



Pukehina Beach Ratepayers Association Inc.

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***Minutes of the September committee meeting Monday 11th 2017
7.30 pm at the Pukehina Community Hall.***

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm

Present: (Committee of 7 , quorum being 4)

John Cook (Chair), Denise Donald, Joy Walker, Judy Treloar, Stu Brickland, Carole Forrester, Mike Piper: WBOP District Councillor- John Scrimgeour

Apologies: Alan Sutherland, Brenda Brickland, Alex White, Rex Cameron, Kevin Marsh,
Moved Denise D Seconded Judy Treloar carried

Minutes from August meeting distributed and read

Moved as a true and correct record Denise D Seconded John C carried

Matters arising from the minutes:

- John S still to find out whether WBOP DC will contribute towards new beach sign pole paint
- WBPDC turned down the request made by Jenny H to upgrade a section of footpath – John C will follow this up at his quarterly meeting with WBOP DC senior management meeting

Correspondence June

• **Inward:**

Dale Snell Community Services Coordinator – Te Puke community meeting

Dallas Bates – beach access post

Chrissi Robinson – health transport meeting 18th September

Joy Walker –Neighbourhood Support recent burglaries

Jenny Hedge – H& S Community Patrol

-WBOPDC Community Funding letter

Tect Talk – funding and news

Rupana Keno - Marae meeting CDEM planning

Maddie Drake – walkway/wedding inquiry (Stu B will reply to Maddie's inquiry)

John Rauputu – walkway carryover funds

Shane Beary – feral cat update (Denise still working through issue with Shane)

Ngaire Soloman – Pukehina VFB Honours night invitation

• **Outward:**

Moved Stu B Seconded Mike P Carried

Financial Report: Prepared and presented by Judy Treloar

Distributed and read

Further reoccurring payments - Energise Web Design \$40.19 and XERO Accounting \$47.44

Moved Judy T Seconded Joy W carried

Cash Summary closing balance: \$5250.24

Westpac Term Deposit: \$16,733.49



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General Business:

1. Walkway Report (John C, Stu B, Mike P)

Overview of meeting with the walkway sub-committee and WBOP DC appointed Project Manager Geoff Canham: *"Thank you for our productive two-hour workshop with the Pukehina Residents Association (PRA) on 31 August, followed by a lounge and boundary meeting led by PRA that afternoon"*

- Contractors rubbish up completed/ceased in last few days of August, work list completed.
- PRA have recommended that the trail for the time being is focused on a promoted loop along the esplanade reserve between the boat ramp and the last beach access before the wetland, but with signs advising users at that point of the public access to the Pukehina stream crossing and the stop banks and pointing out it is as yet not a loop trail and a return journey is required.
- PRA would prefer, as residents do, for a grass trail along the residential area but boardwalk from that point.
- PRA have two main tasks pending from the meeting on 31 August, to undertake a Consultation Plan and to provide comment and input for dates, etc. for an Implementation Plan template they requested I supply them, for PRA to complete filling in. They'll have this template, partially started off by me with some basics in it, this week (by 8 September, as committed). PRA also asked for a copy of a Consultation Plan, which they will also be supplied by 8 September.
- The main actions from now are:
 - PRA Consultation Plan completed and enacted by PRA
 - PRA Implementation Plan completed with/ by PRA
 - PRA funding plan
 - PRA/ GCC lwi consultation
 - Enacting the consent, based on dates from the Implementation Plan
 - GCC completing consent amendment for boardwalk widening
 - GCC checking PRA request as to how much seawall maintenance can be undertaken when trail/ boardwalk is installed
 - DOC confirming status of their grazing arrangements and plan for DOC land in farmland needed for access
 - DOC confirming their proposed approach for encroachments
 - PRA confirming funding in place
 - Implementation.

In brief operational:

- Woody weed species have been mulched to ground level along DOC and WBOPDC land on stop banks and elsewhere on the esplanade reserve. The work has been completed for the time being, with rubbish removal also complete including some minor mulching remaining on isolated plants here and there behind residential boundaries. Many residents have been directly consulted with and tend to approach us at site or ring up/ return calls.
- Approximately 15 properties have had direct consultation. All are supportive of WBOPDC's clean-up of weeds and debris and better marking of the



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reserve boundaries/ removal of obstacles; some have questioned grass length reduction at the sea wall as some believe this is assisting with erosion protection. There is a general concern about incursion of seawater/ storm surges at this low-lying location.

