Pukehina Ratepayers’ Association
Annual General Meeting 2020

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Pukehina Development Fund

Background
• Council reserve fund collected through targeted rates for sewerage infrastructure purposes
• Balance in the fund on 30 June 2019 was $419,650

Who makes decisions about the funds?
• Council decides whether to rate or not
• Legally Council has to use the funds for the purpose they were collected

Options for using the money
• Keep the current balance for possible future sewerage infrastructure
• Formally change the purpose of the fund (so it can be spent on other things)
• Refund the money (difficult in practice).

Consultation needed
• Council must consider the views of affected residents and ratepayers (not just PBRA members) before making a decision to change the purpose of the reserve fund.
## Targeted Rates & Reserve Balances

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<td><strong>Total Reserve Fund as at 30 June 2019</strong></td>
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• CCTV was installed by the Ratepayers Association between the streetlight spacings.

• The camera is situated very close to the road edge increasing potential for vehicle damage.

• Boat thieves have been known to mask over their number plates to reduce identification.
Speed Limit Review

• Council has a Speed Limits Bylaw – reviewed periodically.

• Applies to local roads (NZTA sets speed limits for state highways).

• Enforcement of bylaw is by NZ Police, not Council officers.

• Concerns about speed on Pukehina Parade need to be referred to the Police.

• District-wide review of speed limits (on local roads) was been postponed by the Council until the State Highway 2 north consultation and speed limits changes were progressed.

• NZTA undertook its consultation in November 2019 but any changes are not expected until mid 2020.
**Pukehina Cycleway / Walkway**

**Current Plan & Status**

- The approved amended consent for the walkway/cycling trail is held by the PBRA. The Chair gave direction that in 2018 the focus would be on the coastal restoration work and this was ahead of the trail work in priority.

- In 2019 the PBRA explored the means to implement the consented trail by using the PBRA funds now and in the future as investment contribution to get started. This would be to quote funds on hand to assist with match-funding applications to funding trusts and to apportion held funds toward construction in a programme over more than one year. This is discussed further later in this presentation.

- In 2018 discussions with the Eco-village and the trail project were supportive with the trails’ proximity and connection along the boundary on public land with the Eco-Village, as a recreation opportunity.

- The Department of Conservation is ready to assist with exiting grazing and encroachments from its lands. A site meeting with the Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BOPRC) in 2019 with the PBRA (and a subsequent meeting in December 2019) saw BOPRC confirm support, including staff and financial contribution to aspects of the trail route. All agencies are ready to go once the PBRA are.

- Funding plan is required to progress the trail, current estimate approx. $875,000 including the one bridge involved. (The PBRA have identified an alternative suitable gravel supply at a cheaper rate leading to an estimate total of $790,000). WBOPDC’s project manager met with the PBRA throughout 2019 to discuss the association’s queries and to discuss this costing and funding the works.

- Council can manage the project in liaison with PRBA and is ready to start.
Pukehina Parade – Kerb & Channel

- No works in Councils programme for kerb & channel on the right hand side.
Costello Crescent

• Council has been requested to consider installing a footpath along the full length of Costello Crescent by a resident.

• The Crescent currently has some stormwater kerb and channel along part of its length.

• Staff plan to investigate the implications and costs in the new year.

• This project is not currently specifically funded in the Council’s Long Term Plan.
Pukehina Hall Update

- Discussion has taken place between the PRA, the Hall Committee and Councillors to find a solution to the running of the Pukehina Hall.

- Jocelyn Uasike is the new Secretary and will reincorporate the Hall Society. Staff will contact her in the New Year.

- Pukehina Hall weather tightness assessment had been done and indicated water ingress in selected areas that could be indicative of major issues, further testing to be undertaken as soon as possible in the new year. Funding is available for this testing.
Water Supply

• Monitoring of water pressure supply continuing within Pukehina.

• Flushing of water mains undertaken as required.

• Water quality being monitored with a number of inline filters installed.

• Business as usual. (But noting any customer issues that are raised are dealt with straightaway).
Kerbside Rubbish & Recycling Services

• Council consulted on three options for alternative rubbish and recycling collection models during the annual plan process in 2019

• Council initiated procurement on a contracted service to cover approximately 80% of the district, including Pukehina.

• The service is intended to deliver:
  
  • A fortnightly kerbside collection for glass and recyclables (Paper, cardboard, Plastics 1 & 2, tins & cans)
  • A weekly kerbside collection for food scraps for urban areas only; and
  • A weekly kerbside rubbish collection with Pay-as-you-throw
  • Service to become operational in July 2021 - Council still to decide if it will be adopted
  • If adopted services will be funded by a targeted rate on those households serviced
Rural Recycling Drop Off Trial

• Council launched a six-month trial of a manned trailer & truck to take domestic recycling, 9am-1pm every second Saturday at BP Pongakawa.

