



Pukehina Beach Ratepayer's Association Inc.

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**Pukehina Rate Payers Association Inc. Minutes of the AGM
2.00pm Saturday January 2nd 2016 at Pukehina Beach Community Hall.**

These minutes remain provisional until accepted at the AGM January 2017

Welcome & Introductions were made by Ian Rodger (Chair) to Miriam Taras (WBOPDC CEO), Sue Mathews, Kevin Marsh and John Scrimgeour (councillors), the 2015 committee and approx 70 members.

Apologies: Ange Trudgen, Dallas Bates, Janet Andrew.

Ian Rodger moved that apologies be accepted, seconded John Cook, carried.

Chairman's Report, as printed in the December Newsletter, was circulated.

Ian thanked retiring committee members Stella Cressey and Bev Nairn for their service.

Ian Rodger moved the report as circulated be accepted, seconded Richard Mohi, carried.

Minutes previous AGM:

David Taylor moved that the minutes of the AGM held 3rd January 2015 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded Stella Cressey, carried.

Treasurer's Report:

John Cook read the annual account prepared by Business Results Group noting major changes to walkway funds, ie transfer to the main PBRA account, \$18K spend on resource consent and unspent grant monies being carried forward. BP Pongakawa was thanked for their generous sponsorship of the fuel and servicing of the Community Patrol Car.

John Cook moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, seconded Alex White, carried.

Election of officers:

The chairman and two 2015 committee members resigned while the remainder of the committee agreed to be nominated for re-election and nominations for new committee members were welcomed. Kevin Marsh took the opportunity of thanking Ian for positive chairmanship and good relationships with council.

Nominations were made as follows, and as en bloc for the returning committee –

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder	Nominations closed by	Carried
Chairman	John Cook	Ian Rodger	Dave Taylor	Ian Rodger, Colin Foote	✓
Treasurer	Ange Trudgen	John Cook	Rod Davenhill	"	✓
Secretary	Denise Donald	Bev Nairn	Carole Forrester	"	✓
Committee	Rex Cameron	Ian Rodger	Dick Mohi	Dave Taylor, Rob Claridge	✓
Committee	Alex White	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Carol Forrester	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Alan Sutherland	"	"	"	✓
Committee	John Mc Millan	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Ray Foster	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Dallas Bates	"	"	"	✓
Committee	Katrina Dunn	John Cook	Ian Rodger	Dave Taylor, Rob Claridge	✓
Committee	Judy Treloar	Ian Rodger	John Cook	"	✓
Committee	Joy Walker	John Cook	Ian Rodger	"	✓



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General Business:

1. *Waste Water - John Cook*

John reported that the committee continues to promote a Voluntary Maintenance scheme and the generous \$100 discount on septic tank **cleaning offered by Pete's Takeaways remains** in place for PBRA members.

The Regional Water Quality Survey results due this year will indicate next steps, and the animal or human origin of contamination.

2. *Development Fund –Special Rate – Ian Rodger*

Following on from the discussion on the waste water issue facing our community Ian Rodger chaired a discussion on the collection and management of this special rate for the Pukehina Beach Ratepayers. The discussion included the likely cost of a imposed Maintenance Scheme and a Reticulated Sewerage Scheme. Miriam Taras stated a BOPRC imposed Maintenance scheme will be expensive. It was reported that the present fund was \$292,000.

Following the discussion based on the outgoing committee's recommendation Rob Claridge moved "Continue the collection of the Infrastructure Fund, seconded John Cook, carried 40/1.

3. *Sand Dune Refurbishment Consent – Ian Rodger*

Resource Consent application has been submitted and accepted apart from minor technical details and the term. Regional council advise that such consent will only be issued for five years vs thirty five years sought as per other regional examples.

After discussion Rob Claridge moved we 'Strongly express dissatisfaction with the five year period', seconded John Cook, carried.

David Taylor recommends we clarify specifics of BOPRC policy as it appears natural erosion will not be covered, but inundation will. It was noted that the Estuary shore is excluded in the consent.

4. *Sand Dune Refurbishment Fund - Ian Rodger*

Following on from the presentation of the Consent Issue Ian Rodger tabled the outgoing committee's recommendation of continuing with the collection of this rate and discussed how the spending of this rate and the management of any refurbishment is managed. It was reported that the Sand Dune Refurbishment fund stands at \$194,000 at present.

Following the discussion Ian Rodger moved we 'Continue collecting the dune refurbishment rate', seconded Colin Foote, carried 40/1.

It was noted that one aspect of the consent was that if an area selected for refurbishment contained unauthorised walkways – posts and pilings they would need to be removed before any refurbishment would be approved. It was also note that Sand ladders are the best form of beach access over the dunes and DOC recommend four or five properties share one.

5. *Waihi Estuary Walk/cycleway – John Cook for Dallas Bates*

The project is stalled. The committee will not take further actions or seek funds until the challenge to councils by a neighbour is removed. Support from the council was acknowledged and mention made of the local cycle-ways being developed.

Coastal inundation is unlikely to affect the path as it is deemed an impermanent structure.



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6. Submissions to the WBOPDC Coastal Hazards Plan – *Ian Rodger for Dallas Bates*

The committee's representation of Pukehina Beach community has been made (see website) on the following basis:

- We have objected based on our belief that the scientific data is subjective
- We believe that the initiative should be led by central government with nationally consistent figures
- We want the focus to be placed on looking at protection options.

7. *Fresh water Futures & Environs – Bev Nairn*

A survey of freshwater in the region (lakes to coast) by BOPRC is underway in response to the National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management. Voting slips were circulated to all attendees to express preferences for the quality and safety (health) of the estuary.

Restoration of Dotterel point continues and birds are colonising Newdick's Beach. The exclusion of quad bikes and dogs has helped this and it now rates as Conservation Category A.

The 47 hectare wetland reserve, on the shore opposite the boat ramp and overrun with pampas and other pests is being upgraded in association with DOC, BOPRC and MOWS.

8. *Community Emergency Response Plan – Carole Forrester.*

The new local CD plan is done and can be viewed on the WBOPDC website. The Fire Service and Neighbourhood watch are an integral part of this. Copies are available and a summary card will be dropped to all beach residences this month. One difficulty is knowing whether a house is occupied or not, so please make contact with Joy Walker on 533 3070 with details in confidence.

9. *Pukehina Beach website – Stella Cressey*

It is going well being accessed globally. A thank you was made to business sponsors who fund it's upkeep.

10. *Community Hall/ Community Patrol/Parks - Rex Cameron, John mc Millan & Rod Davenhill*

The vehicle is well funded and six patrollers make circuits of the beach at random times. The Fun Run was postponed until Anniversary weekend because of bad weather. Hall finances are adequate to cover costs and hall use steady with Tai Chi, pilates and bowls as regular fixtures as well as private functions.

Council has given permission for the goal posts to be erected and installation is due in the New Year. Bunnings' contribution of about \$100-worth of fixings was gratefully acknowledged.

11. *Neighbourhood Support (NS) – Joy Walker*

Very little crime to report compared with ten years ago. The networking of NS groups work not only for security but also resolution of property issues such as leaks or breakage.

12. *Beach access ways*

Sand ladder repairs are needed in places and are scheduled for March after stormy weather subsides. Some are closed currently as dangerous. Service requests are the best way to bring problems to council's attention.

13. *Council – Miriam Taras*

A good working relationship exists between PBRA and council. We can expect a drop of \$50 in the uniform water rates as metered water comes on stream. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.10pm, thanking committee, councillors and all those who participated.

Approved :

Signed :