

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting:	12 August 2025
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	483 Paekākāriki Hill Road (Jo's Home)
Present	Ken McAdam [Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Jo Cross [Treasurer] Stephanie Manning Richard Bourne Pim Engels Mary Jones Lisa Dymond
In Attendance	Sam Dearsly Moirā Lawler (PCC Candidate) Claire Johnstone (GWRC Candidate) Cr Josh Trlin (8.30-9.30pm)
Apologies	Micky Reilly

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1. Welcome	Ken welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Apologies	The apology was noted.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 24 June 2025 are a true and correct record. Moved: Mary Seconded: Steph 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 presented the Treasurer's report for July. PRA General a/c \$7681.94 includes:- PRA \$6206.31 Pest Free Pāuatahanui \$675.78 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85 History a/c \$8974.41 History term deposit \$12,902.06

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6. Topical Issues	<p>Transactions PRA a/c Income Subs \$100.00 Interest \$2.60</p> <p>Expenses Bank fees \$10</p> <p>History a/c Income Book sales \$65.00 Interest income \$3.04</p> <p>LIM reports & Flood Hazard Mapping</p> <p>Mary tabled a report outlining the recent meeting with Council and the ongoing actions the Committee has been taking to address Council's use of inaccurate flood hazard maps on residents' LIM reports. These include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24 July PRA committee members met with the Mayor, PCC Chief Executive, Councillors Trlin and Waddle, Council officers and Council lawyer, Mike Wakefield from Simpson Grierson. The Chief Executive acknowledged that the Council could have more readily released information, and could have provided "better responses" to PRA's queries. - PRA has still not received a direct answer regarding whether it is the intent of Section 44A of the LGOIM Act that inaccurate information is included in LIMs. However it was our understanding from the Council lawyer that any information Council holds that is relevant should be included which could potentially include information that has been independently commissioned by a landowner. - PRA has learned that once information is included in the District Plan (such as SNAs, flood mapping, or natural hazards), it is no longer recorded on LIMs. The only opportunity to challenge such information was during the public consultation process when the Plan was first notified. PRA considers the District e-plan to be difficult to access and navigate. With the Rural Lifestyle Zone now enabling more subdivision, individual residents are increasingly affected by subdivision decisions. This makes the District Plan strategically significant for both Council and residents, and it must be well communicated and supported. <p>Although it was valuable to have this face to face meeting, PRA remains unsure of what will change regarding the accuracy of information on LIMs provided by the Council.</p> <p>Meanwhile PRA has taken the following actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - requested a meeting with Council Officers, Leonie McPhail and Helen Oram, to better understand how the current flood mapping process is incorporated into the District Plan and what criteria Council has for the inclusion of any independent reports into a LIM - responded to the reply from Hon Simon Watts, Minister for Local Government, as his response missed the point of PRA's letter. This will be copied MP Barbara Edmonds and to the Member of Parliament for the newly defined Pāuatahanui electorate, Tim Costley - followed up on the letters to the Chief Executive as there has been no response to the letters regarding the AGM Notices of Motion

