

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting:	24 June 2025
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	470 Paremata Road (Steph's Home)
Present	Ken McAdam [Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Stephanie Manning Richard Bourne Micky Reilly Mary Jones Lisa Dymond
In Attendance	Donald Love
Apologies	Jo Cross [Treasurer] Pim Engels Cr Josh Trlin

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1. Welcome	Ken welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Apologies	Apologies were noted.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	<b>Motion:</b> That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 8 April 2025 are a true and correct record. <b>Moved:</b> Mary <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 had provided the Treasurer's report for May.  PRA General a/c \$7361.68 includes:- PRA \$5681.05 Pest Free Pāuatahanui \$880.78 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85  History a/c \$8601.05 History term deposit \$12,902.06

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<p>6. Topical Issues</p>	<p>Transactions PRA a/c Income Subs \$340.00 Donations \$40.00 Interest \$2.96</p> <p>Expenses AGM newsletter \$103.00 Bank fees \$10</p> <p>History a/c Income Book sales \$42.25 Interest income \$4.22 Term Deposit Interest \$177.79</p> <p><b>LIM reports &amp; Flood Hazard Mapping</b></p> <p>Mary tabled a report outlining the responses that PRA has received 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"> <li>- An Official Information Act (OIA) request regarding the number of Section 71-74 of the Building Act 2004 notices issued by Council. Part of the request was refused "as the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research". The Committee noted that a request should not be refused on these grounds. As the Council is able to recover costs related to providing an OIA response, PRA should have been offered this. Part of the request was answered as it was confirmed that two building consents have been granted under Section 72 for properties on Paekākāriki Hill Road</li> <li>- A letter to Hon Simon Watts, Minister for Local Government, outlining the difficulties being experienced by residents due to Council's interpretation of Section 44A of the Local Government Official Information &amp; Meetings Act 1987. PRA asked the Minister if it is the intent of the Act that Council should use the most recent mapping in LIMs, irrespective of its very poor quality and very evident inaccuracies. The response received from the Minister's office indicated that some of the information PRA provided had not been acknowledged or has been misinterpreted and it failed to identify any useful ways to address the issues. PRA will respond to the letter but will explore other avenues before doing so</li> <li>- The Mana Member of Parliament, Barbara Edmonds, was copied into the letter to the Minister and expressed an interest in the matter. PRA will write to Barbara Edmonds requesting a meeting with her</li> <li>- The Mayor offered PRA a meeting with Council lawyers to discuss Section 44A of the LGOIMA Act. PRA will write to the Mayor accepting this offer.</li> <li>- Two notices of motion were agreed to at the AGM. The first was to ask Council to openly publicise to the Pāuatahanui community, the legal requirement to issue Section 71,72,73,74 Notices on properties in Pāuatahanui, and advise residents of the possible impact this may have on them, including the ability to insure properties and secure mortgages. The second was to work with PRA to develop a clear process for residents to resolve any inaccuracies in information Porirua City Council holds on properties including on flood hazard mapping. PRA will write to the Council's Chief Executive with these requests.</li> <li>- PRA will request a meeting with the four ward Councillors representing Pāuatahanui at Council. The purpose of the meeting will be to bring to their attention the</li> </ul>

