

Pauatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Pauatahanui School, Paekakariki Hill Road, Pauatahanui at 7.15 pm on Tuesday 27th August 2013. Chaired by John Mazerier [PRA Chair.]

1. Present

30 people attended, including PCC Councillors Tim Sheppard, Anita Baker, Bronwyn Kropp, & Sue Dow, Wellington Regional Councillor Barbara Donaldson, and Claire Giblin the Pauatahanui Village Planning Officer .

2. Apologies: From Jenny Brash, Nick Leggett, Anna Dellow, Rob Foley, Ray & Janet Ryan, Rob Foley, Euon Murrell, and Ken McAdam.

3. Speaker : Christine Stanley was introduced by the Chair and presented a selection of pictures to illustrate the history of the old district of Pauatahanui from pre-Maori settlement to the present day. These pictures are part of the 300 illustrations used in the production of a local history book of the old Pauatahanui area which spans modern Whitby to Paekakariki, and Haywards Hill to the beginning of Camborne. Many of them are paintings and pictures from old family collections which have not been shown publicly before. She finished by explaining that Porirua has come full circle, originally being a major stop on the main route North from Wellington to the West Coast it languished after the Coastal Route through Pukerua Bay was opened in 1939, but once again the main route North will pass by Pauatahanui with the building of the Transmission Gully Motorway. The 300 page book is currently being printed and is expected to be on sale by the end of October. Anybody wanting to register their interest in purchasing a book can do so by visiting www.pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz which also displays sample pages of the book. Christine was thanked for her presentation and presented with a bouquet.

4. 2012 AGM minutes for approval: Moved-Nicky Chapman; Seconded- Alan Gray.

5. Chair's Annual report - presented by John Mazerier.

Good evening Ladies & Gentlemen – and a special welcome to PCC and Regional Council Councillors and Officers – and to Claire Giblin, the PCC's newly appointed Village staff liaison for the village planning programme. We would also like to acknowledge the apologies received from Anna Dellow, Ken McAdam, & Rob Foley.

I have great pleasure in introducing our keynote speaker Christine Stanley, from the Pauatahanui History Group, who will provide a short history of the area using a selection of early images of Pauatahanui and Whitby region. These have been taken from a full collection of photographs collated from the soon-to-be-published history book.

I thought it appropriate to begin tonight with a repeat message from previous years - as it resonates now more than ever before...

The PRA's role as one of advocacy. It provides a voice for the local community, not all of whom are 100% in support of all of the PRA's activities. However, the PRA's role is to raise awareness of topics and issues that the broader community is either uninformed or ignorant of. This is especially relevant when some of the issues are not clearly understood or duly misrepresented. The impacts brought about by the increasing sprawl of its neighbouring suburban boundaries, and infrastructure and commercial developments impinging on our region, have a direct bearing on the character and environs upon which Pauatahanui is based – which it strives to retain.

Some of the most notable activities the PRA has been involved with over the past year which have relevance and bearing on our community include:

1. The Environment Court's decision to turn down the energy sector's appeal against our own Council's (PCC) Plan Change 7 hearing recommendations - which laid down basic requirements for local windfarm development. Thumbs up to the Council for seeing it through!
2. The proposed Transmission Gully development rumbles on – we repeat our appeal from last year that the mitigation strategies being proposed to protect the environment will be diligently enforced... and that elements of Lanes Flat do ultimately revert back to the Reserve
3. Winstones have applied for a clean landfill on Haywards Hill - this will have a direct impact on one of the more interesting stretches of roads in the district - registering concerns of road safety, impacts on lifestyle and amenity values, and on the region's ecology.
4. Many people utilise our village amenities and enjoy its environs. On behalf of the committee I would like to acknowledge Jason Harvey-Wills in his role as PCC's liaison person for his endeavours in continuing developments in support of the Village Strategic Plan prior to his departure - including the extension of the Inlet walkway – we wait with much anticipation on its eventual extension to the Village.
5. The Council commissioned consultants to complete detailed design and manage the tendering and construction of the new restricted water supply and pressure sewer system. This work is now part of PCC's 2013-14 annual programme of work as part of its commitment to addressing sewage & reticulation matters in Pauatahanui.
6. The national grid operator Transpower, looked to impose restrictions on larger slices of private land use – through active consultation an appropriate resolution was reached, the first in an acrimonious nationwide approach to their proposed development.
7. Submissions on the Council's Landscape Management Strategy confirmed that this was an issue that landowners considered important, but acknowledged the diversity of views within the Pauatahanui community.
8. The Pauatahanui History Project delivered a manuscript via our commissioned author – Helen Reilly; and this has been taken through its final edits and is entering its production print phase. We currently have pre-order interest of over 250+ books , with an initial shipment of 500 issues being made available for the October launch. If you would like to register your interest in procuring a copy – please don't hesitate in making yourself known to Christine Stanley, who is managing the History Group's order process at this time.