• Trial started in November 2019 and users are able to recycle; glass (bottles and jars), plastic (#1 and #2), tin and aluminium cans, paper and cardboard (flattened). No whiteware, oil or green waste are collected.

• The trial follows Council consulting, through the Annual Plan in 2018, on the proposal to introduce a rural recycling drop-off point.

• The intention was to make it easier for rural communities to be able to recycle of which 76% were in support of establishing rural recycling drop-off points.

• The east of the District was chosen to run the trial as this was seen as the area with the greatest opportunity to reduce travel times to recycling facilities.
Rural Recycling Trial Fortnightly Dates

> 11 January 2020
> 25 January 2020
> 8 February 2020
> 22 February 2020
> 7 March 2020
> 21 March 2020
> 4 April 2020
> 18 April 2020
> 2 May 2020
> 16 May 2020
> 30 May 2020

• The trial is funded through the Waste Minimisation Levy and District-wide Environmental Protection Rate.

• Residents can have their say by visiting council’s website link: https://haveyoursay.westernbay.govt.nz/ruralrecyclingpongakawa
Water Quality in Estuary

Shell Fish Gathering
- The current health warning in the table below that was issued in August 2018, remains in place.
- WBOPDC have queried Toi te Ora if health warning can be lifted.

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<td>Not to eat shellfish</td>
<td>Contamination - Elevated levels of faecal contamination which can be taken up by the shellfish.</td>
<td>Little Waihi (Waihi Estuary Main Channel)</td>
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Bathing
- During the summer months BOPRC undertakes a bathing water surveillance programme of regular sampling and testing to monitor bacterial levels at local bathing sites.
- Latest bathing water surveillance results in the estuary shows that the estuary is suitable for swimming.

To see further info on the of your local monitored bathing sites please visit: [www.lawa.org.nz](http://www.lawa.org.nz)
Ororoa Reserve Playground

- The playground was completed and had the tick of approval from users.
Freedom Camping

• Increased freedom camping compliance and monitoring for the peak summer season 2019/20.

• A new CCTV camera has been located at Dotterel Point to help monitor freedom campers

• The above has been funded by Responsible Camping funding initiative from MBIE.

• Central Government to consider reviewing the Freedom Camping Act and Campground Regulations.

• Any issues relating to Freedom Camping, please call Council after hours on 0800 926 732.
Freedom Camping Bylaw Review in 2019

- Council reviewed the Freedom Camping Bylaw across the District in 2019
- We received 145 submissions on the bylaw
- 66 submissions were received on a proposal to move the designated freedom camping site at Dotterel Point
- 80% supported the proposal to reduce the size of the area and moving it to the estuary side of the carpark.
- This came into effect on 30 September 2019.
- Next review of the Freedom Camping Bylaw is scheduled for 2024, unless Council decide to review it sooner.
Boat Ramp Remedial Work

• Following suggestions that submerged steel rods were causing damage to boats, it was discovered that two stainless steel straps bolted between the ramp upper section and the lowest section (only visible at dead low tide) have become slightly more pronounced due to a slumping of the lower ramp section.

• These could be removed but there is a risk that the gap between the two sections will widen causing other problems for users. Staff recommend the straps remain in place for now.

• Based on the 2019 condition assessment inspection, ramp renewal has been brought forward into the current financial year for completion by June 2020.
Approach to Rubbish Bins in Parks

• Council’s approach to the provision of rubbish bins on reserves is to encourage people to take rubbish away with them.

Midway Park
Resource Consent “Pukehina Eco Village”

- Resource consent received for a 137 Protection Lot subdivision development in the Rural zone incorporating substantive wetland development as a Non-Complying Activity.
- The application was heard and determined by Independent Hearings Commissioners Richard Bax & Alan Withy on 1st/2nd July 2019.
- The application was declined.
- The applicants have Appealed the decline decision to the Environment Court.
- The Court will issue directions to mediate and if that is unsuccessful, the matter will be set down for a judicial hearing.
- A hearing date would be set by the Court when available.
Service Requests & Notifications
Antenno – How it works

• A mobile app
• Includes option to add a photo
• Provides the sender with a reference number
• Antenno is an online noticeboard – community events, matters for consultation, water shutdowns, changes to rubbish collections
• Report to Council on issues or feedback
• We currently have 620 connected devices