

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting



**Date of meeting:** 5 March 2024

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** 218 Flightys Road (Laurie's Home)

**Present**

Jo Cross [Acting Chairperson]  
Diane Strugnell [Secretary]  
Anna Dellow  
Stephanie Manning  
Laurie Watkins

**Apologies:**

Richard Bourne  
Micky Reilly  
Ken McAdam

**In attendance:** Cr Josh Trlin

Item	Minutes
1. Welcome	Jo welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Apologies	The apologies were accepted
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	<b>Motion:</b> That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024 are a true and correct record. <b>Moved:</b> Laurie <b>Seconded:</b> Steph <b>Carried</b>
4. Matters Arising	It was agreed that all matters and action items arising would be addressed within the agenda.
5. Treasurer's Report	Jo tabled the Treasurer's report.  PRA General a/c \$4844.51 includes- PRA \$3046.01 Pest Free \$998.65 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85,  History a/c \$9253.30 History term deposit \$12,199.53

## Transactions

### PRA a/c

#### Income

Pest Free traps \$50

Donation \$100

Interest \$9.55

#### Expenses

Bank fees \$10

Contribution to Freshwater eDNA project \$200

### History a/c

Interest income \$18.07

#### Expense

\$52 Postbags for book sales

## 6. Topical Issues

### **State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade**

PRA has received an update on the State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade from Downers and Waka Kotahi.

#### **Harris-to-Moonshine**

- the median barrier can only be done once the final surfacing is complete. At this stage, the median barrier probably won't go in until after the Moonshine Roundabout is complete and 'hit sticks' will be used in the meantime.
- they are aiming for April/May for doing the final surfacing layers
- if this is not possible, it is likely that, subject a road safety audit, the road will be opened to 80kph with hit sticks until such time as the final surfacing and barrier can be completed
- subject to the road safety audit, it is possible that the passing lane could be operational with hit sticks instead of the wire rope barrier as a temporary measure

#### **Moonshine-to-Transmission Gully**

- Downers has the contract to do the bridge widening that is currently underway. The bridge works have been advanced, allowing some works to be completed now prior to resource consent conditions restricting work in the stream.
- the contract for the full works has yet to be finalised. Until these are done, it is not possible to provide any detail on the timing or works plans.
- as soon as the contract is awarded, a community open day will be held so that residents can view the plans, ask questions etc

#### **Speed limits**

- from Monday 11 March there will be a change to the speed limits along the road
  - TG to approx. 150m West of Mulhern Road - 50kph
  - Mulhern Rd to Moonshine Rd - 80kph
  - Moonshine Rd to Harris Rd 50kph - possibly after Easter up to 80kph, or following asphalt works
  - Harris Rd to SH2 - 80kph

#### In response to **community questions/concerns**

- will it be a passing lane or a slow vehicle lane in the Moonshine-Harris section?

A passing lane will be reinstated prior to the final surfacing. It is likely that this will remain.

- presumably there have been no changes to the plans for the school buses at both roundabouts

No changes to what was included in the consenting documents i.e. bus bays at Moonshine and a new separate facility at Flightys.

- what provisions will be in place for students using school buses in the vicinity of roadworks especially when the two roundabouts are being constructed

Bus stops will be provided during construction at both Flightys and Moonshine. The position of these may change due to construction and temporary traffic management arrangements.

- there appears to be a very short distance at the Flightys Road roundabout between the roundabout exit and the give way for the single lane bridge. Has this been addressed from a safety perspective?

Yes

- until all the work is complete there are concerns if the quarry right-turn lane for traffic heading eastwards was to be stopped before the Moonshine roundabout is operational as this would send trucks to turn at Moonshine making the Moonshine intersection more challenging than it already is.

The programme has the Moonshine roundabout functional prior to wire rope barrier works that would cut off the Willowbank entrance. Therefore, Willowbank will remain available as a right turn in a 50km/h speed restriction up to the commissioning of Moonshine Roundabout.

#### **Transmission Gully**

Nothing to report

#### **Proposed District Plan**

PRA has received notices of appeal to the Environment Court for the Proposed District Plan.

