

Minutes from *the Meeting of the PRRA*
held on Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.00 pm at the Pukehina Surf Club

Present: Richard Glover, Leanne Armstrong, Esther Kirk, Carole Forrester, Neil Carter, Kirsty Garrett, Judie McEnallay, John McEnallay, Conrad Nagel, Councillors Kevin Marsh, John Scrimgeour

Guests: Nalani Wilson-Hokowhita (189), James Anderson

Apologies: Trudi Ballantyne, Les Roa

Absent without Apology: Richard Walters

Richard welcomed Nalani and James to our Meeting and suggested James open the meeting with his presentation about the water quality of the estuary.

James spoke to the Committee about his involvement with two main projects in the Pongakawa Pukehina rohe/area. The first is his involvement with the Wai Kokopu Steering Group and the vision to improve the water quality of the Waihi Estuary. The steering committee have identified where the water that feeds the estuary comes from and is working on government funding applications to be able to support landowners and farmers in the catchment with riparian planting and other mitigation measures. James hopes that the Pukehina community will also work together on this for the recovery of the waterway and our estuary for future generations.

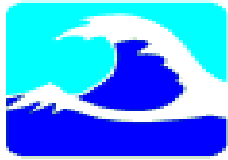
The second project is the creation of a wetland area on family land at the start of Pukehina Beach Road. Many plants have gone in and this work will continue across the road with the removal of privet, a pest plant and riparian planting along the Pongakawa awa. James is keen to work with the committee to make a joint request to relocate the gravel pit area at the turnoff and turn this into a welcoming entrance way to our slice of paradise.

Esther acknowledged James and his whanau and thanked him for his time coming to talk to the Committee and feels we will be able to forge a great relationship going forward and achieve great things for our community.

Carole also acknowledged James' involvement as part of the Civil Defence team and thanked him for his contribution.

At this point, 4 residents joined the meeting to hear about the site visit with Jim Dahm.

Richard advised that he and several members of our Committee (Leanne Armstrong, Esther Kirk, Judie McEnallay) along with representatives of WBOPDC (Sue Hammond), BOPRC (Paul Goldsmith and Richard Knutson), DOC (Emma Woods) and Coastcare (Chris Ward) met this morning with Jim Dahm, the Coastal Expert the PRRA have engaged to review the recent dune and estuary erosion. Richard noted that Jim will compile a report following this site visit. Richard went on to say that 2 areas of the beach between 71-89 and 155-207 inclusive are of immediate concern and Jim suggested that the Committee should pass a motion at tonight's meeting to contact contractors regarding their availability for a proposed pushup late October/early November. The other areas seen on the beach today are of secondary importance and would most likely not be started until autumn of 2021 when smaller pushups could occur with associated planting.



Pukehina Ratepayers' & Residents' Association Inc.

Pukehina.bra@gmail.com or www.pukehinabeach.co.nz

PO Box 113, Te Puke 3153

NB: Until Jim's report has been received there is little that can be done regarding any sand pushup that may eventuate.

Richard asked Nalani (who is coordinating the pushup process on behalf of affected residents) if she needed anything further from the Committee. Nalani advised the Committee and guests that the affected area between 71-89 Pukehina Parade is being coordinated by Dallas Bates who resides here permanently. Nalani explained that as she was the person who originally approached our Committee at our last meeting to activate the Resource Consent, she became by default, the coordinator of the residents' group. She believes that it will be important to draw on the strengths of the residents who reside here permanently at the beach to lead the pushup process through to a successful completion and she and Dallas will continue to assist.

Richard discussed Jim's comments about the obvious success and rejuvenation of the dune areas where plantings of spinifex and pingao have worked extremely well as opposed to those properties who have not removed non-coastal plantings and replaced with the appropriate dune plants. Richard noted that any future sand pushups will require residents to take responsibility for clearing the area in front of their own property of any weeds and take a proactive approach to caring for the dunes by planting approved dune plants and keeping the dunes free from weeds.

