

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting:	19 May 2026
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 Mary Jones Lisa Dymond Pim Engels
In Attendance:	Sam Dearsly Cr Ross Leggett Cr Moira Lawler

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1. Welcome	Ken welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Apologies	There were no apologies
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 15 April 2026 are a true and correct record. Moved: Jo Seconded: Lisa 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 April 2026 PRA General a/c \$6467.06 includes:- PRA \$4856.93 Pest Free Pāuatahanui \$810.28 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85 History a/c \$9490.73 History term deposit \$13,337.87 Transactions PRA a/c Income Interest \$0.62 Membership \$440.00

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6. Topical Issues	<p>Donation \$80.00 Pest Free traps \$375.50</p> <p>Expenses Plimmerton Rotary Defibrillator for Light House Cinema \$2000.00 Bank fees \$10.00</p> <p>History a/c Income Interest income \$0.78 Term deposit interest \$134.57</p> <p>Jo and Lisa reported that Lisa has agreed to become Treasurer and that they have begun to transition the tasks from Jo to Lisa. Jo will continue to prepare the Annual Financial Reports.</p> <p>Esplanade Reserves & Strips</p> <p>On Friday 15 May, PRA Committee members had our next meeting with members of the PCC team - Derek Kerite (Manager, Resource Consents & Monitoring), Stuart Smith (Team Leader, Resource Consents) and Matt Hoffman (Principle Resource Planner Parks). This meeting was held onsite at two properties on the Horokiri Stream on Paekākāriki Hill Road. As our previous meetings had shown good progress, PRA was optimistic that this meeting would provide an opportunity to consider in more depth, the criteria for any resident wanting to include an esplanade strip rather than an esplanade reserve in their subdivision consent application. Unfortunately we were unable to make any progress on this as the discussions reverted to the question of access through a pathway from the Inlet to Battle Hill and the Council's considered need to have further legal advice.</p> <p>PRA was disappointed in what we consider was a backwards step in the progress. The decision was made to address our concerns over this through an email to Nic Etheridge and Mike Mendonca. PRA remains committed to the process of engaging with Council around open and constructive discussion in order to develop clear and consistent guidelines for residents wishing to undertake subdivision where a waterway is involved.</p> <p>Lanes Flat Work & Transmission Gully Impacts</p> <p>Ken is waiting to hear back from Craig Nicholson, NZTA, regarding the possible impacts that Transmission Gully and the work on Lanes Flat have had on flooding along the Pāuatahanui Stream. There has been a reminder that information on the new NZTA Operations Centre at Lanes Flat can be found on the PRA website https://pauatahanui.org.nz/Lanes%20Flat</p> <p>State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade</p> <p>The ongoing progress on the SH58 Safety Upgrade was noted with particular reference to the now partially operational Flightys Road roundabout. Although there is still a lot of work to be undertaken in the area, including for the bus stop, the roundabout has made a significant difference for residents of Flightys and Murphys Roads.</p> <p>PRA has asked about the work plans for the two bridges that are east and west of the golf course. NZTA has responded that the two bridges between the roundabouts are to be widened to accommodate the installation of median barriers but there will be no change to their height. On the sides of the bridges there will be three-beams which are high-strength, semi-rigid steel guardrails used on high-speed roads and bridges. These are characterized by a 'three-wave' cross-sectional design, offering higher impact resistance, greater load capacity, and less vehicle snagging compared to standard two-wave W-beam guardrails.</p>

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	<p>Quotable Value NZ</p> <p>Following ongoing communications with QV about the valuation process, on 14 May the PRA committee attended a workshop at Porirua City Council with David Nagel, Chief Commercial Officer, QV. Also in attendance were Jim Tocher, PCC General Manager Corporate Services, Graeme Grieve, PCC Principal Analyst (Financial), Mayor Baker and Councillors Leggett and Trlin. There was a presentation on the valuation process and the opportunity to have questions answered. David Nagel shared a copy of the PowerPoint presentation as well as providing a copy of the Pāuatahanui Rural Residential Basis Report. Copies of the presentation and report will be shared with residents. It was noted that the valuation reports have been sent to property owners and that the closing date for objections is 5 June.</p> <p>During the workshop Graeme Grieve also provided some information on rates. The Committee has some questions related to this information and once a response has been received will also be sharing this with residents.</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged that not all our questions on the valuation process were answered. However it was agreed that any further information gained at this time would not provide any further assistance to residents in the current valuation process. Prior to the next valuation period in 2028-29, PRA can review this decision and determine whether the Committee wishes to follow up with QV.</p>
<p>7. Reports</p>	<p>Pest Free Pāuatahanui</p> <p>Jo provided an update on the reported number of pests caught by residents and members of Pest Free Pāuatahanui. She also noted that there is to be another building session for making long rat tunnels on 6 June for anyone interested in participating.</p> <p>Freshwater Catchment Community</p> <p>Diane reported that she is currently writing up the reports from the eDNA sampling and the dung beetle monitoring.</p>
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>Long Term Plan Consultation 2027-37</p> <p>It was noted that Council has commenced early consultation on the next Long Term Plan. In this pre-engagement phase there are four key questions to be answered including asking about what Council's priorities should be and where savings might be made. PRA is not responding to the consultation at this early stage but residents have been provided with relevant information.</p> <p>Defibrillator at the Light House Cinema</p> <p>PRA has now paid our 50% contribution of \$2000 to Plimmerton Rotary who have been coordinating the replacement of the defibrillator at the Light House Cinema. The PRA logo has been supplied to Wellington Free Ambulance who are installing the defibrillator so that there is acknowledgement of PRA's support.</p> <p>Communications with Council</p> <p>Following the April meeting, PRA wrote to the Council on two matters to which responses had not been received. These were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to ask why the large green rubbish bin in the Village, near the path to the underpass, was removed and - to enquire about the possibility of installing a sign and/or a camera at "Chicken

