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**Pukehina Rate Payers Association Inc. Annual General Meeting,
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018 at Pukehina Beach Community Hall.**

Meeting opened 1.40pm

Welcome address to approximately 70 people in attendance and introduction of Council guests by John Cook: WBOP District Council Mayor Gary Webber, WBOP District Council CEO Mariam Taris, WBOP Councilors Kevin Marsh and John Scrimgeour.

Karakia by Richard Mohi to open the AGM

Introduction of committee members; John Cook chairman; Denise Donald secretary, Mike Piper, Stu Brickland, Joy Walker, Alan Sutherland, Carole Forrester and Alex White

Apologies: Judy Treloar (treasurer), Brenda Brickland, Rex Cameron, Anna Adam, Paul & Jan Fitzgerald, Kay & John Eason, Noel & Alison Jones

Moved that apologies be accepted Stu Brickland seconded Alex White carried

Minutes AGM 2017:

Moved that the minutes of the previous AGM January 7th 2017 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record; John Cook seconded Denise Donald carried

Matters arising; Nil

Chairman's Report: prepared and presented by John Cook

Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to present the Chairman's Report for the Financial Year Ending 31 October 2017.

During this past year your Ratepayers Association has had a quiet year, after a number of hectic years ensuring protection of our assets and services offered at Pukehina Beach and its surrounds. A number of the initiatives will be reported on later in the meeting.

The Community Patrol Car, Neighbourhood Support and Community Emergency Management programs are functioning well.



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The damage to the dunes this year has been more severe than usual but not sufficient to initiate refurbishment activity. With the Resource Consent from Bay of Plenty Regional Council to allow Dune Refurbishment now in place we can quickly move to protect any properties that may be at risk of damage in the event of major washouts. As with many beaches in the Bay of Plenty, there has been significant erosion to the toes of the dunes this past winter and spring, and many properties have vertical walls in front of them. I need to remind ratepayers that while we have funds set aside for sand push-ups, we will only enact the Resource Consent if properties, and specifically, dwellings, are at risk. The sand will build up overtime and will be greatly assisted by pro-active planting regimes of appropriate species. Properties that have got well established fore-dunes have come through this period relatively unscathed.

The Estuary Walkway is finally underway, albeit with some rocky beginnings. The District Council has appointed a Project Manager who is liaising with three Association Committee members as a sub-committee. Hopefully, 2018 will see significant progress with this walkway and cycleway, first mooted by Dr David Taylor back some ten years ago. This journey has had roadblocks all the way, but with the resolve of the Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association, the Department of Conservation, the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council, we owe it to David to get this job done. As our new Prime Minister recently said, "let's do this".

Our membership is diminishing and it is timely that WBOPDC is required to conduct a Representation Review, to be completed by the end of 2018. A briefing of the potential changes will be given later in the meeting.

The Association is well served by its Committee members and they give their time willingly. I would like to make special mention of two of our retiring Committee Members, Judy Treloar our Treasurer, and Rex Cameron, our "go-to" man for everything. Rex is, most certainly, our resident "Good Sort". Thank you Judy, and thank you Rex.

Having also given 10 years to the Association, it is time for me to step down. Subsequently, I will not be seeking re-election as Chairman.

Move the report be accepted John Cook seconded Mike Piper carried

Treasurer's Report: Judy Treloar, presented by John Cook

Financial statements prepared by The Business Results Group Ltd for Pukehina Ratepayers Association Incorporated, for the year ended 31st October 2017 as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved John Cook seconded Alex White carried



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Formal resolutions:

1. To approve the continuation of collecting \$20.00 for the Infrastructure Development Fund

- Discussion followed regarding clarification around historical funding for Pukehina wastewater.
- Councillor Marsh and Mariam Taris responded; since 1998 the Council has been investigating wastewater collection and disposal options for Maketu, Little Waihi and Pukehina. By 2000 Council approached the Government to seek financial assistance and confirmed that a Small Community Government Subsidy would be made available for capital expenditure costs covering Little Waihi & Maketu, as they were designated low decile areas. Funding for a wastewater reticulation scheme was then approved for Little Waihi and Maketu only.

Moved John Cook seconded Mike Piper carried

2. To approve the continuation of collecting the \$46.05 Coastal Rate and the \$8.27 Inland Rate for the Dune Refurbishment Fund

- A discussion followed the introduction of this resolution with several points being raised; clarity sought on what type of inundation would the fund cover, historically has it been used and what for? Does it cover the remediation of access ways? The role of District Council and Regional Council in restoration work was also discussed.
- Council responses (Mariam Taris & Garry Webber); for coastal erosion, coastal inundation (coastal flooding from storm surge and/or sea level rise) this fund is for minor remediation work only and approaches to erosion mitigation, is carried out by Regional Council. The 2017 New Zealand Coastal Policy statement provides a framework for consistent decision-making by Council.
- Natural dune systems are deemed to be the most effective measure against coastal erosion. Enhancement of dune systems is encouraged with the planting of appropriate dune plants which are provided free to Pukehina residents via Chris Ward Environment Bay of Plenty Coast Care.

