

Pāuatahanui Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting



Date of meeting: 9 June 2026

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: 483 Paekākāriki Hill Road (Jo's Home)

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

In Attendance: GW Cr Claire Johnstone
GW Cr Phil Rhodes

Apologies Mary Jones

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1. Welcome	Ken welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Councillor Report	Greater Wellington Regional Councillors Claire Johnstone and Phil Rhodes attended the meeting and presented information on - Belmont Regional Park Masterplan - Claire and Phil discussed some of the engagement and consultation processes that are being undertaken on the Belmont Regional Park Masterplan. They expressed concern over the extended time frame without a masterplan for the park, the decisions that have been made in the absence of this plan and lack of certainty over plans for the park including the place of farming in the park, planting and afforestation plans, consideration of neighbours (e.g. pest control) and budget allocations towards any plans. - Riparian planting and the Harbour Accord - Phil asked about the community's involvement with riparian planting and the Harbour Accord. PRA noted that there has been little direct engagement on the riparian planting programme with PRA waiting until our concerns over the esplanade reserves and strips process with PCC have been resolved. Diane noted that she has been involved with the Harbour Accord workshops and we note the importance of the Councils' commitment to the Accord. - Amalgamation - Claire and Phil were asked about the government's requirement for the Councils to be considering amalgamation. Phil noted that there are various

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	possible permutations between the different cities and regional council and it is important for residents to have their say. Porirua has launched a survey today. Claire and Phil then left the meeting.
3. Apologies	The apology from Mary was accepted
4. Approval of Previous Minutes	Motion: That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 19 May 2026 are a true and correct record. Moved: Lisa 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 May 2026 PRA General a/c \$6982.58 includes:- PRA \$5007.45 Pest Free Pāuatahanui \$1175.28 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85 History a/c \$9491.48 History term deposit \$13,337.87 Transactions PRA a/c Income Interest \$0.52 Membership \$140.00 Donation \$20.00 Expenses Bank fees \$10.00 History a/c Income Interest income \$0.75
7. Topical Issues	Esplanade Reserves & Strips Following a meeting with PCC officers on 15 May on Esplanade Reserves and Strips, PRA was disappointed in the outcome with what we considered was a backwards step in the progress. Our concerns over this were emailed to Nic Etheridge and Mike Mendonca. PRA now has a meeting with Nic and Mike scheduled for 12 June. We remain 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. Lanes Flat Work & Transmission Gully Impacts Ken has been in touch with Craig Nicholson, Principal Project Manager, NZTA, regarding concerns over the development of Lanes Flat as well as potentially associated changes to flood patterns that have been noted in recent high rainfall events between Flightys Road and the Village. To date Craig has been NZTA's main point of contact for issues associated with the Transmission Gully project. However Craig advised that the Lanes Flat development is not part of the TG work and Ken is waiting for him to provide the name and details for the appropriate contact person.

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8. Reports	State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade The ongoing progress on the SH58 Safety Upgrade was again noted with particular reference to the Flightys Road roundabout. It has been noted that the roundabout has made a significant difference for residents of Flightys and Murphys Roads. Concerns have been raised over the short distance between the roundabout and the Flightys Road bridge as well as the lack of give way signage for vehicles approaching the bridge. Information has now been received from NZTA that shows the final alignment of the bridge approach which should address these concerns. This information has been forwarded to Flightys Road residents..
	Quotable Value NZ PRA shared with residents the valuation information from QV and the rates information from PCC. Some residents have indicated to PRA that they have specific concerns over their property valuations which they are taking up directly with QV.
	Belmont Regional Park Masterplan As noted by the earlier attendance of Claire and Phil at the meeting, Greater Wellington has begun a consultation process for the Belmont Regional Park Masterplan. On 27 May, Lisa and Diane attended a stakeholder workshop on the future of the park. The long term direction for the park, along with GW's other regional parks was set through the Parks Network Plan which was consulted on 2019-2020. It is intended that the Belmont Regional Park Masterplan will develop a more detailed direction for the park. The workshop provided the opportunity to discuss aspects of the park, its management and future potential with other stakeholders including Predator Free groups, Guardians of Pāuatahanui Inlet, representatives of Preserve Belmont Farm Park and local conservation groups. Greater Wellington is now beginning a programme of wider consultation including drop-in sessions and an online survey.
	Pest Free Pāuatahanui Jo provided an update on Pest Free Pāuatahanui. -Traps have been delivered or sold to a further 7 properties -The last of the Doc200 mechanisms have been sold to Willowbank and the last double Docs have been gifted to them. They have two trappers doing their pest free work now and the trap base is massive with great work happening - There have been discussions with a resident of Upper Paekākāriki Hill Road regarding multi-property hunting for goats and pigs. Pest Free will support and assist the project where able - A stocktake of traps has been done and more need to be ordered - Last weekend trap building took place at Aotea Lagoon - Trap results for the last 30 days include 15 rats, 8 possums, 2 mustelid, 35 other making a total of 59. This brings a total of 3399 pests caught since entering the data on TrapNZ. Freshwater Catchment Community Diane reported that the reports from the eDNA sampling on the Horokiri Stream and Ration Creek have now been completed and will shortly be shared more widely. She is working with Greater Wellington's Catchment team to plan an evening workshop for residents where information will be presented on what has been found in the streams and what can be done to enhance the stream's biodiversity and freshwater health. An "awa after dark" event is also being planned for (later in the year when the weather is warmer) as an opportunity to do some night spotlighting to actually see some of the different fish species as most are nocturnal.