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	<p>significant concerns that PRA has regarding the inability to get answers to questions including those made under an OIA request.</p> <p>Meanwhile the Committee will continue to actively support the actions being taken by individual residents seeking to resolve the issues related to their properties.</p> <p><b>Esplanade Reserves &amp; Esplanade Strips</b></p> <p>The Committee discussed the ongoing concerns and information received from residents regarding how Council is applying the District Plan provisions for the establishment of Esplanade Reserves and Esplanade Strips in the Rural Lifestyle Zone. The Committee continues to note that the District Plan gives no indication of a preference either way and that Council therefore should be presenting both options equally to landowners who wish to subdivide. The Committee will make this another item to be discussed in a meeting with the ward Councillors.</p> <p><b>State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade</b></p> <p>Work has recommenced on the SH58 Safety Upgrade. A number of issues have been raised with PRA including at the Annual General Meeting. These include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the narrowness of the available carriageway making it difficult for emergency service vehicles to pass other vehicles to reach the scene of an incident such as an accident or a vehicle breakdown. To date this has been reported by residents and PRA will now write to the emergency services to ask if the concerns are shared by them</li> <li>- the challenges for residents on SH58 entering and exiting their properties given the width allowed and the absence of any shoulder to pull off on. PRA understands that NZTA is still consulting with these property owners and will provide support if required</li> <li>- the most recent design drawings from NZTA do not show any provision for bus stops for the local school bus at the Moonshine Road roundabout. These had been agreed to with NZTA at meetings during 2022 and were shown on the April 2023 drawings. PRA has written to NZTA and is awaiting a response.</li> <li>- with Moonshine roundabout construction the current bus shelter will be removed. This has housed some history panels related to the US Marines Camp at Judgeford during World War 2. The panels have been removed by Downers and PRA has been in touch with the Council to arrange for their collection and storage.</li> <li>- Donald Love has also brought to PRA's attention some concerns regarding the management of road surface water and stormwater, particularly in relation to the two roundabouts. This concern arises from the potential for heavy metals from vehicles using the road to enter local waterways, notably the nearby Pāuatahanui Stream. Donald is continuing to follow up on the matter and will keep PRA informed, but no further action is required from PRA at this stage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transmission Gully</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Valuations</b></p> <p>The Committee is aware that Quotable Value (QV) is undertaking the three-yearly valuations in this area again. In 2022, the value of many properties in the Pāuatahanui area increased significantly, particularly those within the Rural Lifestyle Zone where subdivision became a possibility. QV states that a valuation will analyse "what the most profitable and legally permissible use of the property is, which could be its current use or a potential alternative." PRA considers it is important that residents are aware of the valuation process and, if they</p>

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	<p>have any concerns regarding the results of a valuation, then this should be queried within the time allowable for objections. Residents can look at their current valuation and what it includes by entering their address on the QV website <a href="https://www.qv.co.nz/">https://www.qv.co.nz/</a></p> <p><b>7. Reports</b></p> <p><b>Public Burial Ground</b>  Micky reported the quarterly meeting of the Friends of the Public Burial Ground (FPBG) was held. Maintenance is going well and there is to be another working bee on Saturday 5 July. The NZ Society of Monumental masons is going to do some work in the Burial ground including removing lichen and replacing some of the concrete on the Stace grave. Two new headstones have been placed for Mary Payton and Emily Foster, both of whom died in 1872, as the existing headstones were unreadable. For some time there has been a quest to get a path at the lower end of the cemetery where the ground is particularly soft. A gravel path has now been agreed to by Council who will provide the materials. The FPBG are now looking for volunteers to help with the construction of the path.</p> <p><b>Pest Free Pāuatahanui</b>  A new flyer for Pest Free Pāuatahanui has been prepared and will be going to all Pāuatahanui residents by rural delivery next week.</p> <p><b>Freshwater Catchment Community</b>  Diane reported that an earlier application to fund an eDNA project on the Horokiri Stream, the same as that conducted on the Pāuatahanui Stream, was unsuccessful. However there has now been an approach from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to say that funding may now be available. Diane is now resubmitting the application and has to attend a meeting with EPA to discuss the proposal.</p> <p><b>Village Community Placemaking</b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group</b>  The next meeting of the Quarry Community Liaison Group has been scheduled for September.</p>
<p><b>8. General Business</b></p>	<p><b>Historic Painting</b>  The Light House Cinema has kindly agreed to display the 1907 painting by WH Carter that has been gifted to PRA by members of the Carter family. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Light House Cinema and PRA. Before the painting will go on display an accompanying plaque acknowledging the gifting is being made. Some background information that describes the relevance of the painting to Pāuatahanui is also being prepared.</p> <p><b>Emergency Radio Exercise</b>  PRA has been loaned 4 radios to trial in different locations within Pāuatahanui. Pim and Diane will continue to develop a plan to liaise with those residents who volunteered radio assistance and to work with road groups to ensure each road has some radio communication capability.</p> <p><b>Engine Braking &amp; Village Traffic Safety</b>  Steph has had a meeting with Gowshik Murugesan, PCC Team Leader Traffic &amp; Road Safety regarding the possibility of a “no engine braking” area, with appropriate signage, in the Village. Gowshik has asked Steph to make some sound recordings if possible and meanwhile he is investigating the possibility further.</p>

