

## MINUTES OF THE PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

HELD AT THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB TUESDAY 30 March 2021

### Meeting Opened 7.34pm

1. **Present:** Paul Manton (Co-Chair), Jenny Schollum (Treasurer), Jessica Hanlon (Secretary), Roslyn Prictor (NX2) Mike Swain, Jenny Neel, Russell Green, Emma Dore, Dell Peacock, Gavin Donaldson, Sheryll Titford, Brian Titford, Greg Taylor, Judith Williams, Sandra Beagley
2. **Apologies:** John & Karen Rhem, Sorrel O'Leary, Dustyn O'Leary, Jared Rhem. Larry Mitchell, Beth Houlbrook
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous meeting**

**Motion:** Moved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23 February 2021 are to be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Gavin Donaldson

**Seconded:** Greg Taylor

4. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** (not appearing on this Agenda)
5. **Treasurer's Report** – for February 2021 – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.  
Online banking is still in the process of being set up due to the need for signatories.  
In order to pay accounts that are outstanding for 2020 before the end of the financial year Jenny will pay the three outstanding accounts from her personal accounts and receive a cheque for reimbursement from the Forum as her bank still accepts cheques.

**Motion:** That Jenny Schollum will pay outstanding accounts with reimbursement from the forum.

**Moved:** Sheryll Titford

**Seconded:** Greg Taylor

6. **Incoming Correspondence**
  - Email from Christine Mundell regarding update on Convex mirror installation  
-Jessica will email Christine.
7. **Local Board update -**  
No Local board update this month

### General Business

- (i) **Ara Tuhono update- Puhoi - Warkworth Roslyn Prictor - NX2**
  - Roslyn shared photos of the new works on the NX2
  - Final bulk earthworks season is finished - minor earthworks still going on.

- Pavement teams are moving in - New paving machine. Teams will work up till 10pm depending on the conditions on the day - Emails will be sent to residents if it affects them directly.
- Drone footage of the work is available on line:  
<https://nx2group.com/page/10/project-photos-drone-footage-and-videos>
- The landscaping team has been working over summer.
- More planting to be done over winter / mulching etc.
- Northern and Southern connections in progress, with nightworks.
- Roundabout works, traffic being diverted to allow work to continue.
- Hibiscus coast onway/ has moved with realignment to allow tunnel joining onto new extension.
- There will be stop / go signs on the hibiscus coast highway northbound to allow large trucks to cross - this will continue until October.
- Stage 4 in October will see further changes up onto the new viaduct for northbound traffic from Hibiscus Coast joining, off ramp for Puhoi will be at the Puhoi road section.
- NX2 Open day was postponed due to COVID-19, This will possibly be rescheduled for September / October 2021. This may be a slightly different 'tour' from the earlier proposed event.

There are concerns from the Puhoi community regarding the safety of the new intersection at the state highway 1, motorway and Puhoi.

Discussion around safety of the area, speed limits.

Puhoi residents turning right (South) from Puhoi, into the slip lane - will this be widened / changed as the current slipway is short and dangerous. The committee has asked that Roslyn please come back to us with an update on this.

Electronic sign on the motorway noting closures - does not seem to be there anymore advertising that there is a road closure at Puhoi.

Detour signs / safety signs seem to be left out

Site access points are still to be confirmed depending on the paving.

### **Holiday Traffic -**

No large trucks and vehicles are not on the road from Thursday midday until Tuesday midday.

### **(ii) Slip way Project - Larry Mitchell - apologies that Larry could not attend himself.**

Historically there was a proposal to build slipways on the two sides of the river with the jetties that have been built to allow easy kayak/boat access to the river.

Currently people are having to launch their boats standing in the mud. This is not a practical option for the increased volume of people / boat traffic, causes erosion etc to the river bank.

Question: Would the Puhoi Community Forum support the building of a concrete slipway on the memorial park side of the river.

**Motion:** That the forum, in principle, supports the further investigation of the building of slipways on the Puhoi river bank, with consideration of cost, and resource consents.

**Moved:** Paul Manton

**Seconded:** Mike Swain

### (iii) Petanque

There is already an accepted site for the petanque area. The suggestion is that this is moved to be where the tennis pavilion was

**Motion:** That the Forum, in principle, subject to design cost and location the forum, supports the reinstatement / creation of the petanque court.

**Moved:** Paul Manton

**Seconded:** Judith Williams

### Working Group Updates

- Road Safety Group - Paul Manton

Convex sign is still in process due to bank account finalisation.

When a road speed is made, a reduction on the budget for maintenance is also reduced.

Decisions on the sealing on the 2nd stage of Ahuroa Road for June.

