Pāuatahanui Residents Association Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting: 4 June 2024

Time: 7.30pm

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

Present Ken McAdam [Chairperson]

Diane Strugnell [Secretary]

Anna Dellow Laurie Watkins

Apologies Jo Cross [Treasurer]

Micky Reilly

Stephanie Manning Richard Bourne Cr Josh Trlin

In Attendance Cr Nathan Waddle

Item	Minutes	
1. Welcome	Ken welcomed attendees to the meeting.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were noted	
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 7 May 2024 are a true and correct record.	
	Moved: Anna Seconded: Laurie Carried	
4. Matters Arising	It was agreed that all matters and action items arising would be addressed within the agenda.	
5. Treasurer's Report	In Jo's absence there was no Treasurer's report but a brief accounts update was tabled.	
	PRA General a/c \$5665.50 History a/c \$9440.98 History term deposit \$12,371.99 Transactions PRA a/c Income Interest \$11.31 Subs \$260.00 Traps \$200.00	

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	Expenses
	Bank fees \$10
	Pest Free traps \$565.57
	History a/c
	Book sale \$65
	Interest income \$ 19.60
C Taurian Hanna	

6. Topical Issues

Long Term Plan - LTP

Anna and Diane attended the Long Term Plan 2024-34 hearings on Tuesday 14 May and presented PRA's oral submission. Deliberations on the LTP will be held by Council on Thursday 6 June.

Village Maintenance

Anna has followed up with Bill Inge, PCC, regarding the wording being corrected on the History Trail sign outside Taylor Stace Cottage. The sign is being redone and will be replaced along with some others which have degraded over time.

State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade

There has still been no official notice regarding the awarding of the contract for the next section of the SH58 upgrade although it was noted that Downers are going ahead with works at the Flightys Road intersection with SH58. This has included moving the school bus stop. Some concern has been expressed by Flightys Road residents over the proximity of the proposed roundabout to the single lane bridge as well as the poor visibility when approaching the bridge caused by trees in the vicinity. PRA has forwarded these concerns on and is waiting for a response.

Transmission Gully

The state of the road through the Village has again been the topic of a recent discussion between PCC Transport and Village Planning Liaison. Remediation of local roads including Paekakariki Hill Road through the Village is something that PCC has been pushing NZTA to resolve under the consenting conditions for Transmission Gully. Council has noted that it would assist Council if PRA could also email NZTA about the lack of reinstatement following TG's construction. It was agreed that PRA would write to NZTA regarding reinstatement of the local roads including through the Village, Paekakariki Hill Road and Flightys Road.

7. Reports

Public Burial Ground

Micky's report on the Public Burial Ground was tabled, as follows

The PCC's maintenance continues at a good standard and all is well. We have removed 1x rose as it was not doing well and will potentially take another one out soon for the same reason. Drainage issues have not been as bad thus far (underground water is causing the ground and concrete works to slump across the middle of the PBG, a board & safety cones placed as a warning). There is a management meeting with PCC on Friday next.

Pest Free Pāuatahanui

Minutes from the Pest Free Pāuatahanui meeting held on 15 May were received from Jo and are attached to the minutes.

Item

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Water Catchment Community

An information evening was held on Monday 27 May when the results of the eDNA sampling done on the Pāuatahanui Stream and its tributaries were presented by Mountains to Sea Wellington.

Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group

Nothing to report.

WREMO

Laurie and Anna met with Whetū Bennett, Wellington Region Emergency Management Office on 14 May to have a preliminary discussion prior to a community-based meeting which WREMO want to hold to review the Pāuatahanui Community Emergency Hub Guide. There was discussion around how the Emergency Hub, which is based at the school, would actually function in the event of a major event such as a flood or earthquake. It was agreed that the emergency hub at the school was likely to serve the Village community while the needs of those further from the Village were more likely to centre around specific road groups. It was also agreed that if a community meeting is to be held, WREMO should be provided with a prior list of questions so that any presentation or discussion is relevant to our rural community.

