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***Minutes of the committee meeting Monday April 11th 2016
7.30 pm at the Pukehina Hall.***

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm

Present: (Committee of 9, quorum being 4)

John Cook (Chair), Denise Donald, Joy Walker Stu Brickland, John McMillan, Alan Sutherland, Dallas Bates, Rex Cameron, Ange Trudgeon, Judy Treloar, Carole Forrester, Alex White, WBOP Councillor – Kevin Marsh

Apologies: Ray Foster, John Scrimgeour, Katrina Dunn

Minutes from March meeting distributed and read

Stu B to be added to list of committee members present at March meeting

Matters arising from the minutes:

McLeod's Cranes have been paid

BRG Accounting fee paid

John Cook and Jenny Hedges have made a \$250 donation towards accounting fee

Moved Denise D Seconded Stu B carried

Correspondence

• **Inward**

BOPRC (Steve Pickles Pollution Prevention Team Leader) – notification re consultation regarding proposed Resource Management act and Building Charges Policy 2016/17 – submissions close 5pm 18th April

WBOP District Council copy of the 2016/17 Annual Plan consultation document

WBOP District Council - Hearings for Plan Change 74 – Coastal Hazards – hearing planned for 26/27th April. Submissions report available at www.westernbay.govt.nz

Companies Office - reminder for File 2015 Annual Financial Statement

BRG –renewal of annual Charitable Trust subscription and change of contact address

J. Walker – meeting with Sergeant Mark Holmes

WBoP – Brett Steel and Jai Kreyll – response to request for ratepayer address plus email contacts

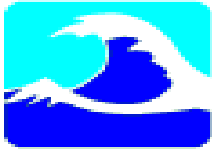
Anna May from website request for information about local fruit & veg stall

TECT – grants approval and application news

• **Outward:**

Letter regarding Poutuia Park Freedom camping signage

Moved Alex W Seconded Dallas B Carried



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Financial Report: Prepared by Ange T

Distributed and read

Subject to reconciliation

Tennis key return will be left until ANZAC weekend - due to fine weather -Rex

Clarification of car costs to be obtained from BP service station – Rex

Moved Alan S Seconded Stu B Carried

General Business:

1. Report on Projects/ portfolios:

• **Wastewater : John C**

Nothing new to report

• **Sand dune refurbishment: John C, Dallas B**

John & Ian attended meeting with Jim Dahm, our Consultant, plus Jemma Hollis, Dylan Makgill and Pim De Monchy from BOPRC. Discussion centred on the length of the Resource Consent being sought by PBRA. The original application was for 35 years, BOPRC came back with 5 years, have since revised to 10 years and now further discussion on the 10 years is on the table. Jim is to provide further information.

• **Infrastructure: Alan S**

Nothing new to report – all in hand

• **Waihi Estuary cycle/walkway – Dallas B**

As John reported last meeting there is an appeal ongoing and despite council's suggestion that we should proceed with confidence, as a committee we have been holding off on progressing arrangements. During this time there has been informal dialogue with Council about the opportunity to align this local project with the more regional/national coastal cycle way.

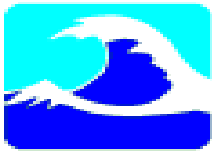
John Cook has arranged a meeting with Gary Allis which has unfortunately been postponed - date now 22nd April. The intention of this meeting is to discuss options available to Pukehina ratepayers for joining the current proposed walkway project with the cycle way. It is possible, and in my opinion preferable if Council is willing and able to play a greater part in the planning, execution and long term management of this asset.

• **Coastal hazards (plan change 74) Dallas B, Judy T**

The current status of the propose plan change is:

This Plan Change received 23 submissions. Council prepared a 'summary of submissions' which was publicly notified for further submissions on 5 December, 2015. These closed on 20 December 2015 and three further submissions were received. A planning report has been prepared to address the issues raised in the submissions and further submissions. This planning report has been sent to submitters for the public hearings which are to be held on 26 April 2016.

All submitters will be given an opportunity to present their submission to the Hearings Committee. Council's Hearings Committee will then issue its decision



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including the reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions. Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal the decision to the Environment Court.

As a committee we need to decide if we want to pursue this further based on our interpretation of the Planning Report which I will bring tomorrow. We have not been contacted by council as it implies so following the meeting I can follow that up accordingly.

