

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting



<b>Date of meeting:</b>	2 December 2025
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	470 Paremata Road (Steph's Home)
<b>Present</b>	Mary Jones [Acting Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Stephanie Manning Micky Reilly Richard Bourne Pim Engels Lisa Dymond
<b>In Attendance</b>	Sam Dearsly Cr Ross Leggett
<b>Apologies</b>	Ken McAdam Jo Cross [Treasurer]

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<b>1. Welcome</b>	Mary welcomed attendees to the meeting. As this Ross' first attendance as a Ward Councillor at a PRA Committee meeting, the Committee members introduced themselves.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	The apologies were noted.
<b>3. Approval of Previous Minutes</b>	<b>Motion:</b> That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 7 October 2025 are a true and correct record. <b>Moved:</b> Micky <b>Seconded:</b> Steph <b>Carried</b>  <b>Motion:</b> That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 4 November 2025 are a true and correct record. <b>Moved:</b> Lisa <b>Seconded:</b> Pim <b>Carried</b>
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>	It was agreed that all matters arising would be addressed within the agenda.
<b>5. Treasurer's Report</b>	As Jo was absent there was no Treasurer's report

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6. Topical Issues	<p><b>Esplanade Reserves &amp; Esplanade Strips</b></p> <p>Following the meeting of 4 November with Nic Etheridge, Mike Mendonca, the Mayor and Ward Councillors, PCC provided written answers to the questions PRA had raised. These were circulated to residents. Subsequently some further questions and comments have been sent to PCC and PRA is awaiting the response to these.</p> <p>At the 4 November meeting it was agreed that PRA would work with the Council to develop guidelines for residents wishing to undertake a subdivision where the requirements under the RMA would require the establishment of an Esplanade Reserve or an Esplanade Strip. Stuart Smith, PCC Team Leader Resource Consents, has been tasked with working with PRA on this and has now made preliminary contact with PRA, hoping to respond further before the end of the year.</p> <p>In meeting with residents affected by the Esplanade Reserve or Strip requirements, Mary has had the opportunity to talk to a developer who shares PRA concerns about the consistency of information from Council received by residents wishing to undertake a property subdivision. As a result, PRA is now considering the possibility of working with this developer on a feasibility plan that could be very helpful for landowners contemplating subdivision.</p> <p><b>Flood Hazard Mapping</b></p> <p>The next draft of the flood hazard maps have now been completed and will be shown to the community at a drop in session on 3 December. There are two new flood maps based on modelling, one showing where there is a 10% chance that a major flood may occur on any given year over a ten-year period (known as a 10% annual exceedance probability or a one-in-10-year flood risk) and the other showing where there is a 1% chance that a major flood may occur on any given year (known as 1% annual exceedance probability or one-in-100 year flood risk). Other maps have also been created that show flooding during recent real-life flooding events.</p> <p>Through the drop in session, Wellington Water, Awa Environmental and the Council would now like to confirm these maps and check that they match lived experience of flooding in the Horokiri area.</p> <p>Members of the PRA Committee will attend the session and PRA will continue to work with residents engaging in the Horokiri Stream flood modelling process, sharing information and providing feedback.</p> <p><b>State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade</b></p> <p>PRA noted the ongoing progress on the SH58 Safety Upgrade. Updates and messages from both Downer, NZTA and Wellington Transport Alliance continue to be shared with residents. Donald Love has copied PRA into his correspondence with NZTA and Tim Costley, MP for Ōtaki, regarding the road design including the carriageway width and stormwater management.</p> <p><b>Quotable Value NZ</b></p> <p>PRA is aware that Quotable Value (QV) is currently undertaking the three-yearly valuations in this area, due to be completed in mid-late March 2026. PRA first wrote to QV in August asking some questions regarding how rural properties within Porirua City are valued. When some of the more specific questions were not fully answered, a further request for information was sent in September, specifically regarding which inputs are used for calculation and what weight is given to these inputs in determining the final valuation for each property. A</p>

