

## Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.

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### **Minutes of the committee meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 7 pm at the Pukehina Community Hall.**

Meeting opened: 7 pm

*John C welcomed Kathy & Ernie Haakma and three others to the meeting. He invited them to speak of their concerns about the walkway/cycleway. The delegation spoke of their concerns regarding consultation process, the existing erosion occurring on the estuary foreshore and a concern of further erosion with a cycleway/walkway track, and their concern about effects of a formed track as opposed to the grass strip which is being used at present.*

*John reminded the group of the actual consultative procedures that had taken place to gain consent from WBOP Regional & District Council, and that the consent documents are available to the public. Information is freely available on the member's page of the PBRA website. Cr Marsh suggested engagement with DOC who actually own the land along the estuary foreshore with regard to erosion / preservation of this foreshore would help. John also reminded the group that joining the PBRA was a good way of staying informed via newsletters and members page on the website.*

**Present:** (Committee of 10 quorum being 4)

John Cook (Chair), Denise Donald, Stu Brickland, Alan Sutherland, Rex Cameron, Judy Treloar, Carole Forrester, Alex White, Brenda Brickland, Yvonne Young: WBOP District Councillors – Kevin Marsh

**Apologies:** Joy Walker, Mike Piper, John Scrimgeour

Moved Stu B                      Seconded Alex W    carried

**Minutes from February** meeting distributed and read

#### **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Stu is still awaiting written feedback from Brownfeight regarding a wastewater guide for Pukehina residents. Alex will manage the tennis court keys in conjunction with the First Store owners. Patrol car signage and Beach entry sign will be discussed in general business. Alex was thanked for organising the PBRA social dinner at Maketu café, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Moved Denise                      Seconded Alex    carried

#### **Correspondence**

- **Inward:**

Alison Maloney – request for latest newsletter

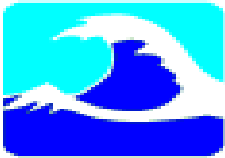
Steven Lun via John Cook – formalising Midway reserve gravel car park

Bev Nairn – MOW's report - see reports

Tony Cottle - Ecocycle Ltd – response to website advertising

Energise Web Design – monthly invoice

Ben Wilson – Community Relationship advisor – see General Business report



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Kate Muschamp – response to request to file annual Charitable Trust Return  
Eleanore Parker – subdivision query – driveway concern  
Info NZ Companies Office – certificate of Incorporated Society  
Alex White – Dinner arrangement (inward response via this email; J Cook, J Walker, P Cameron)  
Mark & Nikki Findlay – membership request  
Admin (via Numbers PBRA email a/c) - Schoentjes Family Trust,, Paul Holmes,  
Kim Bell – Bay Trust requesting audit form for CP car information  
Kathy Haakma – see walkway/cycleway report  
Rupana Keno – see Civil Defence report  
John McMillan – Beach signage quotes (Mackie signs & A2Z Imaging)  
M Jones – re quad bike usage at access way adjacent to their property

- **Outward:**

PBRA committee - Steven Lun email regarding Maramarua Reserve car park  
Ben Wilson – Community Meeting  
Kate Muschamp BRG –charitable trust return request  
E Parker – forward to John C  
K & E Haakma –meeting invite  
R Keno – request for Civil Defence update / thank you for report  
2016 retired PBRA Committee & WBOP DC invite to dinner  
R Keno – notification of radio install & aerial install  
S Brickland – forward MOW's report

Moved Denise      Seconded Judy    Carried

### **Financial Report: Prepared by Judy Treloar**

Distributed and read.

