

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting: 7 May 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: 483 Paekakariki Hill Road (Jo's Home)

Present

Ken McAdam [Chairperson]
 Diane Strugnell [Secretary]
 Jo Cross [Treasurer]
 Anna Dellow
 Laurie Watkins
 Micky Reilly

Apologies

Stephanie Manning
 Richard Bourne

In Attendance

Cr Josh Trlin

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 9 April 2024 are a true and correct record. Moved: Jo Seconded: Anna Carried
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 \$5339.76 includes- PRA \$3526.26 Pest Free \$1013.65 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85, History a/c \$9356.38 History term deposit \$12,199.53 Transactions PRA a/c

Income
Interest \$11.16
Subs \$380.00
Traps \$15.00
Donations \$100.00 (\$20 Iorns, \$80 Morgans)

Expenses
Bank fees \$10

History a/c
Interest income \$ 20.68

Bills to pay- Jo owed for 10 Possum master traps \$391.00 and 23 Rat traps from Greater Wellington \$174.57

Update on finalised accounts - 165 history books left

6. Topical Issues

Long Term Plan - LTP

PRA made a submission to the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and will present an oral submission at the LTP hearing on Tuesday 14 May.

Village Maintenance

Following his meeting with Anna, Bill Inge, PCC, was arranging to get the wording corrected on the History Trail sign outside Taylor Stace Cottage. Anna will check to see if this has been done.

State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade

As the contract for the next section of the upgrade has not yet been confirmed, no new information is available.

Transmission Gully

No further information has been received on the work still to be done before the final sign off for the Flightys Road extension.

7. Reports

Public Burial Ground

Micky reported that care of the Public Burial Ground is going well with a good turnout of 7 volunteers at the latest working bee. The maintenance plan which is being agreed with PCC is nearly complete.

Pest Free Pāuatahanui

Jo presented a verbal update for Pest Free Pāuatahanui.

- All the Village traps have now been delivered and catches are being reported.
- PCC has provided funding for 10 Doc 200s
- Jo has now received the 10 Possum Master traps. Normally retailing at \$67 - \$80, it was agreed that PFP would sell them for \$50
- Jo updated the catch statistics entered into TrapNZ which now include 377 rats, 92 stoats, 70 possums, 67 hedgehogs and 1203 others (mostly mice, goats, rabbits) giving a total of 1809 across 346 traps and 2 bait stations
- It has been noted that Porirua, unlike Wellington or Hutt Cities, does not have a bylaw on cats. The Wellington City and Hutt City bylaws, both recently introduced, require cats to be microchipped and desexed. They also outline the process for dealing with stray cats. Jo noted that Porirua City doesn't currently have plans to introduce a

standalone cat bylaw but will consider the inclusion of cats in the Keeping of Animals Bylaw when it is reviewed later this year. It is considered that having a bylaw would help Pest Free groups in Porirua manage the trapping of feral cats.

Quentin Duthie, Greater Wellington Regional Councillor, has contacted PRA with an offer to talk about the trapping programme that is being carried out in the Belmont Regional Park area that includes some of the upper reaches of the Pāuatahanui Stream.

Water Catchment Community

The results of the eDNA sampling done on the Pāuatahanui Stream and its tributaries have been shared with residents via email and Facebook together with an invitation to attend an information evening on Monday 27 May when Mountains to Sea Wellington will give a presentation on the fish species found to be present.

Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group

Laurie reported the Community Liaison Group meeting to be held on 1 May has been deferred until July. However the CLG has been provided with an update that notes the completion of the noise bund, cut and removal of all pine trees and completion of the cement stabilisation and chip sealing of the quarry access road. The next lot of works will include installing the access road to the fill site and installing the transportable office block.

WREMO

Laurie and Anna's meeting with Whetū Bennett, Wellington Region Emergency Management Office to begin planning for the review of the Pāuatahanui Community hub, has been changed from 7 May to 14 May.

8. General Business

St Joseph's Church

Micky reported that St Joseph's church has commissioned a conservation plan. The church is a Category 1 Historic building and the conservation plan will identify work that needs to be done to maintain the building.

It is intended that St Joseph's will join Wellington Heritage Festival in October-November.

Treescape Work

Micky outlined recent work done by Treescape which has caused concern. A tree on Mulhern Road was removed at the request of Porirua City Council. However one of the landowners was not notified of the intended work and, after the tree had been removed, was left with fences and a gate missing and damage to stock yards. Any response by Treescape or the Council has been slow although a meeting has now been set up with the landowner. Micky asked if there have been similar concerns from other residents. The Committee agreed that, although this has not been an issue that has been raised before, it was a matter of concern and PRA will follow up if there is no satisfactory resolution.

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted

- SH 58 Safety upgrade including nightworks
- Long Term Plan 2023-24 submission
- North Power - Grays Road closure
- Battle Hill - Puketiro Loop closure
- Hon Barbara Edmonds MP - Kenepuru Accident & Medical After Hours survey
- Kapiti Coast District Council - Paekakariki Hill Road closure
- Wellington Electricity - Pāuatahanui Network Improvements

GOPI newsletter
PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents

To Community

April Minutes
SH58 Safety upgrade - update, nightworks
North Power - Grays Road closure
Battle Hill - Puketiro Loop closure
Kenepuru Accident & Medical After Hours survey
Paekakariki Hill Road closure
Wellington Electricity Pāuatahanui Network Improvements
eDNA sampling results

Total emails inwards 72
Total emails outwards 38

10. Meeting Close 8.36pm

11. Next Meeting 7.30pm 4 June 2024
21 Paekakariki Hill Road (Anna's home)

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