Dallas moved that that the PBRA committee accept the plan change, seconded Judy, Carried

**• Freshwater futures (Bev Nairn) and Environs: Denise D
Fresh Water Futures (for the National Policy on Water) Pongakawa – Waitahanui
Community Group
State of the Waihi Estuary 2016**

“The health of our estuary is poor, declining rapidly and is at a tipping point”

- Water quality is worse than in the Maketu estuary
- Sediment and toxic levels of nutrients in the upper estuary have reduced fauna (small water animals) by 50% in the last three years
- Anoxic (anaerobic) mud, slime and algae are the cause
- Nitrate levels have gone up 30% in the same time frame
- Mangroves are establishing in the fertile mud
- 98% of the original wetland area is gone (filters water flow)
- 90% of Sea grass has been lost (aka snapper grass or eel grass i.e. the breeding grounds). The implications for fisheries are obvious.
- Swimming is generally OK, but not shellfish harvesting
- Sewage reticulation of Little Waihi has made no perceptible difference
- Pollution is overwhelmingly of farm animal origin, and increasing.

Cattle numbering 20,000m in the catchments equal the discharge of a city of 300,000 people. Horticultural run off adds to the nutrient tally.

Why does it matter?

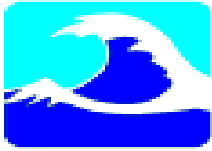
- Fish breeding is failing
- The estuary has the richest diversity of fish species in the whole Bay of Plenty – so is worth saving
- 14 of the 21 fish species need to get to sea
- Food source for estuarine birds is disappearing
- Safe swimming is at risk
- Mangroves are accumulating

What's next?

- Make sure National Policies for freshwater take into account estuaries
- Improve links between river and estuary monitoring
- Investigate minimum water flows to maintain salinity gradients
- Develop water quality guidelines for estuaries

*Scholes, Paul. March, 2016. 'NERMN Estuary Water Quality Report February 2015'. pp111
[\[www.boprc.govt.nz/media/433844/nermn-estuary-water-quality-report-2014.pdf\]](http://www.boprc.govt.nz/media/433844/nermn-estuary-water-quality-report-2014.pdf)*

[Facts sourced from presentation material at workshop II Fresh water Futures Community Group].Environment BOP



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After much discussion it was decided to wait until we receive a report from the next Freshwater meeting before responding to these issues.

- **Community Emergency Response Plan: Carole F, Joy W**

Nothing new to report

- **PBRA website / membership list : Katrina D, Denise D**

Nothing new to report

- **Halls, Community patrol car: Rex C**

Nothing new to report

- **Neighbourhood support group: Joy W**

No evidence of crime in the area of late. Sgt Mark Holmes visited the community centre on Friday 8th April and met with some of the neighbourhood support team leaders who were available for an informal meeting. Mark will try to visit the community centre every Friday morning from now on to address any issues the locals may have. I advised Mark we are in the process of posting a letter to all ratepayers inviting them to join the ratepayers association and also asking if they would like to provide their contact details to their neighbourhood support team leader.

Mark advised us that our CCTV camera was not able to distinguish faces or registration numbers and suggested we ask Tarnix to review what we have and price a better quality system as it is not expensive.

Mark is going to be at the neighbourhood support meeting 6.30pm May 9th and will stay on, in order to meet with our committee prior to our meeting.

Rex will talk with E. Watts about cleaning the glass covering the CCTV camera, sited at the fire brigade. Joy is going to follow up on the free offer from Tarnix regarding the CCTV camera.

- **Beach access ways: Judy T**

Beach Access-ways – I have spoken to Sue Hammond and she is happy that there has been quite an improvement with the accretion of sand which has started to occur with the weather change to La Nina.

She is arranging a time and is happy for me to attend when she meets with Chris from Coast Care to check the access way sites and dunes with the intention of estimating plants numbers for the planting months. This should aid in the restoration and protection of the access-ways.

We will also look at the dumping of green waste in at least one of the access ways.

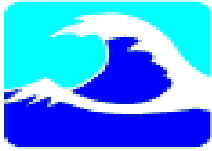
- **Parks: Ray F, John McM, Alan S**

John Mc reported that the parks are generally in good condition.

A leak in the surf club carpark has had a service request made (Rex C).

2. Poutuia Park Freedom Camping

See attached letter



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3. Information Brochure

Draft copy ready

Following a discussion the brochure was rejected. The Lionesses may be producing an information booklet which will include Pukehina Beach trades people.

4. Bus transport

Carole presented a letter and petition from a resident wishing to gain support for a regular Pukehina Bus service. Carole will follow up with the Regional Council to see if plans are already in place for such a service.

Meeting closed: 9. 30 p.m.