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	<p data-bbox="555 230 1193 259">Corner” on Paekākāriki Hill Road to deter illegal dumping.</p> <p data-bbox="459 286 1011 315">PRA has now received a response to both queries.</p> <p data-bbox="459 353 1477 645">The large green bin was removed following damage it sustained in an earlier flood event. It has been determined by Council that there are other bins in the Village area and that monitoring undertaken of the area where the bin was has not shown any rubbish being left in the area. PRA noted that the reason there is no signs of rubbish is because residents are picking up any rubbish and disposing of it themselves. However it was agreed that the number of bins is probably sufficient for the area even if their placement may not be optimal. PRA will continue to monitor this and make representation to Council if there is a better solution.</p> <p data-bbox="459 689 1485 981">Council Maintenance and Litter Services have recently visited “Chicken Corner” on Paekākāriki Hill Road and did not find any indications of illegal dumping. They are going to ensure signage at the site is more effective by replacing and lowering the sign on the power pole. The sign says “No rubbish dumping - fines may be imposed. CCTV camera in use”. While onsite they discussed potential long-term solutions including extending the existing fencing further down the roadway. As the area is managed by the Council’s Transport Team, this recommendation will be passed to them for consideration. PRA has requested ongoing communication on this topic.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1025 778 1055">Emergency Communications</p> <p data-bbox="459 1066 1485 1357">Following on from the work with WREMO for emergency communications, Pim has been researching the possible use of Meshtastic. Meshtastic is an open-source communication system that enables text messages to be sent completely off-grid. It uses small, affordable radio devices working with a smartphone and operates entirely without cell towers, Wi-Fi, or internet service. As such it has a number of different applications including as a communication system in the event of an emergency or in an area where there is limited coverage, for example in the upper Paekākāriki Hill Road area. Pim will continue to explore its capabilities and possibilities.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1402 735 1431">Annual General Meeting</p> <p data-bbox="459 1442 1458 1543">The 2026 PRA Annual General Meeting has been confirmed for Tuesday 28 July 7.00pm at Pāuatahanui School. Wellington Electricity as the key speaker as well as Greater Wellington Park Rangers and Electrify Porirua have all confirmed their availability.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1588 794 1617">Pāuatahanui History Trail app</p> <p data-bbox="459 1628 1437 1695">Jo will work with Diane to do more research into possible historic sites in the Pāuatahanui area that could be added to the history trail app.</p> <p data-bbox="459 1740 735 1769">School History Archiving</p> <p data-bbox="459 1780 1485 1848">Lisa and Mary have been in touch with Micky to arrange collection of the boxes of materials that Micky was working on as part of the history-project-funded Pāuatahanui School archiving.</p> <p data-bbox="172 1877 411 1906">9. Still “on the radar”</p> <p data-bbox="459 1877 1331 2022">The following are still being considered by PRA but with nothing active to report</p> <ul data-bbox="459 1912 1289 2022" style="list-style-type: none"> - Village culverts - In person time with Council officers including addressing Council processes - Community resilience and emergency communications.

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<p>10. Correspondence</p>	<p>The following correspondence was noted</p> <p>Denise Landow, NZTA - SH58 Safety Upgrade works Belinda McKenzie-Dodds - Roadworks notices Patric Lane, NZTA Communications, - Village pathways & bridge Alisha Henderson, Wellington Transport Alliance - SH58 Road closures David Nagel, Chief Commercial Officer, QV - Property valuations Te Wāhi Tiaki Tātou, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira - Newsletter Gavin Bird, Customer Experience Specialist, Wellington Electricity - AGM presentation on Network upgrade Kate Scott - Electrify Porirua Brent Blann, Mana Coach Services - Moonshine Road bus stops Paul Hopkins - Date for name change from Pahautanui to Pāuatahanui Billie Judd, Sustainability Specialist, Awa - Horokiri Stream survey Craig de Denus, Arb Innovations - Walking track closure Phillip Reidy, Plimmerton Rotary - Defibrillator at Light House Cinema Plimmerton Rotary Treasurer - Defibrillator at Light House Cinema Rachel Evans, Wellington Free Ambulance - Defibrillator at Light House Cinema Sionainn King - Ngahere Korowai GOPI newsletter</p> <p>Residents - Village culvert, SH58 Safety upgrade, Tiaki Wai Metro Water, Roadside vegetation clearance height, Horokiri Stream survey</p> <p>PCC - David Stone, Manager, Parks - Rubbish bins, security camera Graeme Grieve, Principal Analyst Financial - Property Valuations Derek Kerite, Stuart Smith, Matt Hoffman - Esplanade Reserves & strips Charmaine Berkland, Manager Maintenance & Litter Services - Security camera Tabi Pullins, Economic Development Advisor - Student Landscape Architecture Design Workshop Natarsha Orsman, Play Advocate - Increasing play opportunities across Porirua</p> <p>PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents Consultation documents - 2027-2037 LTP, Tiaki Wai, Public Places, Signs and Smokefree Outdoor Public Places</p> <p>To Community April Minutes Road notifications SH58 Updates</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total emails inwards 203 Total emails outwards 153</p>

11. Meeting Close 9.17 pm

12. Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 9 June 7.30pm at Jo's

Approved by: Ken McAdam Chairperson, Pāuatahanui Residents Association Committee