

**MINUTES OF THE PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**HELD AT THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB TUESDAY 23 February 2021**

**Meeting Opened: 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** Paul Manton (Co-Chair), Jenny Shollum (Treasurer), Jessica Hanlon (Secretary), John Rehm, Karen Rehm, Sorrel O'Leary, Judith Williams, Brian Titford, Sheryll Titford, Dell Peacock, Emma Dore, Greg Taylor, Beth Houlbrooke, Duane Gardner, Olive-Ann den Hertog

2. **Apologies:** Russell Green, Sandra Beagley, Jared Rehm, Dustyn O'Leary

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 26 January 2021**

**Motion:** Moved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26 January are to be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Greg Taylor

**Seconded:** Sorrel O'Leary

4. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** (not appearing on this Agenda)  
Correction to the minutes from January.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – for January– as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

There are currently 3 accounts for payment. The set up of Internet banking is still in process. Should be complete by the end of February to make payments due.

**Motion:** Payments for the following accounts are approved for payment: accounts:

Dustyn O'Leary: \$405.44

Mairia Stoker: \$935.00

Convex Mirror: \$570.00

**Moved:** Jenny Schollum

**Seconded:** Greg Taylor

6. **Incoming Correspondence**

- Email from Sorrell regarding hours of riverwork for Mairia Stoker
- Email from Paul regarding pricing of convex mirror for Krippner road
- Email from Russell Green regarding naming / report area for Fire Report / update.

7. **Local Board Update:** Beth Houlbrooke

- Currently working on the 10 year plan: consultation open to 22 March 2021. Very

important that individuals and groups make a submission and make a comment / suggestion on the proposed council plans.

Currently 2 main priorities

To identify if you support / do not support where rates are going to be spent - Rodney board has a large emphasis on road maintenance of Rodney roads. Maintenance and renewal of roading as the infrastructure is deteriorating.

Road sealing: Rodney board asking for more roads to be sealed - regional fuel taxes was originally meant to be supporting this to happen. With Covid, Auckland council has removed the fuel tax from the road sealing programme. Rodney council are requesting that these funds be reinstated or reconsidered with greater priority.

Local projects:

Footpaths, resolved to do a number of footpaths in the area -

- 1) footpath to be done from the hall to Puhoi Close,
- 2) Villa Rosa to Puhoi

Ahuroa Road Stage 2:

No update until they know what the budget is going to be. Ahuroa Road still high in priority.

Warkworth park & Ride

Blessing for breaking the ground: 7 March.

Freedom Camping:

Still under investigation, even if there are bylaws in place there is limited ability to enforce as there is only one warden to cover a very large area. Local board is looking at options

Speed reduction in the village.

There is a second round of roads for consideration for lowering the speed limits, hopefully Puhoi is on the list.

This is an ongoing issue for Puhoi. re-designation of the speed limit does make it enforceable. There have been many suggestions made but currently the only change has been the large signs into and out of the village on either side. A digital speed sign is a possibility. - Beth will raise this with the board.

Beth suggests that we potentially try again with different options as there can be a change in personal. Letter from the forum, raising road safety issues in the village.

Action: Jessica to resend email from Beth Holbrouke with link to board to all forum / community contacts.

**[akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/10-year-budget-2021-2031](https://www.puhoinz.com/community/puhoi-community-forum/)**

## General Business

- (i) Complaint from the council regarding the tennis pavillion, landowner approval is needed for the new site. Beth says to contact the council and request permission.

**Action:** Emma Dore to follow up with Brendan Petrich and council

## (ii) Working Group Updates

- **Puhoi Land Care: Greg Taylor**

Ian Boothroyd has joined the group, retained to run a programme for funding. Community brochures etc. Initial stage hopefully 29th April, will be completed. Now has a team that is working together with dates to work towards.

Jenny tabled her concerns regarding the weeds on the sides of the roads, with suggestions for removal / cutting back of plants. (Poplar, silver birch, rambling rose, privitt, pampas).

Slashing of the roadside is potentially contributing to the increasing weeds - do the roadside contractors have a cleaning procedure for their equipment.

Main highway between Orewa and Puhoi is still classified as state highway, therefore NZTA. Beth suggests that the group writes to the council via her, not clear whether this is NZTA or Council responsibility. Ask them to address the issue and advise what the ongoing maintenance would be.

Suggestion that this is taken under landcare group in the future.  
Jenny tabled regarding privet

**Motion:** Jenny letter is sent from the Puhoi Community forum regarding the concern of the weeds to the council.

**Moved:** Emma Dore

**Seconded:** Judith Williams

**Action:** Jenny to draft a letter for the council and work with Jessica to send to council.

- **Road Safety Group:**
  - Covered in conversation with Beth Holbrouke.
- **Puhoi Heritage Museum: Jenny Schollum**
  - Lots of visitors and going well
- **Waiwera Valley Association: Brian & Sheryll Titford**
  - No Update
- **Puhoi Village Market: Judith Williams**
  - Birthday Market coming up 28th February
- **Puhoi Sports and Community Club: Emma Dore**
  - Pavillion has been moved, refurbishing is underway.

AGM is on 9 March - this is not a public open meeting, Financial members meeting.

Looking to organise line dancing classes - evenings. Then celebrate with an event.

Pub vs Club cricket match on Sunday 28 February

- **Fire Brigade:**

Email received from Russell Green: Email forwarded to forum members.

- **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support: Judith Williams**

Trees on power lines. There is a need to keep power lines clear - if you have trees over your power lines, contact vector, who will send someone out to clear.

**(iii) Miscellaneous Items**

- Introduction to Dell.
- New firewood box has been put around the back of the library. Paul is going to fill this, but anyone else who would like to contribute and restock the firewood over the season it would be appreciated.

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Meeting closed: 8.44