After talking with Jim and BOPRC on the beach, Esther and Richard suggested establishing a commitment process between the PRRA and residents that are the recipients of the pushup. The commitment could be based on ongoing care, maintenance and regeneration of the dune once the pushup work has been done, eg an expectation that the owners of these properties will continue to plant, weed and fertilise every year thereafter. Kevin Marsh noted that this commitment should be obtained before any work starts, as a pushup every year is not sustainable. *NB Jim stated at the site visit that weed removal and native plantings are the best form of mitigation to coastal erosion.*

Esther noted that she had a commitment this morning from Paul from the BOP Regional Council and Chris Ward from Coastcare that a strategic planting plan will be put together targeting specific areas along the beach that require attention. This plan will include working alongside residents over the next few years to ensure the weeding and planting is done during planting season.

Nalani thanked the Committee for prioritising the request for a pushup and getting the process moving in a timely fashion.

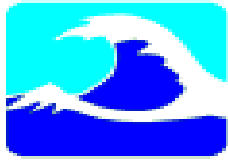
1. Approval of August Minutes

The minutes of the August 2020 meeting had been distributed and read prior to meeting. It was moved that those minutes are a true and accurate record.

Moved Richard Glover **Seconded** Leanne Armstrong **Carried**

2. Treasurer's Report – held over until October meeting

Judie reported that Trudi advised that there were no bills to pay this month apart from the regular automatic payment to Tarnix Security and that \$5,000 had been moved to the current account as per the motion passed at the August meetings and the remaining funds on deposit had been re-invested for a further 3 months.



Action Point Updates from August Minutes

- *Judie - email Jim Dahm and request assessment of both beach and estuary erosion issues*

Judie advised this had been done and Jim reviewed both beach and estuary erosion today (Monday 14 September).

- *Trudi – transfer \$5,000 from term deposit to bank account and reinvest remainder on term - Done*
- *Judie prepare draft letter to Transit NZ*

Judie advised that the draft letter had been completed but after meeting James Anderson on the beach today will revise the letter in view of some of the communications and actions already in process by James and his group regarding the gravel pit.

Action: Judie

- *John – create web page for CPNZ membership*

John advised he needed details regarding email contacts etc. to create the page. Leanne noted she would provide this to John.

Action: Leanne

- *Judie – redraft Bikes on Beaches sign and send to Neil for quote/Neil to obtain quote*

Neil shared his draft sign to the Committee and noted that a quote for \$60 had been given. The Committee agreed to proceed with the signs that will be erected at both ends of the beach.

Action: Neil

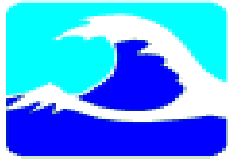
3. GENERAL BUSINESS

- *Update from CPNZ*

Leanne advised that she has a further 6 people to sign up as volunteers for the patrols. Regular patrols have been continuing with no incidents to report.

- *Update from Civil Defence*

Carole advised that she hasn't heard anything from Civil Defence Headquarters. She reported that she had been contact with WBOP District Council who confirmed that she is able to perform radio checks on the Civil Defence radio even though it is located in the Community Hall. Nothing further to report.



Pukehina Ratepayers' & Residents' Association Inc.

Pukehina.bra@gmail.com or www.pukehinabeach.co.nz

PO Box 113, Te Puke 3153

- *Update from Hall Committee*

Richard advised that Rod Davenhill was unable to attend tonight's meeting but had nothing further to add to his statement that had previously been distributed to the Committee and which he had posted on to the local Pukehina Facebook pages. Kevin Marsh advised that the situation of the hall had been discussed recently and Council intends to consult with Pukehina residents. John Scrimgeour noted that residents will be asked whether they wish to repair the existing hall. He noted that given the cost and the impact this will have on their rates and that the actual cost of repairs is still unknown, the figure may be such that it would be more reasonable to build a new structure. John also noted that the Surf Club is hoping to start demolishing their current building after the next summer season and the new surf club premises will have a room of similar capacity as the current hall which will be available for hire by the community. The Community will have to weigh up whether Pukehina needs to have 2 buildings available for hire of a similar capacity.

