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PUKEHINA RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT PUKEHINA BEACH COMMUNITY HALL AT 1.30 PM ON SATURDAY JANUARY 5, 2019

Mike Piper welcomed the 76 attendees and introduced Council guests, WBOP District Council CEO Mariam Taris, WBOP Councilors Kevin Marsh and John Scrimgeour and invited Richard Mohi to open the AGM with a karakia.

Mike acknowledged the passing of Alex White, Lawrence Edwards and Stella Creasy over the past year.

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Mike Piper, Trudi Ballantyne, Cheryl Patten, Alan Sutherland, Brenda Brickland, Stu Brickland

APOLOGIES: Denise Donald, Paul Melish, Carole Forrester, Joy Walker

It was proposed that the apologies be accepted.

Proposed: Mike Piper

Seconded: Trudi Ballantyne

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS 2018 AGM:**

A copy of the Minutes had previously been mailed out to all members. As there were no matters arising from the previous minutes, it was proposed that the 2018 AGM Minutes as circulated be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Mike Piper

Seconded: John McEnallay.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman's Report was prepared and presented by Mike Piper. (See Attachment A)

It was proposed that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Proposed: John McEnallay

Seconded: Alan Sutherland

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was prepared and presented by Trudi Ballantyne. (See document: Financial Statements)

General discussion followed the reading of the report regarding the proposed changes to the rules of the Ratepayers Association's Constitution. These changes are:

- To allow residents of the wider Pukehina community to become members
- A change to Clause 21 which will allow the Association to become eligible to be included under the Charities Commission

Mike Piper asked whether the proposed changes will allow application to the Charities Commission and **Trudi Ballantyne** advised in the affirmative but advised that this process could take up to five (5) months. If successful, the Association would then be eligible to apply for funding from various organisations such as the Lottery Grants Board to fund PBRA projects. Trudi also advised that at least 75% of the members at this AGM were required to vote in favour of any rule change.



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Judy Treloar raised a question as to whether the PBRA would still be eligible for funding if the meeting voted against allowing residents to join the Association. Judy also stated that any decision made regarding funding should only be made by ratepayers.

Trudi advised 'YES' the Association would still be eligible regardless of the vote regarding residents being allowed to join PBRA.

Angie Piper made the comment that it was a great idea for the organisation to become more inclusive.

Stu Bricknell advised that any decisions will go back to the Committee and even though residents will have influence they will not be directly involved in monetary decisions.

Rex Cameron raised a question whether the CCTV camera sited at the Community Hall was still functioning and **Mike Piper** advised that it was but of an older technology and of no particular value.

General discussion ensued regarding CoastCare funding and **Miriam Taris, CEO of the Western Bay of Plenty Council**, advised that it was a Council rate and not anything to do as such with the Ratepayer's Association.

A question was also raised regarding what would actually denote a 'resident' for the purpose of eligibility to join the Association and general consensus agreed with **Alex Shearer's** suggestion of a power bill or something similar and that it should not be determined by any arbitrary length of residency.

Neil Barr (442) made the comment that the meeting was getting off the point regarding a resident's eligibility to join the association and that if they paid their subscriptions they should be accepted into the PBRA and that it would naturally self regulate.

Joy Backhouse asked what were the actual boundaries that the PBRA covered?

Mike Piper responded that it was the general Pukehina area.

General discussion continued regarding how best to notify residents and non-member ratepayers about their eligibility to join the PBRA with **Mike Piper** advising that the website would be the best source of information.

Mike Piper invited discussion regarding the move to raise annual subscriptions from the existing \$20 to either \$30 or \$50 per annum as well as a corporate rate of \$100 plus annual subscription, currently \$20 (total \$120) which included one year's advertisement on the PBRA website, or to maintain the status quo.

Questions were raised as to why it was necessary to raise the subscriptions when administration costs have decreased. **Trudi** advised that monitoring of the new CCTV camera was \$129/month. **Mike** noted that the decrease could be attributed to the annual committee dinner being cancelled due to increasing costs.

Alex Shearer (176) questioned whether operating costs would be lower if the application to the Charities Commission was successful? **Trudi Ballantyne** noted that costs would inevitably continue to rise and that it was difficult to apply for funding for operating costs.

Judy Treloar suggested waiting a year before increasing the subscriptions.

Stu Bricknell advised that it would be great to increase membership numbers and that would help to keep costs down and suggested that every person at the meeting spread the word to their neighbours and friends who were not present at the meeting.

Trudi Ballantyne advised the meeting that in order for the amendments to the PBRA rules to proceed, a majority vote of greater than 75% was required.



