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**Notes from the ZOOM Meeting of the PRRA
held on Monday 20 April 2020 at 7.00 p.m**

Present: Esther Kirk, Richard Glover, Leanne Armstrong, Richard Walters, Judie McEnallay, John McEnallay, Les Roa, Conrad Nagel, Kirsty Garrett

Apologies: Carole Forrester, Trudi Ballantyne

With Covid-19 Level 4 currently in place, the PRRA Committee met online at a ZOOM hui facilitated by Esther Kirk. Members shared their current work/life situations in their individual bubbles and agreed we are lucky to be able to enjoy isolation in our Pukehina paradise.

There was no formal agenda for tonight's meeting but some items were discussed and action points noted as follows:

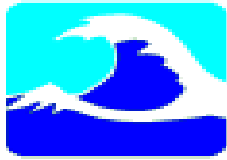
- ❖ Council's Matching Fund opens Wednesday 22 April and the team agreed we should apply for the follow-up funding for the Midway Park project which was around the Community Garden project. Esther is confident we could build a strong application around the aspect of community resilience and sustainable practices and has a copy of last year's application which can be easily updated to continue with the Midway Park development plan. Esther suggested we could put the idea of the Community Garden up on the Facebook page and gauge community response which could be included in our application.

ACTION: Esther/Kirsty

Esther asked the Committee if there were any other projects that were likely candidates for Council's Matching Fund as nothing had come out of the request for project ideas at the AGM. Leanne wondered whether the Estuary erosion issues would be too large a project for this fund and whether the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's initiative of protecting waterways could be a possible avenue of funding for this project. Leanne mentioned that she had discussed with her neighbours the various methods they had undertaken to protect the banks from erosion. Esther suggested Leanne follow up this avenue of funding.

ACTION: Leanne

- ❖ Esther mentioned that there had been great feedback to the last Newsletter delivered to many houses around the start of the lockdown period providing some contact with the elderly and people who are not on Facebook and also some new residents. Esther noted that she would work on a follow-up Newsletter providing an update from us as a Committee highlighting some of the community initiatives that have popped up during the isolation period. There has been a stronger connection with Maketu through emails with the Principal of Pukehina School who has been sharing the services available to all of us including Covid-19 support and testing. We could reiterate the Bikes on the Beach programme as there has been some issues with new residents riding on the dunes and cars driving on the beach. A few other items that could be include:



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- Special mention to Luana Lovell for keeping the community so positive with daily Facebook competitions and useful information whilst in lockdown
- Another special mention to the caregivers who have been under a lot of stress during lockdown and giving some extra support to them when we come out of lockdown
- A big thank you to Mark at 215 for the donations of produce every week
- The local store for staying open and providing a safe environment to shop for the essentials
- Photo and update on new Police recruit Brodie Cummins frontline policing during Covid-19 in Whakatane.

Esther noted that when we come out of the lockdown maybe there are some other ideas we can action as a Committee or put out to the Community for others to action, in the same spirit of the sharing of produce for instance. She noted that when they lived in Taranaki the community did a 'crop swap' one day every fortnight and everyone with excess produce put it out and swapped with their neighbours.

ACTION: Esther

- ❖ Les Roa asked whether we had any idea what major infrastructure projects Western Bay of Plenty (WBOP) District Council still had in the pipeline such as the Hamilton to Tauranga Highway, cycleways etc. Esther commented that she hasn't seen or heard anything further regarding this amazing project with interconnecting cycleways connecting the community, restoration of gully-ways and Richard Glover added he hadn't heard anything from Council since last year. Esther noted that it would be a good idea to contact Miriam and get an update on progress and clarify what Council's position is around rates rises for this region. She noted there is a strong signal from throughout New Zealand councils that there should be zero or minimal rates increases this year.

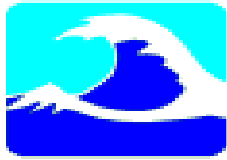
Les mentioned that though the signal from Councils around the country has been that there will be zero or minimal rates' increases, there are also warnings that they will be pulling funding for a number of projects. He suggested it would be good to know how this will affect some of the projects, such as repairs to our boat ramp due to commence this month.

Esther added a link to WBOP District Council website's Mayoral Update:

<https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/council/news-and-updates/news?item=id:29mrjofsq1cxby4okr05>

ACTION: Richard Glover

- ❖ Conrad reminded the Committee that at the last AGM he had brought up the fact that his driveway had been washed out and has recently been informed that Council would be reinstating his driveway.
- ❖ Conrad noted that the Papamoa Ratepayers' Association have approached Council about a proposed further rating for rubbish collection. Esther noted that Council surveyed everyone last year about waste management and recycling and suggested checking on Council's website to see what the result of the consultation process was.