8. General Business

Annual General Meeting

The date of Tuesday 13 August was set for the Annual General Meeting. The possibility of having WREMO as the guest speaker was discussed and it was agreed that a decision on this would be made following Anna and Laurie's next meeting with Whetu. It was noted that the Committee already has one vacancy and at least one member will be standing down at the AGM. It was also noted that it would be good to have some "fresh blood" so we would like residents to consider joining the Committee.

Pareraho Forest/Speedys Reserve Matariki Event

The Pareraho Forest/Speedys Reserve is an area of native forest bordering Belmont Regional Park at the top of Belmont and Kelson in Lower Hutt. The Pareraho Forest Group is climbing Boulder Hill very early on 30 June for their annual Matariki walk. They have suggested that members of the Pāuatahanui community may wish to walk up from the Pāuatahanui side to join them.

Kiwi Rail Wellington Projects

Kiwi Rail has contacted PRA as one of the residents associations in their rail 'catchment' area to see if we are interested in joining their mailing list for updates on Kiwi Rail projects in the Wellington area. It was agreed that updates were less relevant within Pāuatahanui and that any local rail users were likely to get updates through sources other than PRA.

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted

SH 58 Safety upgrade including changes to Flightys-Murphys Road school bus stop Long Term Plan 2023-24 submission
Pareraho Forest Group - Matariki event
Kiwi Rail - Wellington project updates
PCC - Operating costs grant, roading
PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents

Item	Minutes
	To Community May Minutes SH58 Safety upgrade - changes to Flightys-Murphys Road school bus stop eDNA sampling evening
	Total emails inwards 52 Total emails outwards 32

10. Meeting Close 8.49pm

11. Next Meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 2 July 2024

21 Paekakariki Hill Road (Anna's home)

Approved by: Ken McAdam

Chairperson,

Pāuatahanui Residents Association Management Committee

Minutes from Pest Free Pāuatahanui meeting 15 May 2024

Present: Jo Cross, Shona Cooling, Ron Stevens, Donald Love, Diane Strugnell **Apology:** Heather Phillips

- 1) Village project The project delivering traps within the Village has finished and a report was sent to the funders with a positive response
- 2) Newsletter to go to community (hard copy) decided to finish flyer and combine with newsletter
- 3) Pest free Porirua we have received 20 x doc200 funded. Discussion regarding Predator Free rebrand- not keen as a) not all our pests are predators (rabbits, deer pigs, wasps, hares etc) b) a loss of community feel and buy in c) incorrect perception that we will have funds which we don't d) trying to make a 1 size fits all when we are quite different due to our rural status and private land only approach e) loss of distinction between group e.g coloured logos f) prefer to be affiliated or associated if the change is made by the other groups
- 4) TradeMe grant missed out
- 5) Flyer currently with Diane for review. I will email a copy to everyone for review and thoughts
- 6) Bait station/ SNA project lots of discussion. Decided to do a Survey Monkey when Jo returns to establish if residents are even interested. Jo to ask Dave Stone at PCC about protocols for poisons on private property (why are they even required?). Also consider doing possums and / or rats. Look into the science of numbers of pests in SNAs as opposed to around homes/buildings.
- 7) Check on weeds at school and St Albans to be done by Ron in school holidays
- 8) Possum master traps \$50 each, 9 left to be put on FB for sale once Jo returns. Jo to scan Possum Master flyer and send to committee.
- 9) Creation of videos for other traps modified victor, victor, bait stations
- 10) Current stats 346 traps 2 bait stations
 Catches rats 382, stoats 94, possums 70, hedgehog 68, other 1205 total 1819 at 15/5/24
 Traps available for sale 4 x Doc200, 9 x Possum master
 Traps available for hire 24 long rat tunnels, 20 Doc200
 For school 2 long rat tunnels