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Mike Piper called on the meeting to vote with a show of hands for:

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| 1. Amendment to the rules as discussed | For: | 41 (>75%) |
| | Against: | 5 |
| 2. Amendment to Subscriptions – | | |
| a. keep them at \$20/annum | For: | 6 |
| a. raise to \$30/annum | For: | > 75% |
| b. raise to \$50/annum (not called) | For: | |
| c. corporate at \$130 including advertisement | For: | > 75% |

A majority vote was recorded for the amendment to the PBRA rules and the meeting voted to raise subscriptions to \$30/annum with a corporate rate of \$130 which included advertising on the PBRA website for one year.

It was proposed that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed: Trude Ballantyne
Seconded: John McEnallay

4. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:**

Retiring 2018 Committee Members: Mike Piper, Carole Forrester, Alan Sutherland, Brenda Brickland, Stu Brickland, Cheryl Patten, Denise Donald

Nominations received:

Treasurer: Trudi Ballantyne
Website Coordinator: John McEnallay

Nominations called from the floor:

Chair: Richard Glover
Secretary: Judie McEnallay
Committee: Brodie Cummins
Esther Kirk (588)
Fiona Clelland (99)
Paora Maxwell (227)
Leanne Armstrong (694)
Neil Carter (442)

It was proposed that the Committee nominations be accepted.

Proposed: Mike Piper
Seconded: Cheryl Johnson

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

❖ **Presentation by Miriam Taris, CEO Western Bay of Plenty District Council**

Miriam Taris presented her yearly review and updated members of Council's programmes as listed below. The full report is available on the PBRA website.

- Speed Limit Review
- Pukehina Cycleway/Walkway
- Pukehina Community Hall
- Ororoa Boat Ramp



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- e. Community Response Team
- f. Water Supply
- g. Bathing – Shell Fish Gathering
- h. Pukehina Parade – Kerb and Channel
- i. CCTV
- j. Targeted Rates and Reserve Balances
- k. Pukehina Development Fund
- l. Solid Waste
- m. Coast Care
- n. Structures in Coastal Zone
- o. Ororoa Reserve Playground
- p. Representation Review
- q. Surf Club
- r. Freedom Camping
- s. Fishing Club Lease Area
- t. Resource Consent 'Pukehina Eco Village'

General discussion arose from these topics as follows:

- **Miriam Taris** urged residents to report speeding vehicles along the Parade to the Police as this was not the Council's jurisdiction.
- **Rod Davenport**, *Chairman of the Pukehina Hall Committee*, reviewed the past year's Hall usage and advised of 7 bookings for weddings already received for the coming year. **Wally Lee** suggested that the PBRA take over running of the Community Hall.
- **Miriam Taris** advised that Council had investigated the complaints that submerged steel rods were damaging boats at the boat ramp but none were found. Discussion continued around repairs to the ramp including comments from **Stu Bricknell** that the ramp required lengthening as boats are falling off the ramp. **Miriam Taris** advised she would ask Engineers to review the upcoming work scheduled for this year. She also advised that Regional Council handles hard structures so the Committee should approach them regarding provision of a jetty. **Ester Kirk** asked whether the ramp repairs would include repairs to the Reserve erosion? **Miriam Taris** advised 'No' they wouldn't.
- Discussion regarding shellfish gathering and water quality of the estuary and the updating of existing signage on access ways resulted in the suggestion that Regional Council should be invited to participate in future PBRA AGM's.
- **Miriam Tarris** advised that if the PBRA have access to funding, Council would liaise with progressing the works to improve the cycle way/walkway project.
- **Neil Carter** advised that a trailer with kitchen cabinetry was stolen from his property and he required access to the CCTV footage. Police advised him, that the available footage was unusable due to insufficient lighting. Neil viewed camera footage from the Shop which was better quality. **Mike Piper** advised that Tarnix had investigated placement of the camera and undertaken tests which showed excellent results. Mike also advised that the Pukehina Camp Ground is currently paying the power costs involved in operating the camera and it would be an opportunity for a local business to sponsor.
- **Miriam Taris** advised the meeting that Council had no plans to kerb and channel both sides of Pukehina Parade as an existing Council Level of Service required kerb and channelling to be provided on only one side of the road across the district.
- **Miriam Taris** reported that the proposed 'Pukehina Eco Village' was a complex issue that Council is currently working through.



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▪ **Pukehina Development Fund**

Miriam Taris advised that the 2018 opening balance of the Pukehina Development Fund stood at \$386,275 and as Pukehina will never be able to hook up to Maketu due to capacity issues, a decision should be made as to whether ratepayers wish to continue to pay into this fund or perhaps change the purpose of the fund. Any changes will require full consultation by Council with all ratepayers. To stop the fund altogether and return funds to ratepayers would be an almost impossible task.