Esther asked if the consultation process from WBOPDC could be more open and in-depth than just a survey. She suggested a facilitated community meeting where all the current situation information was available and there was an opportunity to suggest and explore a range of alternatives before any action was decided.

- *Review of coastal properties and estuary erosion by Jim Dahm*

This item was partially covered prior to the start of the meeting proper with Estuary Erosion discussed under Item 4. Richard advised that once we have quotes from the contractors and know when they will be available and we have Jim Dahm's report, residents will then need to be informed of what is required on each property before work can commence. Residents will also be required to be involved during the actual pushup process in keeping the area safe and monitoring activity while heavy machinery is operating on the beach. Richard proposed that we initiate the process of contacting contractors to get an Expression of Interest and their availability to take on the work late October/early November.

Moved Richard Glover **Seconded** Neil Carter **Carried**

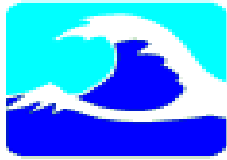
Action: **Judie/Leanne**

- *Venue for AGM*

Richard advised that we need to find a venue for our upcoming AGM as the Hall is no longer available and the Surf Club and Fishing Club are both too small to accommodate members. Kevin Marsh suggested Pongakawa Hall and offered the venue to the Committee for the AGM. It was agreed our next meeting would be held on Saturday 2nd January 2021 at 1.30pm. in the Pongakawa Hall.

- *Welcome Pack*

Esther advised that she and Judie are on the last draft before finalising the Welcome Pack and getting it printed and thanked Conrad for his contribution.



4. OTHER BUSINESS

- *WBOPDC Long Term Plan – discussion at upcoming Ward Forum Meeting*

John Scrimgeour advised that the Forum Meeting will now be held on 1st October at 7pm in the Paengaroa Hall. Kevin Marsh noted that it was important the PRRA came along and delegate one or two people to speak about any concerns for the Pukehina community such as the Hall. Esther suggested we could speak about the development of the Midway Park project, a footpath around Costello Crescent and the walkway project. It was agreed that a sub-committee get together to discuss and prepare a presentation for this meeting.

ACTION: [Esther/Leanne/Kirsty/Richard/Neil](#)

- *Review current projects and Committee responsibilities, community garden*

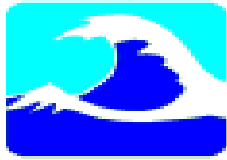
Kirsty showed the Committee pictures of the Bethlehem Community Garden which she and Esther felt could be a model for our project. Esther explained that Midway Park has been intended as a community hub for Pukehina and during the workshop that we held last year, a community garden and orchard was proposed. Esther noted that Boyd Harris, Chairman of Pukehina Surf Rescue and a tutor at Toi Ohomai, said that his department were always looking for projects to put the learning into practice. Kirsty added that she had attended a Funding Forum recently and all the approximately 30 funding avenues in the area are all post-Covid and Covid recovery related. Kirsty noted that the community garden project will most certainly fit this criteria. John asked how much was required for the project and Esther said the cost for materials (as put in the past Community Matching Fund application) was around \$6,000. Leanne asked the Committee whether we should use some of the PRRA funds to get the project started and Judie responded that as the term deposit had only recently been rolled over, it would be another 3 months before this would be available. Esther noted that they were reasonably confident that their funding applications would be favourably received and Kirsty added that she also had some other avenues to pursue.