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	<p>The Committee is aware that this continues to be a significant body of work for PRA to carry forward with PCC.</p> <p>Esplanade Reserves & Esplanade Strips</p> <p>The Committee discussed the ongoing concerns regarding how Council is applying the District Plan provisions for the establishment of Esplanade Reserves and Esplanade Strips in the Rural Lifestyle Zone. Further information will be sought from residents who have been affected by these provisions so that PRA can determine how best to approach this issue with Council.</p> <p>Valuations</p> <p>The Committee is aware that Quotable Value (QV) is undertaking the three-yearly valuations in this area again. Once residents receive their valuation there is a limited time within which an objection can be lodged. During the last valuations, it was noted that the value of properties in the Rural Lifestyle Zone increased significantly due to their potential for subdivision. The Committee is questioning the basis for this especially in areas where the value of a property and/or the ability to subdivide may be affected by the flood hazard mapping. As the District Plan appears to have a bearing on valuations, the way in which QV assigns a value to properties containing Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) and Esplanade Reserves was also discussed. The Committee will write to QV seeking a response to these questions.</p> <p>State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade</p> <p>The progress being made of the SH58 Safety Upgrade was noted. Both NZTA/Waka Kotahi and Downer have provided PRA with information on work that will impact residents and these have been forwarded via email and facebook.</p> <p>There were some concerns raised with the temporary changes to the Moonshine bus stops but these appear to have been resolved.</p> <p>The history panels related to the US Marines Camp at Judgeford during World War 2 were removed prior to the Moonshine bus shelter being demolished and are now with PCC. Once the design for the replacement bus shelters is finalised, the panels can be redone ready to be reinstalled.</p> <p>Transmission Gully</p> <p>Speed Limit Consultation - There has recently been consultation on raising the speed limit of Transmission Gully to 110kph. Some concerns have been expressed by residents affected by the highway traffic noise as the increase in speed is likely to lead to an increase in the noise levels. However overall support appears to favour increasing the speed limit.</p> <p>PRA recently wrote to Craig Nicholson, Principal Project Manager, NZTA, asking about the roundabouts at the interchange and the Lanes Flat area. Craig's responses are as follows:-</p> <p>Interchange Roundabouts - "Regarding the work to convert the two roundabouts at the interchange to a single dumbbell/peanut shaped island, we have received tenders for that and our tender evaluation team met today. We expect to let that contract within the next two or three weeks, and for that work to commence in September and to take about 3 weeks to complete."</p> <p>Lanes Flat - "Regarding the spoil mounds on Lanes Flat, we sent a tender package to Ventia for the removal of the mounds, back down to the original flood plain level. That material is to be transported to the old construction yard near the Mackays interchange, north of Paekākāriki.</p>

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	<p>We expect the spoil removal to commence in Spring, probably around the end of September / start of October. The spoil removal work should be largely complete before Christmas.”</p> <p>The Future of Lanes Flat - “The area is zoned “open space” in PCC’s Proposed District Plan, which would make it extremely difficult for any commercial development to occur. The whole area is still owned by the Crown/NZTA and will be for some time, while we complete the TG project works. NZTA also still has a designation in place over Lanes Flat, which enables us to use the area for state highway purposes, but the designation doesn’t enable any other party to develop the land (and it only enables us to do things that are part from our state highway functions, so we couldn’t develop a commercial warehouse (like a supermarket) and then sell the land with that building in place.</p> <p>NZTA’s maintenance and operations team is currently developing plans to use part of Lanes Flat for a regional maintenance base, which would include a building and carpark. They initially investigated using the “triangle” area where CPBHEB’s site office and carpark used to be, but the shape of that area (and the location of the Transpower transmission poles in the middle of it) made it impractical for them to use, so they are now looking at using the gravel “hard stand” area on the western side of SH58. They are still developing their plans, so I don’t have anything that I can show you, but I will forward you a plan in due course, once there is one. They will be developing a landscape/planting plan as part of their plans, but the planting beyond the boundary of their area will essentially follow the TG LUDMP plan. “</p> <p>7. Reports</p> <p>Pest Free Pāuatahanui Jo tabled a report on Pest Free Pāuatahanui activities - as attached.</p> <p>Freshwater Catchment Community Diane has now had an online meeting with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) who have now confirmed that funding will be available for the eDNA project on the Horokiri Stream. Diane has also represented the Freshwater Catchment Community at a Harbour Accord workshop on sedimentation.</p> <p>Village Community Placemaking Nothing to report</p> <p>Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group The next meeting of the Quarry Community Liaison Group has been confirmed for Monday 15 September.</p>
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>Historic Painting All the preparations for the display of the 1907 painting by WH Carter have now been completed. The plaque to accompany the painting, acknowledging the gift from members of the Carter family, has been made. It includes a QR code which links to information on the PRA website about the painting and the artist. Once the painting is on display at the Light House Cinema PRA will arrange a photo for the Carter family.</p> <p>Security & Community Resilience Pim and Diane met recently to discuss security, emergency management and the use of radio communications. The Committee has acknowledged that, as well as the need to be prepared for a disaster or significant emergency situation, there are other needs within the community associated with security and resilience in lesser situations. It is likely that these could occur</p>