Wally Lee spoke on the benefits of continuing to pay into the existing fund as at some stage in the future, technology will evolve and Pukehina will get a reticulated system and the cost of such a system is likely to be upwards of \$17 million so any existing monies would be beneficial. There was general agreement with this decision.

FORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. To approve the continuation of collecting \$20 for the Infrastructure Development Fund

Proposed: Mike Piper

Seconded: Trudi Ballantyne

Vote Passed

2. To approve the continuation of collecting the \$46.02 Coastal Rate and the \$8.18 Inland Rate for the Dune Refurbishment Fund

Proposed: Mike Piper

Seconded: Trudi Ballantyne

Vote Passed

❖ **Major Erosion 217 – 225**

Mike Piper advised that the existing Resource Consent has been activated to undertaken restorative measures from 217 to 225 Pukehina Parade (inclusive) but the Consent does not allow for work to commence until late February due to shellfish regeneration and bird nesting between November and February.

Mike also noted that a consultant using a drone investigated the entire beach and the area between 217 and 225 was the only area requiring immediate restoration.

❖ **Rubbish Collection**

Miriam Taris advised that Council is going to be involved in improving and standardising the level of service across the district.

❖ **Midway Park Development**

Ester Kirk gave a presentation on the plans for redeveloping Midway Park and suggested it was time to revisit the original plan and endeavour to make further progress.



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❖ **Pest Eradication and Predator Strategy**

Chrissie Nairn updated the meeting regarding the works carried out during the past year.

❖ **Pukehina Beach Community Plan 2009 – 2029**

Mike Piper suggested the incoming Committee revisit this plan.

Mike Piper invited **Richard Mohi** to close the meeting with a karakia.

There being no further general business, the meeting was closed at 4pm.



ATTACHMENT A

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 2019 AGM – PUKEHINA RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION INC

Welcome, everyone, to our Annual General Meeting and I thank you all for coming. In particular I would like to welcome Miriam Taris, Chief Executive of the WBOPDC, and Councillors Kevin Marsh and John Scrimgeour and members of the outgoing committee.

I trust you have all read my report in the annual newsletter, so I hopefully will not repeat myself too often.

The PBRA is in a unique position to assist the Western Bay of Plenty District Council to protect, promote and progress the best interests of Pukehina. The committee is also charged with the operation of key community assets. You will see on today's agenda under general business a list of ongoing projects the committee undertakes to manage every year. To that list I will also add other responsibilities, including oversight of the tennis courts, making submissions to Council on community matters, and managing our resource consents. What we have also experienced this year is a requirement for a greater level of compliance to meet local government and national standards, such as Community Patrol and Neighbourhood Support. For a group of volunteers, this can be both exciting and challenging.

For many years, a few committed community members have shouldered the majority of the load, but with changing times of compliance and complexity it is now not only preferable but also essential that more people engage.

As mentioned in the newsletter, I am not available to stand this year. At this stage, only two people have put themselves forward for the committee - Trudi Ballantyne, our very able and efficient treasurer, and John McEnallay who is working on improving our website for the PBRA.

For the committee to continue, we require a quorum of four members. If any of you have come today with issues that you want to progress or promote, it is important that you stand for this committee.

It is not feasible for all our ratepayers and residents to have a say on current and future issues, which is why it is vital that the committee represents the cross-section of our diverse community at Pukehina. As we all know, the demographics are rapidly changing – not only do we have new homes being built, and many bach's being upgraded, but more families are choosing to live at Pukehina permanently. Additionally, we are experiencing greater numbers of visitation nights through new temporary accommodation such as Book-a-Bach and Airbnb sites, and freedom camping. All of this change is putting increased pressure on existing infrastructure and services, and creating new challenges for the way we all enjoy Pukehina.

This year we need members of the PBRA to not only lead our existing projects but also to provide the impetus to manage future projects that will arise. It is my suggestion that the PBRA will encourage delegates from each of our local organisations - Civil Defence, Neighbourhood Support, Volunteer Fire Service, Surf Club, Fishing Club and any other community group that represents a sector of Pukehina, to stand.

If this committee ceases to exist, the ramifications for the future well-being of Pukehina will be serious. I am sure that there are enough people passionate about this part of the world to ensure this will not happen.

Finally I would like to thank my outgoing committee for their support last year. I look forward to a productive and positive meeting and to talking to you all over a cup of tea after formal proceedings have concluded.