
PUKEHINA BEACH RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION [PBRA] DISCUSSION NOTES REGARDING PBRA RESOURCE CONSENT 68165-AP

68165-CC.01 DISTURB COASTAL HABITAT OR PLANTS EXPIRY 30 SEPTEMBER 2031

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68165-LC.01 EARTHWORKS OR EXCAVATION EXPIRY 30 SEPTEMBER 2031

Residents along the beach front side of Pukehina Parade; specifically address numbers (215,223,225,225B & 227) are concerned about erosion to their properties. The following document is a record of process in regards to addressing the erosion issue at the specified addresses and along the entire 5.25 km stretch of beach.

Of importance to PBRA:

1. PBRA represent all Pukehina Ratepayers
2. Resource Consent 68165 relates to the 5.25km length of Pukehina Beach
3. Any soft work protection via beach push up or placement of dredged material deemed necessary and carried out by PBRA, under the guidance of a suitably qualified coastal specialist or engineer, would be inclusive of the entire 5.25 km length of beach.
4. In order for sharing accurate information we wish to have the following lines of communication respected.
 - PBRA Mike Piper (Chairman 021388394) or correspondence Denise Donald (secretary Pukehina.bra@gmail.com)
 - Western Bay Regional Council Kaituna and Pongakawa Land Management Catchment Manager Pim de Monchy 0800 884 880 ext 8518
 - Paora Maxwell for the resident group (properties 215 - 227) 021520348
5. Soft work protection will not commence prior to March 1st 2018

17TH JANUARY 2018

A group of residents met with Regional Council BOP Regulatory Compliance team member, Wayne Lewis to voice their concerns about erosion / inundation of their beach front properties.

According to the residents, Wayne stated; "About 8 – 9 properties were at greatest risk...that he could see the urgency of the erosion problem...that the work was

warranted under the Resource Consent issued to PBRA. Paora Maxwell contacted the secretary of the PBRA to inform her of events and to request an enactment of the Regional Council consent.

18TH JANUARY 2018

Hui arranged at 1pm, 227 Pukehina Parade

Attendees

Property owners: Dawn & Richard Glover, Kay Davey, John & Jackie Medaris and Paora Maxwell – absent Mark McCafferty

PBRA Chair Mike Piper and PBRA Secretary Denise Donald Discussed

Actions moving forward included:

1. Paora Maxwell to communicate with PBRA on behalf of residents
2. Denise to communicate with Paora and Regional Council in Mike's absence
3. Mike to contact Wayne Lewis Regional Council BOP

ACTIONED 18/01/2018:

1. Wayne informed Mike he works for Regulatory Team and is not the person to action the resource consent.
2. Mike contacted previous PBRA chair to gather further information
3. Mike informed Paora of actions via phone
4. Denise has spoken with John Cook (2017 PBRA Chair) and arrangements have been made to contact Regional Council in order to find correct personnel to deal with.

19TH JANUARY

Denise sought advice from an independent planning consultant

Review of Resource Consent 68165-AP

Elva Conroy MNZPI, Consultant Planner

While the soft protection works are deemed urgent, the following resource consent conditions guide the next steps:

- DESIGN: Must be designed by a suitably qualified coastal specialist or engineer (condition 5.3)

- TIMING: Must not occur between 1 November and 29 February each year (unless a suitably qualified ecologist reports otherwise)
- CRITERIA: Outlines when the consent may be exercised (Condition 5.1), including when emergency works condition 8.1 is triggered
“Emergency works will only be approved when a suitably qualified coastal specialist determines that dwellings are at imminent risk from erosion.”
- COUNCIL NOTIFICATION: Minimum 10 working day notification needed to Regional Council with a plan of works. Notification also to occur with WBOPDC, DOC and Iwi.

Recommendation: Given that the resource consent is held by the Pukehina Ratepayers Association (who represent all Pukehina Ratepayers) and relates to a 5.25km length of Pukehina Beach, a suitably qualified coastal specialist or engineer is commissioned to:

- Assess / scope where soft protection works are needed along the entire stretch
- Whether any sites fall within the emergency works condition
- Plan / design the required soft protection works
- Supervise the soft protection works

20TH JANUARY

John Cook emailed Jim Dahm (Coastal specialist & consultant who negotiated Resource consent for PBRA) regarding erosion and resource consent issue asking for advice.

