

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting: 14 July 2026

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Sam's Home

Present: Richard Bourne [Acting Chairperson]
Diane Strugnell [Secretary]
Lisa Dymond [Treasurer]
Jo Cross
Stephanie Manning
Mary Jones
Pim Engels
Sam Dearsly

Apologies Ken McAdam

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1. Welcome	Richard welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Apologies	The apology from Ken was accepted
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 9 June 2026 are a true and correct record. Moved: Jo Seconded: Steph Carried
5. Matters Arising	It was agreed that all matters and action items arising would be addressed within the agenda.
6. Treasurer's Report	Lisa presented the Treasurer's report for June 2026 PRA General a/c \$7093.20 includes:- PRA \$5058.07 Pest Free Pāuatahanui \$1235.28 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85 History a/c \$9669.50 History term deposit \$13,337.87 Transactions PRA a/c Income Membership \$60, Traps \$60, Interest \$0.62

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	Expenses Bank fees \$10.00 History a/c Income Book sales \$177.18 Interest income \$0.84 Motion: That the accounts be accepted Moved: Lisa Seconded: Jo Carried
7. Topical Issues	Esplanade Reserves & Strips On 12 June, members of the Committee met with Nic Etheridge and Mike Mendonca to discuss PRA's disappointment at the outcome of the meeting with PCC officers on 15 May. A further meeting with Nic Etheridge, Mike Mendonca and Council staff is scheduled for 27 July. In preparation for this meeting, the Committee worked through a document that Mary had compiled of the criteria outlined in the District Plan for consideration if a landowner wants to apply for an esplanade strip over an esplanade reserve. It was noted that, at this point, PRA does not have clarity as to how criteria are being applied and, where residents have had their application declined, the grounds for this have not been communicated to the landowner. Prior to the meeting on 27 July with Council, the Committee will have another meeting to further discuss the issues and concerns. It has often been reported to PRA that the Council staff have told landowners that the purpose of the esplanade reserves is to create a pathway from the Inlet to Battle Hill. This was also something that was expressed directly to PRA at our meeting with Council staff on 15 May. Whilst the Mayor, our Ward Councillors and the General Managers, Nic and Mike, have indicated that such a pathway is not in any plans the perception remains that, at some level within Council, there is a plan for a pathway. PRA believes that the term "pathway" can be interpreted in different ways and can mean "a means to an end" rather than an actual formed path. To remove any confusion, it was agreed that PRA will write to the Mayor, Ward Councillors and Chief Executive noting that, as there has been a consistent mismatch in information from Council, PRA is seeking a definitive statement from Council that Council has no documented formal plan to have a pathway from the Inlet to Battle Hill and that, if such a pathway was to be proposed, it would be in full consultation with landowners and the community of Pāuatahanui. Lanes Flat Work & Transmission Gully Impacts Nothing to report State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade Downer have provided information on the period of night work currently being undertaken. It involves work at the two roundabouts as well as sealing from Moonshine Road to the golf course. This information has been shared with the community as anyone using SH58 at night could experience some disruption. It has also been noted in the communications that residents along SH58 will likely experience the effects of the noise and vibration generated during the night work. Where this has been reported, any issues should be addressed in the first instance to Downer. Belmont Regional Park Masterplan Following May's stakeholder workshop for Belmont Regional Park's Masterplan, Greater Wellington has begun a programme of wider consultation. PRA has forwarded information on this including the drop-in sessions and links to an online survey.