To the Puhoi Community

Please Puhoi community members I encourage you to submit on the Regional Land Transport Plan, especially to ask for more funding for Unsealed Road Improvements. The draft plan (budget) shows only \$40 million over ten years, down from the previous \$121 million.

With Ahuroa Road requiring \$11-12 million to complete, it is clear that \$40 million is nowhere near enough!

All the supporting documents and the on-line form to make a submission can be found here:

[https://at.govt.nz/media/1985273/attachment-1\\_draft-rltp-2021-31.pdf](https://at.govt.nz/media/1985273/attachment-1_draft-rltp-2021-31.pdf)

Krippner Road / Noakes Hill Road - Brian Titford asking about the large crack on the road area - best action is to call the action plan and make sure that you have a job number. AT - 0800

- Puhoi Heritage Museum - Jenny Schollum  
Good number of visitors currently coming through.
- Waiwera Valley Association - Sheryll & Brian Titford  
Anzac Service 25th 2pm at the Cenotaph - all welcome bring a plate
- Puhoi Village Market - Sandra Beagley  
Weather was good, stall-holders were very happy.
- Neighborhood Support - Judith Williams

CARRE Minutes from 16 March - circulated in earlier email  
CARRE = Community Awareness and Resilience (Rodney East) The reports from the Auckland Emergency Response team on subjects as diverse as the Sky City Convention Fire, to Auckland storms and flooding to Auckland's help in handling the Whakaari White Island eruption.

Judith would like to see a strengthened neighbourhood support for the community.

- Puhoi Library - Sandra Beagly  
New wood box is fantastic
- Fire Brigade - Russel Green  
New Brigade Deputy - Jared Rhem  
Mike Donovan has stepped down after 25 years.  
Training coordinator: Celeste Koch

Open day planned - Date TBA - Puhoi  
Trucks, recruitment etc.

Still in a restricted fire season, as Rodney is part of Auckland, we stay in restriction until all of Auckland is out of restriction. You can still get a free permit for a fire. Fire brigade will still check the site even if you have a permit, and will extinguish the fire if they feel that it is dangerous.

- Puhoi Sports Club update - Emma Dore

The Sports Club Annual General Meeting was held on 16th March, where our annual accounts and progress over 2020 were presented. Considering the lockdown periods, the Club managed well financially given the losses in income, but significant renovations were still achieved. This was largely due to some great fundraising events, private events and lots of support from Members and the Committee.

The existing Committee members were all re-elected, although there were no new nominations. The Officers elected are as follows: Brendon Petrich was elected as President., Shana Carter as Secretary, Emma Todd as Treasurer.

Additional Committee Members remain: Troy Connolly, Emma Doré, Keir Daddy, Anthony Hall and Sean Hilditch.

The elected Committee announced its plan to call a Special General Meeting of Members in the near future (date will be set during the April meeting and then publicised) to propose a change of End of Financial Year, to become end March instead of end December. Details will be considered during the SGM, but in brief this would reduce the rush to get accounts and memberships organised during the run up to Christmas when people are either busy or away, and the Club has some close-down time over the holidays.

Painting / Renovations. The Clubhouse roof has been repainted, which was much overdue. The exterior gable end walls painting will be completed over the Easter Weekend, and we thank our supporters, including the PCF, for the letters of support

provided to enable this from a successful grant application. The changing rooms are still in need of further work to improve them, and to cater for our growing team numbers- especially more women players. They have had a spruce up by volunteers and donated paint, but we hope new plumbing and flooring may be on the horizon in 2021. We have no update at this stage about the concerns expressed by the Council on the relocation of the Pavilion. We are delighted to say the pavilion also has new doors and windows to be installed from a kind donation, so we do hope it gets to stay put.

Sports. This season promises to be a busy one, and to date we have 34 soccer teams signed up to the club. We are keeping our fingers crossed for little or no lockdowns this year, as Membership through our teams and the income they generate through the bar are a main source of our income. We hope to revive the Mountain Bike plans after a successful pilot last year, and expand the range of sports we are connected to and support.

Plaques that were put on the kauri trees need to be replaced. Suggestion that these are redone - Emma to talk to the Sports Club Committee

- Puhoi Landcare - Greg Taylor

A report is due to be finalised by last tuesday in April. Plan to be approved by the group, then will be shared with the forum.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

Anzac Commemoration Sunday 25 April

Fire Brigade will support the ANZAC Day parade.

Rob Beardmore will be organising the brigades participation. The morning will Run similarly to 2019.

Finishing with tea and coffee at the Fire Station.

**NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday **27 April** at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed : 9.20pm