Alex moved the Term deposit be renewed for a 6 month period @ 3.5% interest.  
Seconded John C carried

Further Invoices for payment: Total \$1070.57  
Evocom Ltd ( Bike numbers) \$65.87  
J.Cook ( Maketu café) \$535.50  
Alex moved these invoices be paid, seconded Stu B    carried

Cash Summary closing Balance: \$3304.22

Moved Alex W      Seconded john C    Carried

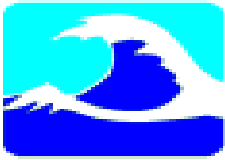
### **General Business:**

#### **1. Report on Projects/ portfolios:**

- **Waihi Estuary cycle/walkway – John C , S Brickland**  
(See Discussion at earlier part of meeting)
- **Freshwater futures and Environs: Stu B (B.Nairn)**  
Notes provided by Bev Nairn

#### **Dotterel Point, Pukehina**

A very good season for dotterel and oystercatcher, with some 8 dotterel chicks surviving and maybe twice that number of variable oystercatcher. The overall height of the point has risen



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significantly and only a couple of posts have been washed out on the inside. We have removed most of the ice plant there and are working with WBOPDC on the design of new soak-away beds for the new septic tanks to be installed at the Surf Club. We are also working on the gradual removal of the Norfolk pines.

### Waihi Harbour Wetland

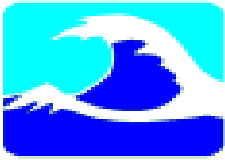
The focus of the work here has been to control the weeds and to help the plantings from last year to thrive. We have also been working to control the water levels in the wetland with adjustments to the fish-friendly flap gate. One of the two bitterns that were released in September, the male, was hit by a car on Maketu Road and died, the other, the female, is alive and well living near Cutwater road. This is the first time that a captive reared bittern has survived this long in the wild. Trapping continues and there is a regular supply of rats, stoats and hedgehogs.

It will be several months before the next Fresh Water Futures meeting.

- **Civil Defence**

Update provided by Rupana Keno as requested by Denise

PBRA CDEM Action Plan		
Area:	Outcome:	Action:
Community Response Plan	Plan Revised November 2016	Ask WBOPDC Information
Civil Defence Radio	Radio uplifted and serviced by EMBOP. Currently housed at Pukehina Beach Community Hall.	Identify a secure place in both venues where the radio can be installed.
CD Radio Aerials	2x CD Aerials have been erected and powered up at sites including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pongakawa Hall</li> <li>- Pukehina Beach Community Hall</li> </ul>	PBRA to develop organizational procedure to remove the CD radio if a Tsunami or any other emergencies.
CD Radio training	Trainees have been identified	PBRA to identify a suitable date and venue for the training (next month) and to confirm this with Fraser.
Community Guides to Emergency	800 Guides have been developed, printed and ready for distribution. Walking groups have agreed to deliver them.	PBRA to organise distribution, and received feedback.
Tsunami Signage (Billboards)	Tsunami information boards (2) are in the process of being made. WBOPDC will determine where they are located.	PBRA to identify where other laminate signs can be placed i.e. Motor Camp.
Volunteers	Residents/Individuals can choose to be a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CD approved Volunteer (with the required training) to become deployed in the BOP region or within NZ. Individuals will be vetted</li> <li>- Community focused Volunteer (where you refuse to be deployed anywhere else but the community you live in). Training pathways will be rolled out following the pilot.</li> </ul>	PBRA to determine within their resident populations who would like to be volunteers and in which type.



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

Invitation sent to Ecocycle Ltd to advertise on website –nothing else to report

- **Neighbourhood support group: Joy W**

Please advise the team that we have a new Neighbourhood Support team leader - Jan Kinloch who owns the Eunoia B n B - she has taken over from Jennifer Sharplin  
Nothing else to report

- **Beach access ways: Judy T**

In response to M Jones correspondence Judy has identified those access ways which provide for quad bike access.

Access ways; 2 (#21 & 1) bike only and 5 (#19, 16, 14, 9 & 2) bike & boat access.

Mr Jones' access way, #19 between properties 541 & 543, is the first and only access that you can get a bike & boat down at the northern end of the beach between the surf club and shops. A bike/boat access way needs to remain open around this area of the beach for emergencies particularly if it is high tide.

The Jones' property and top of dune is fully fenced which makes it difficult for pedestrian traffic to enter his property. There is room on the lower dune but this is well planted and looks very good. Their house is built very close to the boundary to allow for access as it has been subdivided/cross leased.

Judy spoke with Sue Hammond (WBOPDC), she advised her support for our measures and policing bikes on the beach and is happy for us to put up signs to remind bike users of speed and behaviour.