These include

- Judgeford Golf Club seeking that the Future Urban Zoning is removed from the Golf Club land so that it continues to be managed as part of the Rural Zone
- Forest & Bird seeking stricter policies and rules related to Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and biodiversity
- Spark, OneNZ, Chorus, Connexa & FortySouth appealing against Forest & Bird's appeal
- Transpower appealing against parts of the plan that affect its operation of the National Grid

#### **Long Term Plan - LTP**

Josh presented some information on the 2024-34 Long Term Plan (LTP) which is currently being prepared by Council

- LTPs are reviewed every 3 years
- this LTP will cover the next 10 years, that is, 2024-2034
- it will be out in draft for consultation 26 March - 26 April followed by hearings mid-May and will be finalised at a Council meeting in early June
- Council will be holding meetings/opportunities for people to discuss and ask questions
- the LTP includes the proposal for a 17.5% rates rise for the next financial year (this is the bad news)
- it forecasts a 7.95% rates rise averaged over the period of the LTP that is the next 10 years
- the rural differential remains "as is" i.e. 0.8 for properties <50ha and 0.7 for properties >50ha (this is the good news)

## 7. Reports

### **Rates Differential & What is rural?**

In the Rates Review documentation last November, there was reference to the fact that the rural differential for lifestyle blocks could be removed. This made it a possibility under the LTP and PRA decided to gather information from residents on the rural perspective beginning with a clear definition of what residents consider it means to be "rural". A SurveyMonkey was sent to residents asking whether they thought the rural differential for lifestyle blocks should be retained and asking residents to describe some of the differences between rural and urban that would underlie the need to retain the rural differential. As at the time of the Committee meeting 105 responses had been received.

Following discussion on the LTP it was apparent that, in the immediate future, the rural differential will remain in place. The Committee noted the valuable insights and information gained through the survey and that, even if not needed immediately, the information will make a valuable contribution to any discussion with Council on rural rates. The data gathered will be collated and shared with residents.

### **Natural Resources Plan - Plan Change 1**

PRA submitted on Plan Change 1 of Greater Wellington's Natural Resources Plan. The period for Further Submissions is still open until 8 March. Diane has reviewed the submissions on behalf of PRA. It was agreed that PRA will not make a further submission but will still present an oral submission on behalf of residents at the Plan Change hearing.

### **Public Burial Ground**

Micky reported that the Burial Ground is looking pretty good. There was a working bee in early February and they expect to hold another at the end of this month to deal with some overgrowth. PCC has been keeping up with the weeding and mowing. Rosemary and Micky will be doing an assessment of the burial ground next week to plan ahead. Anna noted that Daniel Chrisp, PCC, has contacted the Friends of the Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground to arrange their next meeting.

### **Pest Free Pāuatahanui**

Jo tabled a Pest Free update, as attached.

### **Water Catchment Community**

Diane shared with the Committee the draft reports on the eDNA sampling carried out on the Pāuatahanui Stream and tributaries in November. Once finalised these will be shared with residents via email and Facebook. It is then intended to hold an information evening in May to present the results, especially related to the fish species present in the local streams. It is nearly a year since the first colonies of dung beetles were released and Diane is due to begin the monitoring for these as well as releasing the next species to be received from Dung Beetle Innovations.

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

Laurie will represent PRA at the next Community Liaison Group meeting to be held on 6 March.

### **WREMO**

Laurie and Anna have scheduled a meeting with Whetū Bennett, Wellington Region Emergency Management Office in April to plan for the review of the Pāuatahanui Community hub.

## 8. General Business

### **Murphys - Flightys Road Bus Stop**

Following the recent illegal removal of the bus shelter from the Murphys-Flightys Road bus stop, PRA put out a notice asking if anyone in the community knew who had stolen it. The publicity on social media led to the return of the shelter which is now waiting to be collected by Totalspan who will be refurbishing it. It will then be returned to the site for use by students until the new bus stop is developed as part of the State Highway 58 safety upgrade.

### **Graffiti in the Wildlife Reserve**

PRA was contacted by the Reserve Committee asking if graffiti has been noticed elsewhere in Pāuatahanui as there has been a bad spate of graffiti in the reserve. Steph noted that there has been some at the underpass twice recently and it was also noted that there appears to be more around the wider Porirua area as well.