No response to date

23RD/24TH JANUARY

Denise spoke with Simon Stokes, Eastern Catchment Manager (Regional Council Key points:

1. PBRA have acted professionally and are making contact with correct people
2. Keep at Regional Council WBoP Catchment Team for support in managing consent
3. Lean on Regional Council support in activating consent
4. Tighten up lines of communication between Regional Council WBoP and PBRA in regards to this consent – ‘everyone on same page’ to avoid unnecessary angst between ratepayer / residents and PBRA

ACTION

Denise left messages regarding consent action, with the following people at Western Bay Regional Council: Pim de Monchy, Courtney Bell, Rob Donald, and Shane Ironmonger.

25th Courtney Bell responded by phone to inform Denise that Pim was away on annual leave until 30th January. Rob Donald phoned Denise to inform her he had left a message with Shane Ironmonger (regional Council coastal scientist) to make contact

30TH JANUARY

Denise made contact with Pim de Monchy and informed Mike.

ACTION:

1. Pim to arrange meeting at Pukehina Beach ASAP
2. Meeting arranged on site 2nd February 8.30 a.m.

2ND FEBRUARY

Meeting held on site 215 -227 at full tide.

Attendees: Pim de Monchy, Shane Ironmonger, Milly Farquhar & Chris Ward (Coast Care) Sue Hammond (District Council Access way & Reserves Officer) Mike & Denise (PBRA) , Paora, John and Mark (residents) Discussion points from meeting:

- Shane and Pim explained the cut and fill beach cycle process at Pukehina Beach. They provided historical and recent narratives on success and failure projects associated with push up restoration both locally and nationally.
- Sue Hammond was concerned about use of beach stairway structures and water run off pipes which will intensify dune erosion. Sue also explained her role in council relating to Pukehina Beach access ways.
- Chris Ward explained how dune planting of native plants assists sand to build back, much more quickly after an event and how exotic plants were not useful in holding sand and do not help to rebuild dunes. The plants do not stop inundation but do help in holding and rebuilding dune when the beach cycle is in recovery phase.
- Pim acknowledged that property 215 was severely eroded and 225 (which had tyres and poles exposed) were in his opinion, needing remedial soft work protection.
- The residents want all properties within their group to be provided with soft protection work.
- The following charges are collected from ratepayers via Western Bay of Plenty District Council [WBOP DC] rates on behalf of PBRA: \$46.05 Coastal Rate /

\$8.27 Inland Rate for the Dune Refurbishment Fund. \$20.00 for the Development Fund (waste water reticulation scheme). These funds have been collected since 2008 and are held collectively, in a fund called 'Pukehina Development Reserve', by WBOP DC. The dune refurbishment fund will be accessed to cover costs for any soft protection work which PBRA need to carry out.

ACTION POINTS ON IMPLEMENTING THE CONSENT:

- Pim and Shane explained beach push up would work, **although the risk is, that any completed work could get washed away in 2 or 3 tide cycles**. This could be a very short term solution. They also explained how, over a period of time, dune recovery could occur naturally. No guarantees can be given either way.
- The residents present were made aware of the above risks and indicated they want the PBRA to go ahead with activating the consent for soft protection work to their properties.
- Shane explained how the ideal sand to use for push up or dredged material, is from the beach directly in front of where a push up will occur. Currently there is not enough beach area exposed that could be used. Sand from the Pongakawa stream could be useful for base build up but it is of a finer quality, may wash away more rapidly and is likely to have more undesirable weed content.
- PBRA will contact a suitably qualified coastal specialist to scope the beach and provide a detailed plan on how to approach the soft protection work.
- Agreement was reached to not begin work prior to 1st March as per consent, not to not evoke an emergency consent request and not to trigger an ecological waiver.
- Mike conveyed quite clearly to the residents present that PBRA represent all ratepayers and would be endeavouring to scope the entire 5.2 length of the beach to ensure consistency and fairness to all ratepayers effected by erosion issues.
- Mike also conveyed to the residents, PBRA were acting as quickly and professionally as possible and he communicates information as it comes to hand.
- Pim offered \$500 from Regional Council funds to be used towards engaging a consultant for the appropriate soft work protection.
- PBRA intend organising a public meeting for residents to become better informed about their beach.
- Milly is going to provide PBRA with a map of Pukehina Beach identifying public land ownership along the beach and archived data regarding sand dune movement along Pukehina Beach.
- Everyone agreed that in order to have accurate information being shared the following lines of communication need to be respected.

- All initial contact by phone through Mike Piper (Chairman) or correspondence Denise Donald (Secretary) PBRA, Pim de Monchy Western Bay Regional Council and Paora Maxwell for the resident group (properties 215 - 227).