- The main issue around the residential area is inorganic rubbish and piles of garden rubbish-we've removed a great deal. Some blown in, but many were domestic piles of debris. Some may have believed rubbish dumping may assist land protection from the high tides/ storms; it appears that this isn't the case and most of it ends up being spread along the harbour foreshore.
- There was a pile of asbestos as broken cladding sheets which we've removed under protocols. We'll implemented a specific asbestos removal protocol for this. Unfortunately, it is mixed with some debris which will require removal as well.
- Survey of boundaries has been completed, no pegs pulled out.
- There are 3-4 quite significant encroachments; DOC is considering how to handle these. One property owner would like to resolve his at the time other fencing is undertaken, neighbours tell me the other two or so are fully aware. Pegs and delineation markers have/ will clarify the boundary for public access. This is yet to be undertaken, as PRA consultation will raise this issue.
- Delineation Markers has been scoped for the entire length, a plan for 25 over 2km+ has been made. These are 100mm X 100mm marker posts, arrowed in places for direction and at times carrying dog bylaw signage as well.
- Residents are supportive the clean-up and improved public access. People met and spoken were aware of the project but naturally concerned on what it means to them, and naturally wanted to raise particulars with respect to their own boundary.
- The Pukehina Ratepayers Association will be approached regarding a general 'please no rubbish/ clippings' letter being sent out under their name.
- One resident has requested more fencing and clarity of the boundary and public access rules, in particular dog-on-leads signage, and is not opposed to the boardwalk/ walkway in principle (Francis).
- One resident has raised the issues of the seawall as discussed, whom is also a member of the PRA sub-committee for the trail/ Boardwalk construction.
- Based on their feedback, residents and the many owners spoken to whom are absentees just want consultation, both as a place to find up to date information from PRA and a link to the authorities, and as direct discussions. Most knew PRA is leading the project.
- In my opinion, an issue of huge confusion is that most residents are unsure of who owns the Esplanade Reserve and who to contact.

Suggestion made to have an open day to walk the track prior to AGM – Date to be confirmed by sub committee

2. Beach Information Board

The electronic board idea proved too expensive – other alternatives still being investigated

3. Beach Entry clean-up project (Denise)

1. Revamp / clean-up of the beach entry way from the WBOPDC metal dump - to the first corner where the big willow tree stands (Errol Watts farm).
2. I have rung WBoP District Council to check on land ownership and to inform them of our intentions. The person I am liaising with there is Alex Finn. He was very positive and supportive in theory but not dollars. He was not keen to commit to any work until next funding round in next year's budget. However I pressed him to see what scope there was for Council Support and we may be able to get the Privets cleared under the noxious weed



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programme. I also asked about support in terms of using PD workers to help with clearance - he will get back to me on both those.

3. I asked Alex to have the metal dump car park levelled with contractors' equipment next time they use the metal for a council job.

4. I asked Alex to check drainage – (or camber?) of the area, as currently the area pools and forms large puddles after rain. I see someone has formed a shallow type of drain leading into the river - this looks like it has been completed recently

5. Funding – WBOP Regional Council enhancement grant to be investigated

4. Meetings (Denise)

PBRA – Decrease number of meetings per year raised; further discussion followed.

John C will investigate PBRA governing rules.

5. Access ways (Judy)

WBOPDC Walkways/Parks & Reserve's have advised that bike access ways are being monitored before we proceed any further with signage. There has been some damage to sand ladders by bikes which has been a flow on effect since #425 property was fenced off. Harvey Construction is going to tidy up the access ways and is looking at replacing some half rounds with squares which have worked better in other areas.

Access way #16 post is to be reinstalled.

Council is waiting on an Engineers report on access way #13a and the neighbouring property owner's retaining wall/fencing. Will discuss further when the report is received.

WBOPDC advised it was in discussions with Regional Council regarding the installation of gabion baskets on the lower dunes and dumping of garden waste on the dunes - notice has been given to landowners.

Maramarua Park improvements are due to commence the end of September.

A reminder to put in a service request if anything needs to be done.

6. Neighbourhood support (Joy)

A serious burglary has occurred sometime over the last month at a beachfront. Two kontiki, a large amount of tools, a large outdoor cooker and a freezer full of meat were taken. Two work vehicles were also broken into and at this stage Police have no leads.

Burglars are unlikely to go where they know they are being watched and information about suspicious activity at least brings offenders and potential offenders to police notice so any information would be appreciated.

7. Coast guard (Stu B)

Stu will contact the Harbour Master again to try and arrange a meeting in order to help manage water activity on the estuary in readiness for the summer season

8. Representation Review

John S contributed to a discussion regarding representation and membership by informing the PBRA of the 6 year government requirement to review Council wards and representation within the WBOP which includes Pukehina Beach.

John C to follow up at his quarterly meeting

Meeting closed: 9.30 p.m.