### **Village Maintenance**

Anna noted that some areas around the Village are looking shabby and in need of a tidy up. This includes the garden behind the bus bay which has become sadly neglected. It used to be maintained by Potty Planters which no longer meets and as the garden is on school grounds, it is the school's responsibility rather than Council's to maintain. Anna will raise this with the school Principal. Damage to the bollards and other maintenance that falls within Council responsibility can be reported through Antenno or to Council via email or phone.

### **History Trail Signs**

Steph reported that the information plaque on the History Trail sign outside Taylor Stace Cottage has become detached from its plinth. She also asked if the wording could be changed, noting that it makes reference to the "current owners" which, although accurate at the moment, should use names to ensure that it remains accurate over time. The Committee agreed to the suggested revision and Anna will approach Bill Inge to see if the wording can be changed and, if so, whether Council will pay for the sign to be redone.

### **Guidelines for notices & information sharing**

Diane asked for guidelines on information that can be shared through the PRA email database and Facebook posts. Recent requests have included St Joseph's Church, St Theresa's School and Plimmerton Croquet Club. The Committee agreed that

- PRA would share notices for activities that take place in Pāuatahanui for the benefit of the community
- the relevant information needs to be received in time for it to be reviewed and minuted at a Committee meeting
- the information will then be included in the email accompanying the minutes

## 9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted

PCC Proposed District Plan  
Proposed District Plan appeals to Environment Court - Forest & Bird, John Carrad,  
Judgeford Golf Club, Transpower, Spark, OneNZ & Chorus  
Greater Wellington Plan Change 1  
Murphys Road Bus Stop  
SH 58 Safety upgrade  
Ventia/Transpower - Helicopter operations  
Murphys Road & Jones Deviation roadworks  
Wellington Region Emergency Management Office  
PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents  
Claire Giblin, PCC Customer Liaison, Transport – Road

**To Community**

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Survey monkey

Rural road spraying

Murphys Road Bus Stop

Ventia/Transpower - Helicopter operations

Murphys Road & Jones Deviation roadworks

Total emails inwards 118

Total emails outwards 65

**10. Meeting Close** 10.00pm

**11. Next Meeting** 7.30pm 9 April 2024  
483 Paekakariki Hill Road (Jo's home)

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

## Pest Free Pāuatahanui Update

1) To finish up Lamb and Calf November :

Traps were distributed to a lot of places. 👍😊

Pauatahanui 3, Whitby 5, Tawa 1, Paremata 1, Newlands 3, Moore's Valley 1, Eastbourne 1, Raumati 3, Pukerua Bay 3, Aotea 3, Upper Hutt 2, Churton Park 2, Cambourne 1, Mana 1, Tītahi Bay 3, Paraparaumu 2, Porirua 2

Help was received from Pest Free Whitby, Plimmerton, Mana/ Cambourne

I made a template for making long rat tunnels ( rat bags)

It went so well, thinking might have to do again next year!!

2) Give a trap

I did the quarterly update thanking donors for the gifts of: 3 doc200 mechanisms, 1

trapinator, 1 full box Doc200 and 2 more are on there way 😊

3) Capital kiwi talk 1/2/24

Organised and marketed- a harder sell than I expected 😞 will update on this after its been

4) Quiz

Started organising- 20 teams of 6. Prizes, raffles, seat prizes, Judgeford Golf Course March but after the hard sell for the kiwi talk and the closeness in date I felt I couldn't face another evening so quickly and have cancelled it.

5) Village project

Wrote & delivered flyer to initiate project

Made up corflute tunnels and put together bits needed

Added video to Facebook on how to set the modified victor trap

Currently delivering traps

6) Followed up with Trapscan and Trapnz, this appears to be an issue between the 2 developers so it's on hold until we see what happens

7) Sorted and tidied all the records for the group from inception (ready to handover!!)

8) Scrapbook- making a scrapbook of Pest Free from beginning ready for handover!!

9) Grant - final details and report to be completed as soon as traps delivered

10) Made a Wishlist for 2024- ideas of activities/ actions

11) Organising doc200s for sale

12) Had a trap building day 19/11/23 with the Porirua groups, A lot of fun had with some kids attending, built 100 traps for distribution in Porirua

So much for a rest over Dec/ Jan

Jo