



NEWSLETTER - MAY 2014

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From The Chair (Ian Rodger)

This newsletter will highlight the main points from the AGM held on 4 January 2014 and set out the committee structure and projects your elected committee will be working on over the next seven months. Your hardworking committee are making some great gains for our community. Submissions were placed in April for the Council's annual plan and these can be viewed on the website www.pukehinabeach.co.nz

AGM (4th January 2014) Summary

Members can view the full provisional minutes on the website.

Welcome & Introductions were made by Ian Rodger (Chair) to Glenn Snelgrove (WBOP CEO), John Scrimgeour and Kevin Marsh (councillors), Terry Long (BOPRC) and 65 - 70 members.

2014 Elected officers:

Position	Committee Member	Position	Committee Member
Chairman	Ian Rodger	Committee	Ray Foster
Treasurer	Alex White	Committee	Carole Forrester
Secretary	Bev Nairn	Committee	Stella Cressey
Committee	Rex Cameron	Committee	Alan Sutherland
Committee	John Cook	Committee	Dallas Bates

The Following is the list of projects and topics each committee member has volunteered to be responsible for in 2014.

#	Projects / Topics	Group Leader & team	Description
1	Council submissions, Relationship with CEO, Development fund, Newsletter	Ian,	Promote good communications between PBRA and council officers. Elaborate goals/budget for the development fund.
2	Wastewater, Septic tank maintenance zone	John	Develop a plan with costs for regular and monitored tank cleaning to present to the next AGM
3	Roading, storm water, kerb & Channel, signage, CCTV	Alan	Maintain CCTV. Optimise outcomes for roads etc
4	Community emergency plan, liaison with neighbourhood watch and Fire brigade	Carole	Civil defence plans, Tsunami warning system, update and distribute CEP to new residents.

5	Community car, bikes on beach, Community hall, liaison with police, liaison with council parks and reserves	Rex	Keep the beach community rolling
6	Website & Accounting package	Stella, John	Update PBRA info website, and accounting package for membership database and invoicing
7	Waihi estuary care group	Ray, Dallas, John	Co-ordinate myriad authorities and interest groups, engineering and assist with construction. Raise funds
8	Environment, sand dune refurbishment	Bev, Ian	Encourage improvement of the natural environs. Review dune replenishment options and implications on continued funds collection for AGM 2015
9	Budget, fundraising Sponsorship	Alex	Approach funding sources for assistance, seek sponsors for vehicle costs and walkway development as required

The following is a summary of the matters discussed and voted on at the AGM with actions taken since then noted at the end of each item.

General Business

1 Closed Circuit TV Surveillance – Alan Sutherland.

IP Systems made a \$4870.00 + GST proposal encompassing two wide view and number plate cameras with poles, signage and central monitoring. The meeting approved the purchase and fitting of the system.

New since AGM – The security cameras are now in place and operating well.

2 Waste Water/Infrastructure – John Cook.

Terry Long (BOPRC) gave a status report of the estuary and beachfront water quality saying swimming was OK but shellfish should not be consumed particularly after rain. While a maintenance Zone is not necessary he recommends following the Onsite Effluent Plan (OSET) available imminently on the BOPRC website. Good tank management includes cleaning every three years (or longer if the contractor recommends), reducing water throughput with low-volume toilet flushing, short showers etc, and avoidance of bleach and chemotherapy effluent.

New since AGM – The bulk tank cleaning offer has been received well by the community. If you wish to take up this generous offer, see the website for details and call Joy Walker on 533 3070 to coordinate the timing.

3 Development Fund – Ian Rodger.

The fund stands at \$239,000 at present and annual contributions are \$20 per property. While use for sewage now seems most unlikely it can be used for other capital expenditure and the meeting voted for continuance.

4 Dune Refurbishment program – Ian Rodger.

Begun in 2007, initially for two years, the balance in the Dune Refurbishment Account Fund is \$145,000 and gains \$7K annually in interest. Resource consent for refurbishment work looks

possible for \$5 - 10,000 and the meeting resolved to get this for a 35 year period. It was agreed to collect this rate again.

5. *Community Topics - Rex Cameron*

Wandering Dogs– phone the council 24 hours number 07 571 8008, also draw dog owners' attention to the fact that their dogs fouling the beach or street is not acceptable.

Patrol Vehicle.

More drivers would be welcome for the night patrols - call Rex on 533 4345

6. *Waihi Estuary Walk/cycleway John Cook.*

Resource consent has been gained from the surf club to Cutwater road. Temporary signage will be posted at the boat ramp and beach access # 32. Local iwi strongly support the proposal and we are grateful to David Taylor for facilitating this. Fundraising will be a focus for 2014.

New since AGM – WBOP District Council has awarded a Community Fund grant of \$50,000, subject to Annual plan confirmation in July. Further contribution is being sought from DoC and others, and materials & construction quotes are coming in. Local interest in the project is growing.

7. *Community Emergency Plan/ Tsunami Warning – Carole Forrester.*

The area-wide Tsunami warning system under study by WBOPDC has come to nothing. CD recommends neighbourhood support groups alert their pool members and notify them of anyone needing assistance to evacuate. Tune into local radio for notices.

New since AGM – Six beach residents attended an area-wide emergency scenario setting up a Welfare centre in readiness for an emergency.

8. *Association website – Stella Cressey.*

The website launched this year and sponsorship monies have made it self-funding. Change of the financial year end to October 31st was agreed to ease administration congestion around accounting & membership in preparation for the AGM. Familiarization with Xero, the online accounting package is progressing well.

9. *Dotterel Point & Coastal environs – Bev Nairn.*

Our councils continue to support the restoration of the dunes and spit to good effect. 120,000 dune grasses have been planted with community help. You can get plants free from BOP Regional Council – phone Chris Ward 0800 884 881

NZ Dotterel on the spit have recovered from Rena losses and in combination with Maketu, forms the largest breeding group in NZ. Nationally the numbers have improved by 10%.

The next Coast Care working Bee is on Sunday June 8th, 10.00am at the surf club.

10. Water supply – Glenn Snelgrove

Meters will be fitted by mid-year and have been shown to reduce consumption. Silica present in the water is from the Maniatoto bore and is an intractable problem internationally.

11. Roading – Alan Sutherland

Transit NZ has reviewed the problematic highway intersections and both Pukehina Station Rd and Pukehina Beach Rd will be widened. This improvement is due to a 'Wish List' request last year, so keep it up – it works ! See the application form on the website.

12 Storm water

Major works were done during the year on Pukehina Parade to remove ponding and this work is now being extended to Costello Crescent to prevent surface water flowing through private property.

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