Moved by John Cook seconded Alex White carried

1 vote against the resolution

3. That PBRA make contact with appropriate council regarding erosion issues of beach access ways

- Discussion about beach access ways, maintenance and erosion issues. Judy Treloar has liaised with WBOP DC Reserves and Facilities manager Sue Hammond on this issue during 2017. PBRA encourage residents to put in a work



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service request when necessary. Michelle North informed the meeting erosion was part of the natural beach cycle during October through November and rebuilding of sand dune occurred during January February months. Now is a good time to rebuild entry ways and put in service requests.

Moved Chris Whyte Seconded Michelle North carried

Development Fund and Dune Refurbishment Fund, plus interest: as of 30 June 2017 held by WBOP District Council "Pukehina Development Reserve" stands at: \$601,110

Election of 2018 officers and committee members: Retiring 2017 committee members Judy Treloar, Rex Cameron, John Cook. All others of the current 2017 office holders and committee members are willing to be nominated for re-election.

Nominations as follows:

Position	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder	Nominations closed by	Carried
Chair	Mike Piper	Alex White	Stu Brickland	Alex White	√
Secretary	Denise Donald	Stu Brickland	Alex White	John Cook	√
Committee	Alan Sutherland	John Cook	Wendy Davenhill	"	√
Committee	Stu Brickland			"	√
Committee	Joy Walker			"	√
Committee	Alex White			"	√
Committee	Carole Forrester			"	√
Committee	Brenda Brickland			"	√

New Committee Member Nominations called for from the floor

Treasurer	Trudi Ballantyne	John Cook	Alan Sutherland	"	√
Committee	Deborah Pagent	Stu Brickland	John Cook	"	√
Committee	Cheryl Johnson	Joy Walker	Denise Donald	"	√



1. General Business:

- **Waihi Estuary cycle/walkway** Mike Piper

The Estuary Walkway project has commenced with the resolve of the District Council and your Association. The bulk of the track has been mulched, ready for surface preparation, apart from the Esplanade which is to retain its grassed surface in the meantime. Unfortunately, the Contractor engaged to carry out the project on behalf of the Council and the Association, failed to notify us when work was commencing so we were unable to intercept the machinery operators before they went along the Esplanade where residents had plantings they wished to have protected. This has resulted in some remedial work needing to be carried out on the estuary edge, which was always part of the Resource Consent requirements.

Geoff Canham, the Project Manager, is attempting to engage with as many neighbours to the Walkway, with respect to any issues they might have. He can be contacted on 021 142 6539 or geoff.canham@geoffcanhamconsulting.co.nz

It is important to advise that the Department of Conservation, as a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding, is conducting a survey of properties along the Esplanade and have signalled they will take appropriate action to any encroachment on their land. If you are unsure of your position with respect to this we recommend, if you haven't already done so, to contact Geoff in the first instance.

Mike concluded by thanking John Cook for his efforts to date in the walkway project.

Discussion: Currently there is no timeframe for project completion. Mike commented that unless topography requires something different, the grass on the pathway will be staying.

- **Sand Dune Refurbishment** John Cook

This winter and spring has seen significant damage to the fore-dunes from several easterly storms the district has encountered. Many sand ladders are still hanging but we are confident sand build up will soon restore the beach to its normal shape. The Dune Refurbishment Fund is set aside for events where property is at risk, not just to be used for sand push-ups to restore access to the beach.

What is concerning is a number of new property owners believing they can create their own access to the beach with the use of heavy machinery. This is unacceptable and undermines the planting work carried out by owners and volunteers.

Owners who have been diligent in the past with their plantings have reaped the benefits of dune protection on the front of their properties. Coast Care, a sector of the Bay of



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Plenty Regional Council, have continued their awesome role in promoting the planting of protective species along the dunes, both in front of residences and along the Dotterel Point. Please take the time to stroll from the Surf Club down through the Point and observe the great restoration work that has been done.

Discussion: National government and central government work on 30 – 50 year plans – hard structures for beach access ways are not recommended by council. Residents wanted more certainty for maintenance in the short term.

Resolution: PBRA to contact appropriate council or organisation regarding erosion of sand dunes to obtain a 5 – 10 year plan.

Moved Lynell Barrett Seconded Jean Carran carried

- **Pukehina Beach Community Patrol Vehicle**

In early August 2008 a vehicle was loaned to the Pukehina patrol by the WBOP District Council which went out on patrol 3 times per week. A garage sale was held in June 2012 with the funds from this and other sponsors, including Te Puke Opportunity Shops, Tyre Works, B.P Pongakawa, used to purchase a vehicle.

This vehicle was used on patrol up until 2016 when another vehicle was purchased from WBOP District Council. When members are on patrol they wear Hi-Viz jackets and have a spotlight and mobile phone available. Data is collected for the month and sent through to Community Patrol NZ and WBOP District Council.

One new recruit has begun patrol and one other is currently going through the vetting process. The Police have reported that they are very pleased with the ongoing patrols and advise if you have an urgent problem please phone 111 and speak directly to the Police.