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7. Reports	<p>response has now been received which again fails to provide full answers, concluding with the statement “We simply cannot provide the detail you are seeking at this stage of the project.” The Committee considers that there is information that should be able to be provided and Pim will prepare a further response to this effect.</p> <p><b>Village Culverts</b></p> <p>PRA continues to receive the fortnightly updates from Council regarding the replacement of the two culverts in the Village. The most recent update, received 21 November, noted that the Council is still working with Greater Wellington on the resource consent for the culvert at the southern end of the Village. Due to the delay caused by the consenting process for this culvert, Council is considering reprioritising the work within the project. To keep on track the project requires the replacement of one of the two culverts prior to June 30 , 2026. Council is currently considering completing the northernmost culvert (adjacent to #34) first, allowing more time to resolve the consent for the second culvert which would then be replaced by June 30 2027.</p> <p>Andrew Frazer, whose property is most affected by the second culvert, has copied PRA into a proposal he has submitted to Council for an alternative culvert design. PRA notes Council’s response that they are still working within the resource consent process, and the Committee has agreed to wait for Council’s next update.</p> <p><b>Lanes Flat</b></p> <p>Stuart Smith, PCC Team Leader Resource Consents, sent PRA a copy of the documents for the recently approved development of Lanes Flat. NZTA, together with the Wellington Transport Alliance (WTA), propose to build, use and maintain a Wellington Region Maintenance and Operations Centre (WRMOC) from where maintenance, operations, and improvement activities associated with the Wellington Region highway network will occur and be carried out. The documents note that “the WRMOC will also be a place from where to facilitate stakeholder liaison meetings and activities (including with NZ Police, Ngāti Toa, community groups and Council); provide a place from where emergency responses to disasters can be coordinated.” The development includes an operations administration office building, an adjoining services yard and field building, several storage sheds, a services yard for all service vehicles and associated activities and a staff carpark. The full document is available on the PRA website <a href="https://pauatahanui.org.nz/Lanes%20Flat">https://pauatahanui.org.nz/Lanes%20Flat</a> Also included is the landscape plan for Lanes Flat, as attached.</p> <p><b>Councillor Report</b></p> <p>Ross noted the recent Government announcement on the plan to abolish regional councils and replace them with Combined Territories Boards, with the Council about to receive a briefing from the Department of Internal Affairs on the proposed structure and implications. Together with changes in the management of the region’s water services and to the Resource Management Act, this is going to force the Wellington territorial authorities to have the discussions around regional and local governance.</p> <p><b>Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground</b></p> <p>Micky reported that the work being done by the Council tending to the Burial Ground is great and a credit to the Council. She noted that this is one of the best flowering seasons for the heritage roses, encouraging people to visit the Burial Ground. The Friends of the Burial Ground have noted some actions needed and/or being undertaken including</p>