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9. General Business	Pāuatahanui Burial Ground Mary will attend the next meeting of the Friends of Pāuatahanui Burial Ground which is to be held on Thursday 11 June. Daniel Chrisp, PCC Cemeteries Manager, has sent PRA the agenda and copies of the minutes of the previous three meetings.
	Co-option to the Committee Micky’s resignation from the Committee created a vacancy on the Committee. Sam has been a regular attendee and contributor to the Committee members and there was unanimous agreement that he should be co-opted to fill the vacancy.
	Annual General Meeting The date for the Annual General Meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 28 July. The main guest speaker will be Wellington Electricity providing an update on the network upgrade. Shorter speaking time is also being given to Peta McMillan, GW Parks Ranger, and Electrify Porirua.
	Emergency Communications Pim has met with Ron Segal to further consider the use of Meshtastic, an open-source communication system that enables text messages to be sent completely off-grid, as a communication system in the event of an emergency. Pim will continue to trial the possibilities of setting up a system using Meshtastic for local areas, initially in the Upper Paekākāriki Hill Road where the local topography of big hills and valleys creates extra challenges for communication systems.
	Pāuatahanui History Diane has been in touch with Reuben Friend, PCC General Manager, Community & Partnerships, making an initial enquiry about what historical records related to Pāuatahanui are held at Pataka (for example, the recorded interviews for the history book), whether Pataka is the best place for records to be held or whether there are other options.
	School History Archiving Lisa and Mary have continued to liaise with Micky regarding collection of the boxes of materials that Micky was working on as part of the history-project-funded Pāuatahanui School archiving. Once the materials have been returned to the school, plans will be made for any ongoing archiving as well as storage of the archives.
10. Still “on the radar”	Roadside Vegetation Clearance Following recent communications with Council over vegetation trimming, Donald shared PCC’s response which indicates a reliance on residents to complain via Antenno rather than Council having a specific maintenance monitoring programme with only exceptions needing resident input. The Committee agreed that there is some frustration over having road and vegetation issues addressed but felt that continuing to use Antenno to report specific areas of concern was still the best way for residents to approach these.
	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.

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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 Claire Johnstone, GW Councillor - Belmont Regional Park Masterplan Ella Henry, GW Parks & Recreation Planner - Belmont Regional Park Masterplan workshop Te Wāhi Tiaki Tātou, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira - June Newsletter Ngahere Korowai - Collective hui Preserve Belmont Farm Park - Fire risk OIA Judi Jones, Plimmerton Rotary - Planting season Donald Love - Roadside vegetation clearance height Residents - SH58 Safety upgrade, Tiaki Wai, Valuations, Rates, Belmont Regional Park Masterplan PCC - Nic Etheridge - General Manager, Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services - Council processes, Esplanade Reserves & strips Daniel Chrisp, Cemeteries Manager David Stone, Manager, Parks - Pest plants Graeme Grieve, Principal Analyst Financial - Property Valuations Derek Kerite - Esplanade Reserves & strips Reuben Friend, General Manager, Community & Partnerships - History archives PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents Spicer Landfill decision To Community May Minutes Rates information Road notifications SH58 Updates Belmont Regional Park Masterplan consultation Total emails inwards 108 Total emails outwards 104

12. Meeting Close 9.00 pm

13. Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 14 July 7.30pm at Sam's, 16 Mana View Road

Approved by: Ken McAdam Chairperson, Pāuatahanui Residents Association Committee