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	<p>It has been reported to Council, and noted by residents, that, to avoid the speed bumps, some drivers are driving along the footpath at the northern end of the Village. Possible measures to stop this are being considered.</p> <p><b>Harris Road Concerns</b></p> <p>At the PRA meeting in May there was some discussion following concerns raised over an increase in unfamiliar vehicles using Harris Road and subsequent concerns over security in the area. One of the possible solutions that PRA gave further consideration to was whether a “No Access” sign at the end of the road would help. Following discussion it was agreed that a sign such as this can often be seen as an encouragement or a challenge, drawing more attention to the road and therefore likely to be counterproductive. PRA will continue to consider the wider security issues across all the rural roads to ascertain whether there are solutions that PRA can assist with.</p> <p><b>Pāuatahanui to Paekākāriki Recreation Trail</b></p> <p>As part of the construction of Transmission Gully there was meant to be a trail from Flightys Road to Battle Hill. This never eventuated and now the Kapiti Coast Trails Trust are working on a proposal to use the Flightys Road-to-Battle Hill funds to build a trail from the Village to Battle Hill instead. Such a trail was one of the ideas put forward in PRA’s 2017 Pāuatahanui Future Focus community consultation. Ken has had a discussion with members of the Trust and PRA is waiting to see how they develop the idea.</p> <p><b>Proposal for a Porirua Residents/Ratepayers Group</b></p> <p>PRA has been approached by a Whitby resident to see if there is interest in joining with other residents associations to discuss issues in common. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that she should first approach the Whitby Residents Association as her local representative group. If they, as an association, felt it would be helpful to be in contact with other groups such as PRA (noting that the associations do have contact details for each other) then the idea could be reconsidered.</p> <p><b>St Joseph’s Church Parking</b></p> <p>Micky reported that St Joseph’s Church members have met with NZTA to address the issues around parking for the church. The outcome of the meeting is being seen as positive.</p> <p><b>PRA Constitution</b></p> <p>As noted previously, 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 now prepared a new draft constitution document, merging the existing PRA Rules with the new mandatory requirements. The draft will now be circulated to all members for any comment or suggested amendments. This will then need to be followed by a Special General Meeting to formally adopt the new constitution.</p>
9. Correspondence	<p>The following correspondence was noted</p> <p>Hon Simon Watts, Minister for Local Government - Flood Hazard mapping &amp; Section 44A LGOIM Act</p> <p>Greater Wellington Natural Resources Plan - Plan Change 1 Hearings</p> <p>Andrew Frazer - Village Culvert</p> <p>Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet (GOPI) - AGM, Planting Day</p>

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	<p>Don Robertson, Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC)</p> <p>Shona Cooling - Harris Road access</p> <p>Paul Nation - Harris Road access</p> <p>Rex Aubrey - Civil Defence radio training</p> <p>Alistair Osborne, Team Lead, Drainage Modelling, Wellington Water - Flood hazard mapping consultation</p> <p>Donald Love - SH58 Stormwater impacts</p> <p>Fiona Buchet - Proposal for Porirua residents/ratepayers</p> <p>Ian Kearney - Flood mapping OIAs</p> <p>Denise Landow, NZTA - Moonshine Bus stops, Bus stop signs</p> <p>Janine Sorenson - Paekākāriki Hill Road roadworks</p> <p>Phillip Reidy, Light House Cinema - Carter painting</p> <p>Colleen &amp; Ann Luxton - Carter painting</p> <p>SH58 Project Team - Roadworks notices</p> <p>Aditi Tiwari - Local body elections candidate</p> <p>Moira Lawler - Local body elections candidate</p> <p>PCC - OIA requests on flood hazard mapping, Section 71-74 Building Act</p> <p>Neriah Broughton, Manager Transport - Roading</p> <p>Reuben Friend, General Manager, Community &amp; Partnerships - Signs</p> <p>Mayor - Flood Hazard mapping, Request for Communication with Hon Simon Watts, Minister for Local Government</p> <p>PCC - Roading</p> <p>PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents, Council consultations</p> <p><b>To Community</b></p> <p>May Minutes</p> <p>AGM Notice &amp; Minutes</p> <p>Road notifications</p> <p>Flood Hazard mapping consultation</p> <p>Total emails inwards 262</p> <p>Total emails outwards 215</p>

#### 10. Meeting Close

9.15 pm

#### 11. Next Committee Meeting

Tuesday 12 August 7.30pm

Approved by: **Ken McAdam**

Chairperson,

Pāuatahanui Residents Association Committee