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8. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- formalising the access using the St Alban's drive. The Burial Ground's legal access is via a path alongside and above the road leading the roundabout. With the road widening many years ago the path is no longer usable.</li> <li>- replacing the sign to the burial ground which had been on the fence by the culvert</li> <li>- noting that the road "sticks" make negotiating the entrance to St Albans' drive difficult</li> <li>- updating the information on the Burial Ground noticeboard</li> <li>- commissioning repairs to the wooden fence surrounding one of the graves</li> </ul> <p><b>Pest Free Pāuatahanui</b></p> <p>In November, Pest Free Pāuatahanui sent out a questionnaire to all the residents on their database, checking that the information being held by Pest Free on traps and reporting was accurate and seeking feedback on how residents would like to engage with Pest Free. Pest Free would now like to send a questionnaire to the wider Pāuatahanui community through the PRA email database and Facebook.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Pest Free Pāuatahanui questionnaire be sent out via the PRA email database</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Pim <b>Seconded:</b> Micky <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Freshwater Catchment Community</b></p> <p>Diane reported that the sampling for the eDNA project, collecting samples from six sites along the Horokiri Stream, has been completed and the results received from Wilderlab. These will now be analysed and reported on early next year with a workshop planned to present the findings.</p> <p>As with Pest Free, a questionnaire has been sent to all the residents on the Freshwater Catchment Community database, seeking feedback on how residents would like to engage with the Freshwater Catchment activities. The Catchment Community would now like to send a questionnaire to the wider Pāuatahanui community through the PRA email database and Facebook.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the Pāuatahanui Freshwater Catchment Community questionnaire be sent out via the PRA email database</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Pim <b>Seconded:</b> Micky <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Emergency Communications, Local Security &amp; Community Resilience</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the need to continue to address ongoing resourcing in the event of an emergency as well as local security generally. This included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- trialling the use of the emergency radios to establish the best coverage for the Pāuatahanui community in case of an emergency</li> <li>- resources available within the community including the possible use of drones in the event of an emergency</li> <li>- security cameras operating within the different road groups, noting that some road groups already have these</li> <li>- the possibility of hosting a meeting where measures to improve personal and property security could be presented</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Roading</b></p> <p>It was noted that both Belmont and Mulhern Roads have work being undertaken to improve the road drainage channels. Whilst not unhappy with the work being done, residents had not received any notification of the planned work.</p> <p>Steph noted that the rubbish bin in the Light House Cinema car park has been removed. PRA will follow up with Council to find out the reason for its removal and whether it will be replaced.</p> <p>Diane attended an onsite meeting with representatives of the Moonshine Valley Residents Association and Council regarding the replacement of the third Moonshine Road Bridge, which is scheduled to be carried out in mid-2026. Due to its location, and unlike when the other Moonshine bridges were replaced, there will be no access through the work site. This will result in the closure of this section of the road to residents and other road users for an estimated 9–12 days.</p> <p><b>St Joseph’s Church</b></p> <p>Micky reported that St Joseph’s Church is still working with NZTA to formalise an agreement for parking for the church. With the 150th anniversary for St Joseph’s in 2028, the church is planning a number of events to promote the church. This includes an art competition to be held at the end of March.</p>
<p><b>9. Still “on the radar”</b></p>	<p>The following are still being considered by PRA but with nothing active to report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engine braking within the Village</li> <li>- Transmission Gully consent conditions including noise, Lanes Flat</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>The following correspondence was noted</p> <p>David Nagel, Quotable Value NZ - OIA Valuations of rural Properties  Nadia Nitsche, Wellington Water - Flood hazard modelling  Ben Fountain, Principal Wai Engineer, Awa - Flood hazard modelling  Simon Wong, Project Manager, Omexom - Moonshine Road closure  Andrew Frazer - Village culvert  Donald Love - SH58 Safety upgrade OIA  Denise Landow, NZTA - SH58 Safety Upgrade works  Belinda McKenzie-Dodds - Roadworks notices  Jenny Boyd, Wellington Transport Alliance - Roadworks notices  Te Wāhi Tiaki Tātou, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira - Newsletter  Jimmy Young, Te Awarua o Porirua Catchment Manager, Greater Wellington  Cr Claire Johnston, Greater Wellington</p> <p>PCC - Nic Ethridge - General Manager, Policy, Planning &amp; Regulatory Services - Council processes, Esplanade Reserves &amp; strips  Stuart Smith, Team Leader Resource Consents - Esplanade Reserves &amp; strips  Helen Oram, Manager Climate &amp; Environmental Planning - Flood hazard mapping  Culverts project team - Fortnightly updates  Riparian Planting programme - Mahi celebration event</p> <p>PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents, Supplier information</p>

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	<p data-bbox="533 264 699 293"><b>To Community</b></p> <p data-bbox="533 297 719 327">October Minutes</p> <p data-bbox="533 331 746 360">November Minutes</p> <p data-bbox="533 365 735 394">Road notifications</p> <p data-bbox="533 398 691 427">SH58 Updates</p> <p data-bbox="533 432 863 461">Moonshine Power notification</p> <p data-bbox="1246 495 1490 524">Total emails inwards 80</p> <p data-bbox="1246 528 1490 557">Total emails outwards 64</p>

**11. Meeting Close**                    10.00 pm

**12. Next Committee Meeting**        Tuesday 3 February 7.30pm

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