- *Jim Dahm's Review of Estuary erosion*

Esther updated the Committee on Jim's review of the estuary erosion that morning and noted that they walked from the boat ramp down to about No 604 and reviewed the areas where erosion is occurring. His suggestion is to cut back a little of the bank on the surf club side of the boat ramp and bring in sand from the Pongakawa River and create a beach area. He then suggested doing another area on the opposite side of the boat ramp down to the next little beach area. It will be necessary to remove all the rocks, rubble and any other rubbish that has been dumped and then bring more sand in. Jim advised that we should start initially with those two areas as further down from there it becomes a lot harder as the channel is a lot deeper and the water is hitting hard up against the bank. We should formulate a 5-year estuary plan with the Regional Council so it can get into a programme of works so that there is a very clear process in place going forward even if our current Committee are no longer involved. Jim also noted that the estuary sand replenishment works could come under the same provision as replenishment of the dunes with funds coming from the targeted rate that all ratepayers have been contributing to since 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

The next meeting of the PRRA Committee would be on Monday October 12, 2020 at 7pm.



Pukehina Ratepayers' & Residents' Association Inc.

Pukehina.bra@gmail.com or www.pukehinabeach.co.nz

PO Box 113, Te Puke 3153

ACTION POINTS

- **Judie** - finalise draft letter to Transit NZ re gravel pit tidy-up
- **Leanne** – forward CPNZ details/photos/email contact to John for webpage
- **Neil** – order Bikes on the Beach signs
- **John** – create web page for CPNZ membership
- **Esther/Kirsty/Leanne/Richard/Neil** – meet to discuss topics for the Ward Forum Meeting on October 1st.

Correspondence Inward:

Email:

August 2020

Tarnix Statement

WBOPDC – newsletter

SocialLink newsletter

Invoice from Stem Accountants

Statement from Stem Accountants

SocialLink newsletter

Noel Stevens – re Bikes on beach

Wendy & Rod Davenhill – re hall

Social Link

Stu Brickland – photo for sign

WBOPDC – remittance advice

Jim Dahm – response to Dune review engagement request

Vicki Wallace, resident 193 – pushup

Dallas Bates, resident 75 – request for info on pushup

Kath Haakma – resident reporting rubbish on the beach from dune erosion

Jenny & Ian Orchard – PRRA membership

Ross Burns – regarding PRRA membership

TECT newsletter

Wendy & Rod Davenhill – acceptance to attend meeting

Invite from Boyd Harris, Pukehina Surf Rescue to attend AGM

Social Link newsletter

Pukehina Surf Rescue Newsletter

TECT newsletter

Social Link newsletter

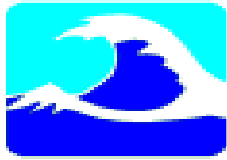
Heather Peart, resident 209 photos of dune damage

Update from Maketu-Te Puke Ward forum

SocialLink

Vicki Wallace re pushup

Michael Maassen – re SH2 speed review



Pukehina Ratepayers' & Residents' Association Inc.

Pukehina.bra@gmail.com or www.pukehinabeach.co.nz

PO Box 113, Te Puke 3153

Correspondence Inward: (cont)

Tony Drayton, resident 199 re dune erosion
WBOPDC – newsletter
Tarnix August Invoice

Correspondence Outward

Email:

August 2020

Noel Stevens re bikes on beach registration
Wendy & Rod Davenport re hall closure
Vicky Wallace – re retaining wall collapse
Jim Dahm – Engagement by PRRA to review dune & estuary erosion
Jade Chalmers, resident 293 re dune erosion
Kath Haakma re beach rubbish
Dallas Bates – info re pushup process
Vicki Wallace - info re pushup process
Update to Nalani re pushup
Ross Burns re membership PRRA
Update to all residents who notified us of dune erosion from Jim Dahm
Kate Blakeborough – request for assistance contacting residents affected by dune erosion
Nalani – re Jim's visit
Richard, Nalani - list of dune erosion affected residents
Michael Maassen – re SH2 speed review
Jodi Poulter – info on pushup
Fishing Club requesting hire of hall
Jim Dahm – photos of erosion damage

Richard Glover
Chairman, Pukehina Residents' and Ratepayers' Association