

# Pāuatahanui Residents Association

## Minutes of Committee Meeting



<b>Date of meeting:</b>	3 March 2026
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	483 Paekākāriki Hill Road (Jo's Home)
<b>Present:</b>	Ken McAdam [Chairperson] Diane Strugnell [Secretary] Jo Cross [Treasurer] Stephanie Manning Pim Engels Mary Jones Lisa Dymond
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sam Dearsly Cr Ross Leggett
<b>Apologies</b>	Micky Reilly Richard Bourne

Item	Minutes
1. Welcome	Ken welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Apologies	The apologies were noted.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes	<b>Motion:</b> That the minutes from the previous Committee meeting held on 10 February 2026 are a true and correct record. <b>Moved:</b> Steph <b>Seconded:</b> Jo <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 presented the Treasurer's report for February '26  PRA General a/c \$7570.28 includes:- PRA \$6285.65 Pest Free Pāuatahanui \$484.78 Freshwater Catchment \$799.85  History a/c \$9489.12 History term deposit \$13,203.30  Transactions PRA a/c Income Interest \$0.06

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6. Topical Issues	<p>Expenses Bank fees \$10.00 Pest Free - Possum Master Traps \$391.00</p> <p>History a/c Income Book sales \$69.93 Interest income \$0.73</p> <p><b>Esplanade Reserves &amp; Strips</b></p> <p>PRA Committee members have had two further meetings with PCC on 19 February and 3 March. Good progress is being made as we work with Derek Kerite (Manager, Resource Consents &amp; Monitoring), Stuart Smith (Team Leader, Resource Consents) and Matt Hoffman (Principle Resource Planner Parks) 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. The intent is that at the end of this work there will be a very clear set of steps, in the form of a flow diagram, that will inform both residents and Council officers considering a subdivision process that may involve a stream or waterway.</p> <p>Both PRA and the Council are looking to ensure that the process, as well as being clear, does not place unnecessary financial or time burdens including how the resource consent pre-application process can best be used. We have agreed that the width of a stream is a critical step early in the process. As there are no clear methods for establishing whether a stream meets the required 3 metre width, Council has engaged the engineering company Stantec to provide a quick assessment tool for establishing a stream's width that will tell landowners whether there is a need for any more detailed measurement.</p> <p>Further meetings with Council will be set up once the information from Stantec on stream measuring has been received. Meanwhile PRA is continuing to work on the flow diagram, using examples from residents currently going through or considering subdivision to test the steps being developed as well as to identify potential difficulties ("fish hooks") and possible solutions.</p> <p><b>Lanes Flat Work &amp; Transmission Gully Impacts</b></p> <p>In December 2025 PCC informed us that approval was granted for development of Lanes Flat including an NZTA Operations Centre as well as restoration planting. The plans are available on PRA's website Community Issues page <a href="https://pauatahanui.org.nz/community%20issues">https://pauatahanui.org.nz/community%20issues</a></p> <p>During recent storm events, including the flooding on 16 February, local residents have noticed a change in the ways in which flood waters have accumulated and behaved along the Pāuatahanui Stream between Flightys Road and the Inlet. This has raised the question of whether the reinstatement and development work in and around Lanes Flat is having a negative impact on the stream's ability to manage high rainfall events. Ken will contact Craig Nicholson, NZTA, regarding this.</p> <p>Some of the work to complete the Transmission Gully project is currently being undertaken between Lanes Flat and the Village. This includes work to construct the pedestrian bridge adjacent to the existing highway bridge which has begun with vegetation clearance. NZTA have informed us that the total construction programme is around 3-4 months .</p> <p><b>State Highway 58 Safety Upgrade</b></p> <p>The ongoing progress on the SH58 Safety Upgrade, particularly at the two roundabout intersections, was noted.</p>

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	<p><b>Quotable Value NZ</b></p> <p>With the Committee aware that residents will soon receive their new property valuations, Pim has continued to follow up on the information provided by QV. QV's most recent response was to provide an Excel spreadsheet. This appears to be a tracking sheet rather than the project plan referred to in the LINZ valuation manual.</p> <p>PRA will now write to the Auditor-General asking for a clear explanation of the valuation approach used for our area and the data relied upon in determining those valuations, noting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- since the last valuation there have been changes to the District Plan, including zone changes and the introduction of additional environmental hazard information such as flood hazard mapping. These changes may materially affect property values so it is important to understand how these factors have been taken into account in the latest property valuations.</li> <li>- given the smaller number of properties in the area, we recognise that representative data, including sales data, may be more limited</li> <li>- given that rating valuations form part of a statutory process relied upon by both property owners and Council, clarity around the methodology used is particularly important</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Resilience</b></p> <p>The recent storm once again highlighted some of the issues affecting our community including power outages, fallen trees and flooding. It was noted that, as in previous events, the impacts were lessened by neighbours and road groups working together to ensure that everyone was safe and helping to manage the negative effects. Four key issues continue to emerge that then raise further questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fallen trees that cause power outages and/or cut off access - are power lines live? who is responsible for clearing fallen trees? where/how can they be disposed of? what can be done preventively to minimise damage from trees near power lines or alongside the road? who is responsible for preventative actions - landowner? Council? Wellington Electricity?</li> <li>- Power outages - regardless of the cause, for many it was a long time before power was restored. We know Wellington Electricity was carrying out network improvements in the area to reduce outages such as additional HV switches to reduce the number of properties affected by outages or the installation of conductor (line) covers in areas identified as being at risk from trees. Did these improvements help? Is more work planned? What can further improve security of supply?</li> <li>- Communications - Some areas affected by power outages then lost phone coverage when the cell towers no longer had electricity directly or ran out of backup power. PRA has been working on a radio communications network for this eventuality and will continue to progress this.</li> <li>- Flooding - Flooding affected access at Flightys Road, SH58 near Judgeford Golf Club and the Village roundabout</li> </ul> <p><b>Pāuatahanui Public Burial Ground</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Pest Free Pāuatahanui</b></p> <p>Nothing new to report</p>
<b>7. Reports</b>	

