



**Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.**

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*Paradise Created by nature and cared for by the Community*

**Minutes of the committee meeting Monday September 9th 2013  
at 7.30 pm at the Pukehina Beach Fire Brigade hall.**

**Present:** Meeting opened at 7.30pm. Ian Rodger (chair), Rex Cameron, Carole Forrester, Alex White, Alan Sutherland, Ray Foster, and Bev Nairn.

**Apologies** – David Taylor, John Cook, Stella Cressey, Sue Matthews.

Moved that apologies be accepted Rex, seconded Carole, carried

**Minutes –**

Minutes from the last meeting were circulated. Alex moved the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Alan, carried.

**Matters arising from the minutes** – Nil

**Correspondence :**

- \* WBOPDC – Capital Development funds notice. Applications close October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- \* Fire Brigade Honours night invitation for 3 PBRA reps – RSVP by September 25<sup>th</sup>
- \* Newsletter/website responses – about 25 opting for electronic news, 4 new members.
- \* NZTA - August minutes of the quarterly TEL meeting. Paengaroa event September 18<sup>th</sup> and a family open day in November on the Kaituna river bridge. Date TBA.
- \* BOPRC – Amy Greaves with response to the mangrove question.

Outwards: nil

**Matters arising from the Correspondence –**

Fire Brigade RSVP will be made by intending attendees.

Bev moved correspondence be accepted, seconded Alex, carried.

**Financial Report:**

**PUKEHINA BEACH RATEPAYER ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Westpac:**

Current Account Balance: \$603.84

**Cheques Drawn:**

Stationary Warehouse A3 Ream	\$37.45
BJ Nairn (Test)	\$0.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37.95</b>

**Deposit:**

A.E Rose Subs (Direct)	\$20.00
Subs	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

**P.B.R.A Community Patrol Vehicle**

Westpac:  
Current Account Balance: \$583.95

**Cheques Drawn:**

CPNZ Affiliation Fees	\$60.00
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**Heartland:**

Term Deposit  
Invested at 4% to mature 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 \$22,475.17

**Pukehina Community Sports Field Fund:**

Westpac  
Current Account Balance: \$1,123.95

**NOTE:**

WBOP \$2,000.00 for Community Vehicle

It is time to apply to WBOPDC for the annual secretarial grant to community organisations. The term deposit got renewed in its entirety. While the current account balance is low, significant funds are due in from website sponsors upon invoicing. Carole moved that funds from the sports field account be used to cover any urgent shortfall, seconded Ian, carried. WBOPDC has provided \$2,000 for the annual running costs of the community vehicle. Alex moved that accounts be accepted, seconded Rex, carried.

### **General Business and Standing items:**

#### **Roading, signage – Alan**

The first of three security signs is up at the beach entrance. The other two are awaiting the construction of the Motunau toilet block, and guidance from WBOP and the Surf club for the location at the surf club car park.

#### **Community Emergency plan – Carole**

Carole reported on recent local newspaper items on Civil Emergency preparations.

A list with costs will be prepared for the vehicle kit, after which donations will be sought from local individuals, Red Hatters, Fire Brigade etc.

#### **Community facilities - Rex**

Vehicle running costs for twelve months have been secured - thanks go to WBOPDC. More labels are required for beach bikes. Numbers issued are 267, not all active, as they are generally not returned when people leave. Unlisted bikes can be problematic, and Mel (contact person for Ngati Whakahemo) has offered to approach such users on behalf of the community.

#### **Website development –**

Representatives of the Fire Brigade will be invited to the next meeting to agree the format for a combined open day, volunteer drive and website launch.

Processing of sponsorships is underway and several are due for billing. Sample promotional bags and tags are in hand. Bev will do the September update of PBRA minutes, what's on etc with Bizlinks on Stella's behalf.

#### **Waihi Estuary Walkway – Ray**

Material quotes are in and indicate the boardwalk cost might be about \$80K, however the construction contractor may well want to include material prices in the deal.

The canal bridge is not yet designed and priced.

John and David are working on funding options including amongst others, the WBOPDC Community Facilities fund.

A meeting was held with Ngati Whakahemo representatives resulting in agreement to work together. They requested iwi representation on the construction subcommittee, environmental protection, deference to sites of significance, input into historic notice boards and work opportunities for locals. See appendix I for the report.

Bev asked if the existing mai mai could be checked out for suitability for conversion to an open-sided bird hide for track users.

#### **Environment & Dunes – Bev**

The working bee with BOPRC and MOW on September 7<sup>th</sup> was attended by 18 people, probably as a result of wide publication in association with Conservation week. 25 posts of the spit fence were re-set and over 800 dune plants put in. Spinifex is establishing well and breeding season is imminent with 50 birds here & Maketu combined – best in years.

A response has been received from BOPRC regarding Mangrove establishment. They are a mixed blessing and a symptom of increased temperature and sediment. Resource consent has been gained by ten groups around Tauranga harbour and our next step could be to contact them for guidance.

**Newsletter** - Distributed early August. Approx thirty people have opted for email distribution.

Meeting closed 9.00 pm, next meeting Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, Fire Brigade rooms.

Approved:

Signed :

*Appendix I.*

### **Waihi Pukehina Estuary Walkway**

Meeting with Ngati Whakahemo at Pukehina Beach Community Hall

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013

Attendees

**PBRA** Dr David Taylor, John Cook, Bev Nairn, Rex Cameron

**Ngati Whakahemo** James Anderson, Maria Horne, Opu Williams, Huriwaka Rewa, TeTane Ngawhika, Norm Ngawhika

David welcomed Iwi to the Hui with representatives of Ngatiwhakahemo

Discussion took place over all aspects of the Waihi Pukehina Walkway to date, including processes encountered in achieving BOP Regional Council Resource Consent.

Iwi were advised of the Memorandum of Understanding between PBRA, WBOPDC, BOPRC and DOC. Iwi accepted an apology for PBRA not having engaged them in early planning, but the Kaumatua expressed full support for actions already taken by PBRA and expressed real interest in future participation in the project.

To this end, agreement was reached that a Sub-Committee be formed to manage the project from this point forward, once adequate funding is to hand. Iwi submitted that James (Mel) Anderson liaise with our Project Manager, Committee Member Ray Foster to plan actions during the construction phase.

Construction priorities were explained, along with the eventual crossing of the Cutwater Canal and the linking up with Cutwater Road to create a low traffic cycleway circuit.

Bev gave a report on the Dotterel colony in both Maketu and Pukehina. This was received with amazement.

The Meeting concluded with strong desire for PBRA and Ngati Whakahemo to work together to make this project a real community asset.

John Cook  
Walkway Committee Member