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8. Reports	Pest Free Pāuatahanui Jo provided some information on the pest control hui to be held on 8 August at Tunapō woolshed. The aim of the hui is to coordinate pest control efforts across the area west of Transmission Gully which includes Pukerua Bay, Paekākāriki and part of Pāuatahanui. The focus is on the removal of pest ungulates (deer, goats, pigs) rather than predators (possums, rats and mustelids) through multi-property hunting. Freshwater Catchment Community Diane reported that the Action Plan for the Harbour Accord is waiting for sign off by the Chief Executives of the partner organisations - Ngāti Toa, Greater Wellington, Porirua City Council, Wellington City Council and Tiaki Wai. The Action Plan sets out the priorities for actions that will improve the health of the harbour and the contributing streams and how these actions will be achieved. More information will be available once the Action Plan is finalised. Pāuatahanui Burial Ground Mary attended the meeting of the Friends of Pāuatahanui Burial Ground held on Thursday 11 June. There was discussion on the Burial Ground access, noting that the legal access from Paekākāriki Hill Road was compromised a long time ago when NZTA widened the road and cut into the bank alongside the burial ground. There have been ongoing discussions about formalising the access from St Alban's Church drive. Mary also noted that, with the lack of any markings, the edge of the bank above the road poses a safety risk to visitors to the Burial Ground. The possibility of a suitable fence or appropriate signage was discussed and will be raised with Daniel Chrisp, Cemeteries Manager. Pim has offered to represent PRA at the next Burial ground meeting.
9. General Business	Annual General Meeting The Annual General Meeting is confirmed for Tuesday 28 July 7.00pm at Pāuatahanui School. The speakers have also been confirmed with the main guest speaker being Wellington Electricity providing an update on the network upgrade with shorter speaking times for Peta McMillan, GW Parks Ranger, and Electrify Porirua. Practical arrangements for the evening were confirmed:- Sam - school access, Jo - tea & coffee, Lisa - biscuits. All welcome. Emergency Communications Pim has continued to work on the use of Meshtastic, as a communication system in the event of an emergency. The early trials have been very promising and Step 1, proof of concept, has been achieved. Pim is now setting up a more permanent system for using Meshtastic in the Upper Paekākāriki Hill Road area while also exploring other ways of using Meshtastic to support security awareness in the area. Pāuatahanui History Diane will follow up with Reuben Friend, PCC General Manager, Community & Partnerships, as there has not been a response to our initial enquiry about which historical records related to Pāuatahanui are held at Pataka and whether Pataka is the best place for records to be held or whether there are other options. School History Archiving It was agreed that it is important that the school archives are placed in storage at Pāuatahanui School as soon as possible. Lisa and Mary will arrange with Micky to collect the boxes of materials by 31 August. Once the materials have been returned to the school, plans can be made for any ongoing archiving as well as for permanent storage of the archives.

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	Council Vegetation Clearance Following his recent communications with Council over roadside vegetation trimming, Donald Love has shared with PRA his complaint to Council via Antenno. PRA considers that Antenno is the best way to raise this with Council as Council does not have a specific maintenance monitoring programme for vegetation encroaching onto the road. Meanwhile PRA has been provided with information from another resident that documents ongoing problems caused by felled and falling trees in the road reserve area. Trees in the road reserve are the responsibility of Council but their felling has now contributed to property damage as well as, due to their proximity to the stream, flooding of both the private property and the road. As the landowner has been dealing directly with Council, PRA will not take any specific action at this time but will monitor the situation as it relates to this and other wider areas of concern. 10. Still “on the radar” The following are still being considered by PRA but with nothing active to report - Village culverts - In person time with Council officers including addressing Council processes - Community resilience and emergency communications. 11. Correspondence The following correspondence was noted Denise Landow, NZTA - SH58 Safety Upgrade works Belinda McKenzie-Dodds - Roadworks notices Alisha Henderson, Wellington Transport Alliance - SH58 Road closures Patric Lane, NZTA - Pāuatahanui Bridge & pathways work Claire Johnstone, GW Councillor - Attendance at meetings Ella Henry, GW Parks & Recreation Planner - Belmont Regional Park Masterplan Brett Jones, Plimmerton Rotary - Planting season Tiaki Wai - Information Gerry Dysart - Pukerua Paekākāriki Pāuatahanui Pest Control John Meeuwsen, Plimmerton Rotary - Local government amalgamation Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet - Annual General Meeting Residents - SH58 Safety upgrade, Roadside vegetation clearance height PCC - Nic Etheridge - General Manager, Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services - Esplanade Reserves & strips Daniel Chrisp, Cemeteries Manager Dave Culver, Biodiversity Ranger - Pest plants Christian Jensen, Works Programme Lead - Moonshine Road bridge replacement Village Culverts Project Team - Update Mayor & Councillors - Condolences on passing of Cr Mike Duncan PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents To Community June Minutes Road notifications SH58 Updates Belmont Regional Park Masterplan consultation Total emails inwards 116 Total emails outwards 84

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12. Meeting Close 9.29 pm

13. Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 4 August 7.30pm at Steph's, 470 Paremata Road

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