- **Bike numbering**

The free numbering system is still continuing however bikes without identification numbers do cause problems. Please ensure you have a number for your bike in order to keep our beach and community safe.

Motor bikes are numbered for reasons of identification, safety and protection of the beach and the dunes as agreed by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.

- **Hall: Rod Davenhill**

The Community hall is available for hire with reasonable rates and bond which is paid at the time of booking.

The Hall seats 120 people with trestles and chairs available. It has a good kitchen and an upstairs mezzanine floor.



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It is used regularly by the Pukehina Bowling Club who meet every Wednesday night at 7.30pm. Bowling will start in February.

- **Parks, Reserves and infrastructure: Alan Sutherland**

Our Parks and Reserves are generally well maintained by WBOP District Council and we are pleased with the new playground equipment replacement and upgrades during 2017.

Due to erosion on the beach some beach access ways are now inaccessible from the beach and some work needs to be done to correct this. The sand comes and goes and erosion and sand movement will always be a problem on the coast.

We need to finish the Kerb and Channel in Costello Crescent to prevent water flowing into some properties and to finish the Kerb and Channel along Pukehina Parade. Kerbing will make the road wider and also enable residents to finish their driveways to the edge of the road. It will tidy the place up. The PBRA committee intend to put in a submission to the WBOP District Council with the aim to get Pukehina kerbing included on the ten year plan.

Discussion: Questions and clarification about road maintenance and funding spend in Pukehina.

Council response; No funding has been set aside within the 10 year plan for further Kerb and Chanel work at Pukehina Beach. The reason presented is an affordability issue across the whole district. Currently 50% of rates are spent on roading.

- **Security Camera** Joy Walker

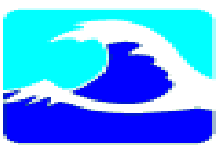
Members of the 2017 PBRA committee met with Tarnix to review a new security camera system capable of reading vehicle number plates to assist with reporting of stolen vehicles or vehicles used in burglaries. New technology and a better site location for the system was recommended with an approximate cost of \$7,000. The new Pukehina Surf Rescue complex will also have cameras installed providing better security at the northern end of Pukehina Beach.

Discussion:

Funding subsidies will be sought by the new 2018 PBRA committee to help with installation and running costs. The overall feeling gained from the meeting was to go ahead and install a new security camera system for Pukehina Beach.

- **Civil Defence Emergency Response Plan** Carole Forrester

Carole notified rate payers of an upcoming meeting regarding Pukehina Community LED Centre Response Plan which will be held at the Pukehina Community Centre 20/02/2018 at 7 pm. Angela Read or Naomi Lockett from Emergency Management Western Bay of Plenty will facilitate the information evening.



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- **Council Address** WBOP District Council Mayor Garry Webber

Gary praised the 2017 committee members for their commitment and hard work as volunteers serving the Pukehina Community.

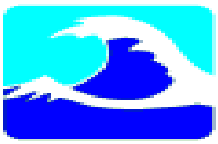
The compilation of feedback from community consultation relating to the 10 year plan review is ongoing. Council is also undertaking the 6 year representation audit. Gary reminded rate payers they are representing 47,000 people and they are endeavoring to get the representation right to suit the district. Council are investigating ways to get the right people coming forward onto councils in order to represent their communities and are questioning whether the number of community boards are currently necessary. He felt that perhaps the Western Bay is over governed.

WBOP DC will facilitate meetings in Te Puke, Maketu, Paeangaroa, Pongakawa and Pukehina Beach in early 2018 to discuss further the issues about representation.

Discussion: Inquiries about how Council plan to advertise their meetings with assurances from Mariam and Gary these will be well advertised including notification to PBRA.

2. Items from the floor: John Cook

- New Beach sign looks very good but added signage is spoiling the look. The PBRA committee will ensure other signage is taken down.
- Traffic coming in and out of the camp ground is currently proving hazardous. The PBRA committee are aware of the situation and are engaging with the campground owner on constructive solutions. Mariam Taris informed the meeting the camp ground owner's entrance way is compliant.
- Speeding along Pukehina Parade is a concern – residents must phone *555 and report any problems.
- Overhead Power Lines – a resident commented on the possibility of contacting Powerco to move the power lines to an underground system because of corrosion issues causing power fluctuations
- A resident made inquiries regarding watercraft users in the estuary –committee member Stu Brickland has been engaging with the Tauranga Harbour Master with the intention of putting a water user plan in place by using marker buoys to signify areas for watercraft use. It was noted that jet skis must now be registered. Stu commented that raising awareness through education, perhaps signage or pamphlets would help. He also noted behaviour is changing albeit slowly.
- Mayor Gary Webber commented on the council review of waste minimization management across the district.
- Councillor Kevin Marsh commended John Cook on his contribution to the PBRA committee over a 10 year period



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John Cook paid tribute to Rex Cameron acknowledging his outstanding community contributions to the PBRA and other community organisations. Pat Cameron was called upon to receive the plaque in Rex's absence.

John then thanked ratepayers for attending the meeting and called on Richard Mohi to provide a closing Karakia.

2018 AGM closed at 4pm.