monitoring of compliance with noise designation conditions is PCC's responsibility.
- if, on noting the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle in some parts of the country, PCC was undertaking any review of disaster management plans

## 6. Village Planning

### Village Planning Review

This was discussed within Councillor Report noted above.

### Public Toilets

Jo reported that she has checked on the maintenance that has been done at the public toilets and these are now in a much better state. Fixing the path is still to be completed.

### **Disability Parking**

A request has been made to Council to consider a disability park near the public toilets. Council has advised that this will be considered as part of their citywide review of disability parks.

### **Burial Ground Path**

Ken has discussed with Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi, regarding the path that used to lead up to the Public Burial Ground but which was compromised by the roadside bank being cut back by Waka Kotahi some years ago. It was noted that although the Burial ground is currently accessed off the St Albans Church drive, the path is the legal access to the Burial Ground and is clearly shown in old photos. Waka Kotahi has formally passed responsibility for this section of the road to Porirua City Council so Ken is now arranging a meeting with PCC officers from the Parks and Road Transport departments.

## **7. Topical issues**

### **Village Culverts**

Following the Committee meeting in February PRA wrote to the Mayor and Pauatahanui Ward Councillors asking Council to repair the culverts as a matter of urgency. A response was received from Wendy Walker, PCC Chief Executive, on 24 February and PRA has also received a copy of correspondence between Andrew Frazer and Council. In considering the response received by PRA, the Committee agreed to again write to the Mayor and Council stressing that

- there is significant concern within the wider community over the state of the culvert outside 6 Paekakariki Hill Road,
- it is "time sensitive"
- it is seen as a Health & Safety issue that PCC needs to address with urgency

### **SH58 Safety Upgrade**

Diane attended a meeting on 23 February with Barbara Becker, Stakeholder & Communications Manager, Downer. Downer have the contract for the next section of works from Harris Road to east of Moonshine Road and Barbara will providing information updates for the community as the work progresses.

PRA has received an email from Donald Love asking if PRA was aware of anyone doing an Official Information Act request related to the SH58 safety upgrade "on the extent of departure from the Austroads guidelines including the safety audit requirement." The email also noted concerns over access for emergency service vehicles given the width of the road as planned. The Committee is not aware of anyone doing an OIA request on this matter.

The Committee noted that the SH58 upgrade is being done through Crown funding and not through the National Land Transport Fund. Porirua City Council has expressed some concerns regarding aspects of the design. However, whilst the Council can set designation conditions, these are recommendations only and it is up to Waka Kotahi whether or not these are adopted. As noted in the minutes from the meeting PRA had with Waka Kotahi and PCC, 22 September 2022, the Crown funding is "time sensitive" and anything that extends the project beyond the current time frame could mean that the whole project may not go ahead.

### **Forestry**

The Committee noted the concerns raised by residents, and highlighted by the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle, regarding the potential impacts of forest harvesting.

Chris Kirk-Burnnand, Greater Wellington Regional Councillor, has offered to attend a committee meeting to discuss the communications he has received regarding the forestry, particularly related to the logging at Greater Wellington's Battle Hill Farm Forest Park. A date for him to attend a Committee meeting has not yet been set.

Dougal Morrison, a former Pāuatahanui resident and on the Executive for NZ Farm Forestry Association, has contacted PRA with an offer to convene a meeting with representatives of the logging industry for residents as an opportunity to learn more about forestry practices. The Committee noted that a community meeting was held on 1 December 2022 at Battle Hill with representatives of Greater Wellington and the logging company, Forest 360. This provided an opportunity for residents to learn about the forestry operation. Whilst it was noted that Cyclone Gabrielle has increased awareness of potential negative impacts of forest harvesting, the Committee agreed that the logging company should be given time to demonstrate 'best practice' before a further information session is considered.

## **8. Group Reports**

### **Public Burial Ground**

Anna noted that the next meeting for the Friends of the Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground is scheduled for 28 March.

### **Pest Free Pāuatahanui**

Jo has noted that all the traps are now entered onto TrapNZ and she has started work on adding all the old data of catches - very slow work. A meeting has been arranged for the Pest Free Pāuatahanui group on 28th March

### **Freshwater Catchment Community**

Diane reported that the arrival of the dung beetles for the Greater Wellington funded project is imminent. The application to be involved in an eDNA project has been submitted.

## **9. General Business**

### **WREMO**

Anna noted that it is some time since PRA was involved in the development of the disaster management plan for Pāuatahanui undertaken by Wellington Region Emergency Management Office - WREMO and coordinated by Andrew Frazer. The impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle on some parts of the country have highlighted the need for disaster preparedness. Anna will follow up on the status of the Pāuatahanui plan.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The timing for the next AGM is still to be determined.

## 10. Correspondence

The following correspondence was **noted**

### Correspondence - Inwards

- 15/02 Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – Meeting attendance
- 16/02 Sandra Stevenson, Preserve Belmont Farm Park – Belmont Regional Park
- 16/02 Laurel Rietveld, Customer resolutions Coordinator, Wellington Electricity – Communications
- 17/02 Barbara Becker, Stakeholder & Communications Manager, Downer – SH58
- 17/02 Mayor Baker, PCC – Failing Culverts in Village
- 17/02 Megan Krishnan, PCC Senior Advisor Partnerships – Village Planning review Update
- 21/02 Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – Forestry
- 24/02 Craig Nicholson, Waka Kotahi – reinstatement of Burial Ground pathway
- 24/02 Wendy Walker, Chief Executive, PCC - Failing Culverts in Village
- 24/02 Jeanne Thomson – Future of Battle Hill Forestry
- 25/02 Donald Love – Logging meeting with GWRC
- 26/02 Sean Nixon – Future Battle Hill Forestry
- 28/02 Deanne Smylie, Ngahere Korowai Coordinator, Wesley Community Action – Belmont Hills Nursery Business Plan
- 28/02 Te Wahi Tiaki Tatou – Porirua Locality Prototype Programme
- 01/03 Jack Marshall, Manager Democratic Services, PCC – Proposed District Plan Hearing Stream 7
- 01/03 Heather Mason, BHFFP Ranger – Puketiro Loop Logging
- 01/03 Claire Giblin, PCC Customer Liaison, Transport – Overnight works on Paekakariki Hill Road
- 04/03 Peter Applegarth – Belmont Regional Farm Park
- 06/03 Andrew Frazer – Failing Culverts in Village
- 07/03 Donald Love – SH58 Safety Concerns

PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents

### Correspondence - Outwards

- 15/02 Paul Nation, Manager, Willowbank Farm – Community Liaison Group
- 16/02 Mayor Baker & Ward Councillors, PCC – Failing Culverts in Village
- 20/02 Chris Kirk-Burnnand, GW Councillor – Forestry
- 24/02 Jeanne Thomson – Future of Battle Hill Forestry
- 25/02 Donald Love – Logging meeting with GWRC
- 05/03 Peter Applegarth – Belmont Regional Farm Park

February Minutes  
BHFFP Puketiro Loop Logging  
Overnight works on Paekakariki Hill Road

### Next meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 4 April 350 Flightys Road (Karyn's home)

**Meeting closed at 9.35 pm**