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Richard Walters noted that the mobile recycling station set up at the BP Pongakawa has been operating very well until lockdown but he would like to see if there was any way we could expedite a more permanent recycling solution. Esther noted that Council had received funding for this trial and it would be interesting to hear from Miriam as to how much feedback Council has received and at what alert level this might be reinstated. Esther also suggested we could also do a poll on our Facebook page on how useful residents found the service. She noted the more positive community feedback Council gets could impact the decision on a more permanent system.

ACTION: Conrad

- ❖ Esther asked Leanne whether Community Patrols had any updates. Leanne noted that until the social distancing rule is lifted, they are unable to patrol in the vehicle. She did mention an incident that occurred on the beach with a motorbike and a yellow 4-wheeler tearing up the dunes. Leanne suggested that going forward it would be great to provide new residents to the beach with a pack providing information on Bikes on the Beach and other information.

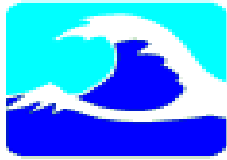
Judie mentioned she had started worked on a Welcome Pack last year and would get back to it and do some further work. Esther suggested we could perhaps look at some of the slides from the AGM presentation to provide information on Councils and the various roles of organisations in the Community.

ACTION: Judie/Neil

- ❖ John mentioned the domain name was up for renewal and he would advise VisionLab to renew for another 12 months. He also noted that the Bikes on the Beach programme has run out of numbers and would organize with Trudi to get some more printed once the printers were able to open again.

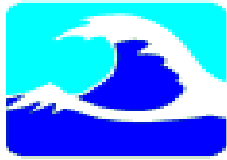
ACTION: John/Trudi

The next meeting of the PRRA Committee would be on Monday May 11, 2020 at 7pm.



ACTION POINTS

- **Esther and Kirsty** to work on submissions for WBOP District Council's Matching Fund
- **Leanne** – look into BOP Regional Council funding for waterways for estuary erosion
- **Esther** to prepare a second 2020 Newsletter
- **Richard** to email WBOP District Council's CEO, Miriam Tarris to seek clarification on several matters including:
 - ❖ Council's decision on rate increases in the region
 - ❖ The situation of current and ongoing projects including major infrastructure projects such as the Hamilton to Tauranga Highway, cycleways, repairs to the boat ramp etc
 - ❖ The feedback received from the recycling trial at BP Pongakawa and at what Alert Level we can expect this to reopen.
- **Judie** to complete work on the Welcome Pack for new residents.
Neil to arrange printing and distribution through Ray White once lockdown is over.
- **Conrad** to research information on the waste and recycling trial. Get community feedback on the trial perhaps through our Facebook page and newsletter. Useful link:
<https://www.westernbay.govt.nz/council/projects/waste-management-and-minimization-investigations>
- **John** to renew website domain name
- **Trudi** to arrange for new numbers to be printed for Bikes on Beach programme



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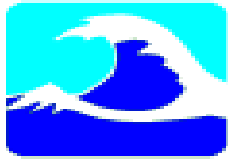
Gavin Wallace, resident re pushup information
Social Link newsletter
WBOP District Council 'Hello Future District' newsletter
Tarnix Statement
Federation of Ratepayer Associations of NZ newsletter
Social Link newsletter
Kevin Wilmshurst, resident re Bikes on the Beach registration
Acceptance to Maketu-Te Puke Ward Forum meeting
Social Link Newsletter
WBOP Council direct credit advice
Lance Drake, thankyou from Ratepayers' welcome email
Rosemary Searle, thankyou from Ratepayers' welcome email
Natalie Rutland, thankyou from Ratepayers' welcome email
Georgie Langsford, thankyou from Ratepayers' welcome email
Kate Blakeborough, thankyou for forwarding new members' details
TECT Newsletter
BRG Update on working arrangements
VisionLab – offer to help during lockdown
Social Link - newsletter
BRG – newsletter
PRRA Newsletter to members
BRG Newsletter
BOP Regional Council – notice re community group meetings on hold
TECT newsletter
BRG – info on wage subsidies
BOP Regional Council - update
Tarnix – invoice
NZ Sign Solutions update
BOP Civil Defence – update
EOC Intelligence – freedom campers

Correspondence Outward

Email:

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Gavin Wallace – re request for pushup information
Rod Davenhill – invite to PRRA March meeting
Stu Brickland – invite to PRRA March meeting
Kate Blakeboroug – invite to PRRA March meeting
WBOP District Council – Maketu – Te Puke Ward forum invite
Victoria Herrick – new member welcome to PRRA
Raewyn Haycock - new member welcome to PRRA
Natalie Rutland - new member welcome to PRRA
Simon & Melissa Juby - new member welcome to PRRA
Rosemary Searle - new member welcome to PRRA
Nick Cutting - new member welcome to PRRA
Lance & Lisa Drake - new member welcome to PRRA



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Georgie Langsford - new member welcome to PRRA
Cathy Henderson - new member welcome to PRRA
Andrew McDowell - new member welcome to PRRA
Kate Blakeborough – info on new members
Leanne Armstrong – info on new members
Rochelle Carter – help to print newsletter
EOC intelligence – request for info on freedom campers