

MINUTES OF THE PUHOI FORUM COMMUNITY MEETING

HELD AT PUHOI SPORTS CLUB ON 25th February 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Paul Manton, Dustyn O’Leary (co-chairs), John Rehm, Mike Swain, Jenny Neel, Sheryll Titford, Brian Titford, Tim Holdgate, Judith Williams, Sandra Beagley, Jenny Schol-lum (Treasurer), Greg Taylor, Sorrel O’Leary (Secretary)

Apologies: Beth Houlbrooke, Karen Rehm

Welcome

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held 27 January 2020

Minutes have been previously circulated.

Matters arising from those minutes - Minutes amendment re Tolhopf Rd sealing

Motion 1

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Dustyn O’Leary
Seconded: Sandra Beagley
Carried

2. TREASURER’S REPORT for February 2020

Treasurer’s report has been previously circulated.

0.94 interest, no accounts for payment. Papers for online banking in hand, but will wait for AGM to confirm signatures.

Motion 2

THAT the Treasurer’s report for February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record

Moved: Paul Manton
Seconded: Mike Swain
Carried

3. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Beth Houlbrooke of the Local Board notes that Leigh is getting ultrafast broadband. Puhoi is on schedule for Nov 2020 with limited rollout, perhaps up to a kilometre from village centre.
- (ii) Annual budget for local board is open for comment from 27 Feb to 22 March. Possibilities to comment on include our tracks, weed control, footpaths, pest control. Proposal put together by Forum for a meeting on 7 March at New World. Form to be sent out by Chair to forum members; please respond to Chair with matters of interest. Chairs to action.
- (iii) Regional Heritage Interest Project funding is available for up to 20,000. Follow up re tennis pavilion. Chairs to action.
- (iv) Matakana Coast Trail Trust, part of Auckland Council Greenways Plan, has prepared a Shared Declaration of Support for local community groups to show their

support for the work being done by the MCTT to create and maintain a trail network from Puhoi to Whangarei. To be signed by Forum Chairs.

Motion 3: That the PCM sign the Shared Declaration of Support to show that MCTT is supported by our community.

Moved: Dustyn O’Leary
Seconded: Mike Swain
Carried

4. UPDATE FROM LOCAL BOARD

- Budget round - opportunity to provide input from community - walking trust, trails make submissions (see Incoming Correspondence)
- Update on Hill St - plan published in Mahurangi Matters. Timed to coincide with opening of motorway, land acquisition underway.
- Dome Valley Landfill site is going ahead.
- New Refuse Station application next to the Rodney Cooperative Lime works on Sandspit Rd, Warkworth, utilising the current Wyatt Haulage and Landscape site. Currently under appeal in environment court by local residents.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- (i) Possible next speaker, Alison Rowe, Graham Stretch or Chris Charles, the programme manager for The New Zealand Walking Access Commission and Auckland Council who is working alongside iwi, the Rodney Local Board, Matakana Coast Trail Trust, Department of Conservation (DOC) and community groups to secure quality public access for walking, cycling and horse riding. These paths will connect the communities between Pūhoi and Pākiri in Auckland’s north to each other, and to current and future community destinations.
- (ii) New Park land proposal - Gillian’s land and pub is for sale. Puhoi is only one of two historical settlements in NZ, and the development of this area in the centre could destroy the nature of the village. Letter to Local Board mooted with proposal to Council to purchase the land to preserve the historic nature of the village. Points raised include tourism, trail network, need for campground for TA walkers, parking, and providing local community groups with a home, who have funding but no land.

Motion 4 That the Puhoi Forum writes a letter to Council, raising these and further points such as historic buildings (include photographs) and contacts the Historic Trust. To be actioned by Chairs.

Moved: Brian Titford
Seconded: John Rehm
Carried

- (iii) Tennis pavilion - Request from sport club to see if they could take over the project. Unanimous vote to approve that the Sports Club takes it over, moves it and renovates it.
- (iv) Park Loop track maintenance - Keir Dady (JK Contractors) prepared to do swale drain, culvert top trail and \$1200 with culvert donated. Drop 2 cubic metres of metal at top of track. \$1500 in total. Gorse and pampas removal included. Paul to respray. With increasing trail use, metal could be added to the budget for this part of the Puhoi Loop Track.

Motion 5 That the Forum hires Keir Dady to do the work above.

Moved: Sherryl Titford

Seconded: Mike Swain

Carried

(v) Miscellaneous items:

- Petrol voucher for \$50 for Trish Allen, to be actioned by Judith.
- Spray for Arundo grass from Paul for Mike.
- Waiwera Association supports possum trappers, can this be funded by Council - apply to local board. Also ecological funds available.
- On Puhoi Village Website - latest information on road closure thanks to Mike Swain.

Working Groups Updates

- Road safety group - no news
- Puhoi Community Response - community consultation regarding role. Next topic for autumn flooding. Waiwera - Power lines came down, were in bad condition, causing a fire. Fire Brigade from Silverdale arrived half hour later after the fire was extinguished, Puhoi never arrived. Residents need to be aware of the state of their own lines and inform Vector
- Puhoi Heritage Museum - continuing to enjoy success in current location, more permanent home needed. Negotiations with building owners to secure future. ANZAC day celebrations should be shared - Heritage Museum can liaise with different groups - Fire Brigade, Scouts. Local Boat Reps, Councillors need to be invited formally.
- Tolhopf Road Group - Stage 1 tenders will be finalised this month, start project in March, from J Tolhopf road east and west to Puhoi 1 km.
- Waiwera Valley Association - Fun Day at Maureen Patterson's 7 March Mcathie Road. All welcome, bouncy castle, bring kids. Anzac Day commemoration being reclaimed from RSA by community members. Pic Control group
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- Puhoi Village Market - a great success, with More FM handing out apples, great tomato competition Jennifer McGrail from Opahi Bay.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 31st March 2020, at 7.30pm.