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<b>8. General Business</b>	<p><b>Freshwater Catchment Community</b> Nothing new to report</p>
	<p><b>Village Community Placemaking</b> Nothing to report</p>
	<p><b>Willowbank Quarry Community Liaison Group</b> The next meeting for the Community Liaison Group is on 6 March.</p>
	<p><b>PRA Reregistration</b> PRA has successfully completed its reregistration as an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and has received the new Certificate of Incorporation.</p>
	<p><b>Light House Car Park Rubbish Bin</b> PRA has written to the Council asking why the large green rubbish bin near the path to the underpass was removed as there has been no response from Council to Antenno reports of it being missing. To date, there has been no response from Council.</p>
	<p><b>LIM Inaccuracies</b> PRA has received an email from Barbara Edmonds, MP, following up on the meeting members of the Committee had with her regarding inaccurate information on LIM reports. It was agreed that no further action is required on this matter as the Council's wording on recent LIM reports PRA has viewed appears more explanatory and robust, reflecting PRA's work with the Council to support a "no surprises" approach for residents.</p>
	<p><b>In-person Time with Council Officers</b> PRA has asked to work with Council to develop a process for residents wishing to query discrepancies in information held by or received from Council, such as that contained on a LIM report. Nic Etheridge, PCC General Manager, Policy, Planning &amp; Regulatory Services, has responded to some of PRA's questions and has noted that Council is continuing to work with the community and Wellington Water on flood mapping in the catchment as well as a Geohazards plan change which includes landslides. She also noted that Council officers and occasionally General Managers would be happy to attend a few PRA meetings to share and receive information. It was agreed that, at present, while PRA is working through the esplanade reserve/strip process with Council and is waiting for the next steps in the flood hazard mapping for the Horokiri catchment, there is not a need to have any further meetings. PRA will acknowledge the offer, knowing that it is helpful to have this available when required.</p>
	<p><b>Fly-Tipping on Paekākāriki Hill Road</b> Fly-tipping or the dumping of rubbish alongside the road is an issue along some of our rural roads. It has been particularly bad at "Chicken Corner" on Paekākāriki Hill Road and Pim asked if anything can be done to resolve this. It was noted that 5 years ago Council undertook a major clean up at the site. The Committee discussed the possibility of installing a sign and/or a camera at Chicken Corner to deter illegal dumping. As the roadside is Council land it would require Council permission so PRA will follow up on the possibility with Council.</p>
	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b> The 2026 PRA Annual General Meeting needs to be set for a date between 1 April and 31 August. A date will be set at the next Committee meeting. Possible guest speakers include Wellington Electricity to provide an update on the Pāuatahanui Network improvements and</p>

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	<p>Greater Wellington Park Rangers for an update on Battle Hill and Belmont Regional Park.</p>
	<p><b>Guidelines for PRA Communications</b>  PRA is sometimes asked by different organisations or groups to share information, for example on events or other happenings, with the Pāuatahanui community via our website, email database or Facebook. It was agreed that we will continue with the current approach which is to share directly relevant information from Porirua City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council and government or other agencies such as NZTA, QV, Wellington Electricity, Downer. Other organisations or groups will be directed to approach the local Facebook pages.</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>- Village culverts</li> <li>- Replacement of the defibrillator at the Light House Cinema</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Correspondence</b></p>	<p>The following correspondence was noted</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Denise Landow, NZTA - SH58 Safety Upgrade works  Belinda McKenzie-Dodds - Roadworks notices  Patric Lane, NZTA Communications, - Village pathways &amp; bridge  Craig Nicholson, NZTA - Village pathways &amp; bridge  Donna Ford-Tuveve, Office of Barbara Edmonds, MP - LIM inaccuracies  David Nagel, Chief Commercial Officer, QV - Property valuations  John Spence, Chair Community Liaison Group, Willowbank Quarry - CLG meeting  Te Wāhi Tiaki Tātou, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira - Newsletter  Kena Duignan - Ngahere Korowai  Parish Pāuatahanui - Easter Poster</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Residents - Green waste disposal, Roadside tree removal, Power outages, Emergency communications, Village culvert, SH58 Safety upgrade, Wellington Water</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">PCC - Chief Executive &amp; Councillors - Green waste fees  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  Culverts project team - Fortnightly updates  Dougal Morrison, Riparian Operations Advisor - Streamside planting  Removal of Village Rubbish bin  Cr Moira Lawler - Power outages</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">PCC Democratic Services – Council meeting documents</p> <p><b>To Community</b>  February Minutes  Road notifications  SH58 Updates  Spicer Landfill Future consultation  Streamside planting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total emails inwards 108  Total emails outwards 75</p>

**11. Meeting Close** 9.35 pm

**12. Next Committee Meeting** Wednesday 15 April 7.30pm at Steph's

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