MINUTES OF THE PUHOI FORUM COMMUNITY MEETING

HELD AT PUHOI SPORTS CLUB ON 26th June 2018 commencing at 8.00pm.

Apologies
Ross Broadmoor, Max Legg, Sheryll Titford

Present
Dustyn O’Leary (Chair), Paul Manton (co-chair), Sorrel O’Leary (secretary), Gavin Donaldson, Jenny Schollum (treasurer), Beth Houlbrooke, Mike Swain, Jenny Neil, Sandra Beagley, Luke Krieg, Ginnie and Torben Sorenson, Brian Titford, Terri Ryder, Judith Williams.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 29th May 2018.

Brian Titford noted that Sheryll Titford’s name had been misspelt, this will be corrected.

Motion 1
THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Ian Boothroyd
Seconded: Gavin Donaldson
Carried

2. TREASURER’S REPORT April 2018

Motion 2
THAT the Treasurer’s report for April 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Dustyn O’Leary
Seconded: Judith Williams
Carried

3. Local Board Representative – Beth Houlbrooke

Beth was invited to address the meeting and discussed the targeted transport rate recently put forward by the local board. Summary of Beth’s talk:

Beth will continue working on the bus initiative; transport targeted rate to address the massive backlog of underinvestment in infrastructure. Local board gets a transport capital fund, which has now been increased. She also talked about a bus service starting 30th Sept Warkworth to Auckland (Auckland Transport Hop Service direct Service to Silverdale), and was working to get stop at Puhoi. Could we run a Survey to determine numbers? Luke Kreig offered to do the survey.

Paul Manton notes an issue with local roads not being paved. Ahuroa Road sealing is under design and starts next July. Paul asks for updates on roading. Check AT road sealing list to see that Ahuroa is #4 on list.

How is footpath list prioritised? At based on pedestrian count, vehicle crossing. Kids walking to school is a priority. We will get a footpath to the main highway. Need to send reminder about footpath from Bruce McGregor and Rosa Villa Lane to village.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

(i) Forum meeting venue

Forum meeting place change. Sports club has triple booked upstairs. Teri proposes to change date to accommodate the dance club. Ian notes that the dance group may not be permanent. Alternative date to be negotiated. The other option is to continue meeting downstairs. In this way
the Forum gets new upgraded venue. Show of hands - 14 for, none against, to accept the downstairs as a meeting venue for the interim.

(ii) River Park Walkway Planting
First River Park planting date for this season (1 of 2 days planting days proposed) was set for Sunday 8 July. Flyers and advertising will be organized to ensure as good a turn out as possible (action Sorrel O’Leary). The day will aim to plant 1000 plants, with some being sourced from the local Council and others from a local nursery. Rabbit sleeves need to be organized ahead of time and will be installed when planting is done.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

(i) Working Group Update

Puhoi Pioneers Memorial Park
Planting maintenance - someone needed to do the releasing, Forum can pay for this. Paul notes that we could approach local groups eg the local home school kids or college trip groups who might be interested in doing this work as a fundraising activity. Kevin has started on battening the last section of the walkway fence, is currently halfway through. He is also tidying up the shed where hay is stored. There will be a meeting next Thursday for a Council inspection in order to record a deed of assets to add to lease.

Working bees for the park in the pipeline:
• 1 sq m of gravel/metal for the bush pathway will be ordered from the Council for resurfacing.
• Track clearing of the middle pathway will be done by volunteers when the weather permits.
• Next park project after river planting will be to remove the old stock yards and rebuild 4 loose boxes, with the potential for siting community gardens and fruit trees in the space left over.
• Following this fencing and planting of the lower farm wetland will also be undertaken.

(ii) Road Safety Group
Tessa from the Local Board has come back to inform us that no general funding is available for the footpath sleeper project. Dustyn has applied for a Heritage Grant from council and is waiting on their reply before writing off the council as a funding source for this project. Other possible to funding opportunities were discussed, such as raising sponsorship and engraving names on the timber sleepers, the group will explore this option.
Tessa also spoke to Ellen Barrett re safety issues and sign off - Luke Krieg has found that an encroachment notice needs to be applied for with Council as the river bank is public land, will need to be processed with AT. Group to follow up.

(iii) Civil Defense/ Neighbourhood Support
Luke had a briefing with Heston and will support Heston in his efforts.

(iv) Puhoi Heritage Museum
AGM was held on the 20 May, no change in personnel resulting from this meeting. Upcoming events (all are invited!!) :
• 24th June Market Day Founders Day
• 29th June Puhoi Day - day off for locals. Lunch in the hall, 11.30 meet and lunch at 12 and then off to pub.
• 30th of June Community Dance.
• 1st July Bohemian Day

(v) Village market
No-one present to report.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st July 2018 from 7.30pm