I must make special mention of Sharon Evans – who has continued to drive the project with great passion and professionalism – with assistance from other members of the PHG.

In recognition of the great support the History Project group has received I would like to acknowledge those organisations and people who have made it possible to get thus far. These include grants from the likes of the Mana Community Grants Foundation (\$10,000 in 2010, \$4,000 in 2011 and a further \$5,000 in 2012), the Hutt Mana Community Trust (\$2,000 in 2009), Lion Foundation \$3,000 in 2010 and a further \$3,000 in 2012, Pub Charity \$5,000, Lotteries Environment & Heritage committee \$5,000 in 2011 and a further \$5,000 to be received when the book has been printed. The Porirua Historical Association (provided a loan of \$2,000), NorthSouth GIS Limited a resident multi-national Information Technology services company based in Whitby donated effort and expense in producing maps for the book, and the PHG received many private donations. This is in addition to fund raising events featuring Sam Hunt, Sir Colin Meads and Kim Hill, and many private donations contributed close to \$20,000. This amounts to funds raised of over \$65,000.

Many thanks to all who have contributed. Further donations and/or pre-orders are still welcome – as it will assist in offsetting further promotional and shipping costs that will be incurred in time.

I wish to pass on my sincere personal thanks to Alan Gray, who is stepping down as the PRA Secretary, and the committee as a whole this term - especially so for his immense support to me and the committee over my tenure as Chair, and for Alan's passionate endeavours to progress community matters. I am pleased to say that Alan has graciously agreed to providing a degree of handover to the incoming PRA committee and Secretary in particular.

Lastly, to my colleagues on the PRA committee - thank you for your patience and unerring dedication. It's been an absolute privilege to serve with you and be associated with the positive outcomes from the endeavours we have undertaken on the community's behalf.

Thank you for your time, and on behalf of the PRA, for your attention to community matters.

John Mazenier. Chair, Pauatahanui Residents Association

7. Treasurers Report – Diane Strugnell, Treasurer: The PRA continues to administer two accounts – the general account and the history account. The general account, as the operational account, receives income from subscriptions with the addition of a \$250 contribution from Porirua City Council towards meeting costs. Most years the administration costs of postage, newsletter delivery and photocopying make up the larger part of expenditure. The big difference in the 2012-13 financial year was the contribution by PRA of \$1575 towards the legal costs associated with the Environment Court hearing on Plan Change 7 Wind farms. The success experienced by the PCC and the community in the upholding of PCC's plan change certainly validated this expenditure.

The closing balance for the general account stood at \$931.22 which is a comfortable amount to carry forward. However we would urge as many people as possible to pay their not-expensive subscriptions of \$20= per household so that PRA can continue to be effective in its role as outlined by John in his report.

The history account has continued to receive money from grants and donations towards the history book but there have not been any specific fundraising events during this financial year. Final payment was made to the book's author and payments towards the publishing costs commenced.

The closing balance for the history account was \$2238.58. Within the current financial year the full costs of publishing and printing the book are being realised. Also being realised is the true value of this book and so PRA would encourage you to spread the word in the community so that this book becomes a best seller.

Thank you, Diane Strugnell.Treasurer

The financial statement was approved: Moved: Beverley Wakem: Seconded Nicky Chapman.

6. Election of Management Committee & Chair. Mike Conroy and Kay Middleton are not seeking re-election. Mike and Kay were thanked for their contribution over the years. Rob Foley and Erica Nicholls have joined the Committee during the year. Joanne Cross has volunteered for the vacancy on the Committee, which was otherwise unanimously re-elected. John Mazenier is standing down as Chair but will continue being a member of the committee and Ken McAdam was elected as the new Chair : moved Nicky Chapman : seconded Beverley Wakem. Alan Gray is standing down as secretary and Erica Nicholls was elected as Secretary. Moved John Mazenier; seconded Alan Gray. Members of the Management Committee for 2013-14 are – Ken McAdam [Chair], , Diane Strugnell [Treasurer], Erica Nicholls [Secretary], John Mazenier, Alan Gray, Joanne Cross, Anna Dellow, Rob Foley & Nicky Chapman. A vote of thanks was proposed by Nicky Chapman and supported by the audience to John Mazenier for his work as Chair over the years .

7. General Business: A general discussion was held about how best for an organisation like PRA to communicate and liaise with such a disparate community. It is uncertain how effective monthly minutes, newsletters and public meetings are except when there is a major issue that generates widespread concern. A website is under development and a further push for a public notice board in the Village was mooted. The

Chair thanked everybody for their attendance, and the meeting concluded at 9.10 pm. Tea & Coffee were provided.

John Mazenier
Chair, Pauatahanui Residents Association