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	<p>within Pāuatahanui's quite distinct road groups. Richard expressed an interest in working with Pim and Diane to gather more information.</p> <p>Engine Braking & Village Traffic Safety</p> <p>Following Steph's meeting with Gowshik Murugesan, PCC Team Leader Traffic & Road Safety, regarding the possibility of a "no engine braking" area she was asked to make some sound recordings if possible. Steph noted the timing difficulties associated with doing this especially as the traffic patterns can be inconsistent. The Committee considered what other means might be available for capturing this information.</p> <p>PRA Constitution</p> <p>As an incorporated society and a registered charity PRA must now meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. This requires PRA to update the Society's rules to a constitution with new mandatory sections. PRA has circulated a draft of the new constitution to all members for comment. Some comments were received and these were discussed. They included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding a clause to the Association's purpose regarding PRA's role in advocacy - Amending a sentence under "Society Powers" to read "The Society must not operate for the financial gain of any individual Members" - Agreeing to retain the requirement that any proxy must be the "signed original written proxy" and not an email or copy as these can be readily altered. - Agreeing to retain the statement that not all Officers on the Committee must be Members of the Society as there may be times when a non-Member has skills to bring to the Committee - Deciding not to add a membership category for "Friends of PRA" for residents who may leave the district but wish to retain links to PRA. It was agreed that this could be accommodated without a formal category. <p>There was also some discussion regarding whether PRA should retain its charity status which was attained in 2009. There are different implications and requirements as a charity rather than just being an incorporated society. It was agreed that PRA should remain as a charity.</p> <p>Motion: That Pāuatahanui Residents Association retain its status as a charity. Moved: Ken Seconded: Jo Carried</p> <p>The new constitution will now be circulated to current financial members prior to notification of a Special General Meeting to formally adopt the new constitution.</p> <p>Local Body Elections</p> <p>PRA is not going to host any "Meet the candidates" meetings for the upcoming local body elections. Meetings are going to be held at Whitby, Pukerua Bay and Paremata-Plimmerton and PRA will share any information received with residents. Candidates who have approached PRA have been welcome to attend PRA Committee meetings. This offer was taken up by Moira Lawler, PCC candidate, and Claire Johnstone, GWRC candidate. At the conclusion of the meeting Moira and Claire provided a brief overview of why they are standing for election.</p>

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9. Correspondence	<p>The following correspondence was noted</p> <p>Greater Wellington Natural Resources Plan - Plan Change 1 Hearings Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) - Planting Days Alistair Osborne, Team Lead, Drainage Modelling, Wellington Water - Flood hazard mapping consultation Donald Love - Moonshine Road Bridge Beth Williams - Transmission Gully speed change Ian Kearney - Flood mapping OIAs Colleen & Ann Luxton - Carter painting National Library of New Zealand - Carter painting permissions Belinda McKenzie-Dodd, Downer - SH58 Safety Upgrade works, Moonshine Bus stops Denise Landow, NZTA - SH58 Safety Upgrade works, Moonshine Bus stops SH58 Project Team - Roadworks notices Craig Nicholson, NZTA - Lanes Flat John Spence, Willowbank Quarry CLG - Next quarry meeting Robin Chesterfield, Wildlife Reserve Committee - Contacts for reserve issues Paremata/Plimmerton Residents Associations - Local Body Candidate meetings Plimmerton Residents Association - AGM notice Porirua Harbour Trust - Call for new trustees Te Rūnangao Toa Rangatira - Te Wāhi Tiaki Tātou newsletter Shelby Lockwood, Ngahere Korowai Collective - July hui Moirā Lawler - Local body elections PCC candidate Claire Johnstone - Local body elections GWRC candidate</p> <p>PCC - Chief Executive - Meeting re Section 44A LGOIMA Megan Krishnan - Moonshine Bus stop Signs</p> <p>Mayor - Meeting re Section 44A LGOIMA</p> <p>PCC - Roading, Waste reduction, Business Training Programme, Section 44A LGOIMA PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents</p> <p>To Community July Minutes Draft of Constitution Road notifications SH58 Updates Transmission Gully speed change consultation Flood Hazard mapping consultation GOPI planting days Porirua Harbour Trust - Call for new trustees</p> <p>Total emails inwards 200 Total emails outwards 156</p>

10. Meeting Close 9.45 pm

11. Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 2 September 7.30pm

Approved by: Ken McAdam Chairperson, Pāuatahanui Residents Association Committee