She has suggested that we have signs that are 100 x 100 or 100 x 200, like others and that they could be routed into the beach access posts so they don't get damaged or pulled off.

A lot of users would not be aware of the local council bylaws which over-ride the land transport act where a beach is classed as a road.

Sue would like us to run it past her before we proceed, but supports our management of bikes.

Judy will reply to Mr Jones explaining the access way situation which will remain as per status quo. Judy will liaise with Sue Hammond regarding signs for encouraging responsible behaviour of bike users on Pukehina Beach.

- **Parks:**

Midway Park – installation of new digger and sand shovel completed and being used.

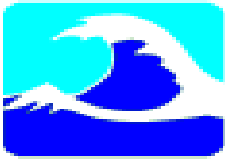
Maramarua Park – New playground proposal and flying Fox (John)

Seabreeze Park – request a barbecue for the park

Request for Fitness equipment to be added to reserves / park areas – Denise

A lot of new residents & visitors are not aware dogs are not permitted on the beach past Dotterel Point (signs)

Judy will provide feedback to Sue Hammond regarding these suggestions for our parks and reserve areas.



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### **2. Freedom Campers**

Sue advised that Council has a security company working for them 24/7 and to call council if there is a problem. There have been a few calls and they are acted upon. She suggested the Surf club puts up an event sign the afternoon or night before to alert freedom campers that something is going to take place. She expressed, "members of the motorhome association are generally compliant and clean up others rubbish and generally it is other non-compliant campers that cause issues and should be reported by phoning the council". Sue encourages the PBRA to put in a submission when the bylaw is reviewed next year.

### **3. Use of the estuary by watercraft. Stu**

Committee member's information; New Navigation Safety bylaw passed by Regional Council February 14th which will come into effect July 1st. for more information follow this link: <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/knowledge-centre/bylaws/navigation-safety-bylaw/>

Stu discussed the growing number of water users on the estuary and how there is a varying degree of respect/ disregard for other water users on the water. He suggested buoys within the upper estuary end could signal boat speed and areas for powered vehicles versus other users.

Stu to approach Tauranga Harbour Master with concerns and ways of improving safety and enjoyment of the estuary for all water users.

### **4. Beach Entry sign**

Notes provided by John McMillan

#### A2Z Imaging Ltd –Michael Archer

1 x 3000 x 1500 mm (ACM 4 mm sign) printed and laminated = \$ 662 + GST. 4mm ACM is the thickest I can get for your size sign.

So you will need to build a frame up for it.

#### Mackie Signs – Jonathon Lee

The price supplying a 3000 x 1500 x 4mm ACM panel, Full colour digital print to face, with a satin uv overlamine. \$827.15 + Gst

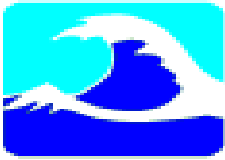
*"Because of the size of the panel, (3000 x 1500mm) it is larger than the manufacture sheet of shine ply (2400 x 1200mm)*

*The 4mm acm panel is designed for external purposes. And would be easy enough to install with three cross posts applied behind for stability.*

*I have attached a drawing for reference. Showing how the sign would look from behind.*

*Hopefully this helps you out. Once signs get about 2400 x 1200mm there are more and more limited product available."*

Denise signalled to the committee that the current placement of the welcome sign will need to be moved in order to accommodate the campground request for removing obstruction to their vision when exiting the camp ground heading out of Pukehina.



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Denise to clarify with John McMillan regarding costings re: additional cost of framing between the two quotes, before choosing the firm to make the sign. Denise will report back to John C.

**5 Patrol Car**

Discussion: Road User charges as the new car uses diesel fuel. Old car to be cleaned/ stripped of signage and sold.

New car will have signage applied and then it will be ready for use.

Rex C to list old car on trade me with a sale expectation of \$2500.00.

Rex to keep Denise informed of when new car is in operation so she can arrange local media coverage.

**6 WBOP District Council Community Public Meeting**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing 10 am.

Carole to make a sandwich board type sign, notifying residents of this meeting. The sign will be sited outside the Pukehina Community centre

Meeting closed: 9.30 p.m.