

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM Minutes

**TUESDAY 31 May 2022 at 7.30pm at
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB -DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON – Paul Manton**

1. In Attendance:

Brian Titford, Judith Williams, Gavin Donaldson, Sorrel O’Leary, Jenny Schollum, Phillipa Beagley, Sandra Beagley, Mike Swain, Jenny Neel, Ken Sinclair, Dell Peacock, Karen Rehm, John Rehm, Emma Doré, Paul Manton

2. **Apologies:** Dustyn O’Leary, Greg Taylor, Beth Houlbrooke

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 26th April 2022

Moved John R Second: Gavin D, Accepted.

4. Matters Arising from those Minutes (not appearing on this Agenda)

- **Feedback regarding a survey on bus routes-** Emma
Local Board advise that this Forum may connect with the community to gain views, but they are not able to do this on our behalf. Offer from Mike Swain to create a post on FB – Emma to fwd Beth’s email.

5. Treasurer’s Report – for April – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

We Owe Phillipa for the trees, \$282 plus and compost @ \$115 – agreed unanimously by meeting to be paid.

Note that \$1,000 was transferred from the River Park funds to cover the cost of the PA system.

Jenny informed everyone that PCF Subs are due next month.

Treasurers Report correct and accepted: Moved Jenny, Second: Emma

6. Incoming Correspondence

Paul requests that any incoming correspondence is please provided in it’s full and original from, not annotated in emails.

Beth emailed the membership regarding who to contact with roading queries.

Paul: submission re our park- see Sorrel’s items below.

7. Local Board Update

a. Nothing received.

8. General Business

(i) Sorrel- memorial park.

Planting day is coming up in the River Park Sunday 24th July but the planting areas are very messy and not prepared for planting. Kikuyu grass is overgrown, there is blackberry spreading and gorse roots have not been removed. Some spraying has been done by Council but not sufficient to plant. Sorrel is following up with Rose (Council) to see what can be done, and what the budget is before publicising this date. Sorrel will also try to contact Danielle from Biosecurity, although this will depend on Council plans and available funds.

Sorrel- Parks Planning/ Submission. There have been major delays about park plans, so we are still waiting to see what this looks like before seeing how it impacts on Puhoi and what our submission may be. We may consider extended riparian planning, making the walkway longer and linking to other trails- we need to wait and see.

Discussion about the walkway up the path behind the public loos. Noted that the wood on the path may be falling into disrepair. Paul noted we do have insurance in the event any person is injured, but the meeting agree that we should maintain the path. Sorrel will do the walk and report back about any maintenance needs.

Brain- mentioned a project in Coatesville where a specific type of “wasp” has been released which eats Arundo grass, killing it from the base. Paul will follow up.

AGM- due in June. Meeting agreed the AGM will be advertised for 28th June at 7pm, to run for about 30 mins before the PCF monthly meeting.

Advert will include info regarding the agenda: nominations for officers, subscriptions, etc. Emma and Paul will draft, and pass to Mike for FB posts.

(ii) Working Group Updates

• Road Safety Group

Footpath Planned for June/ July, budgeted and should be underway. Interactive road signs from Auckland Transport will be put in place for traffic coming into the village from the Ahuroa, Don’t know if is actual speed or Slow Down digital message. The “red carpet” will also help with slowing traffic. Gavin and Judith suggested installation of judder bars, this has been presented but not currently planned by AT.

• Puhoi Heritage Museum

Held AGM. Still on short opening hours due to health risks. Museum tiles designs currently being worked on in the USA.

• Waiwera Valley Association

Business as usual.

• Puhoi Village Market

No report

• Puhoi Community Orchard: Funding request for feijoa hedge approved.

Pip -Planting planned this coming Sunday 4th June. It would be great to have the mulch available. Pip asked the meeting if she can get quotes for some seating for the area. Existing seating in the vicinity was discussed. John R suggested a building more of the same if timber can be purchased. The meeting noted that Mark Hallet will also be looking at the drainage in the area.

John also commented that the seats in park around the river walkway are being damaged by rough handling by the mowers when they move them to mow the grass. John has fixed one leg already.

Gavin suggests making tables/ seats at the same time that construction happened for the petanque area.

- **Petanque Court.**

After more investigation the proposed area does seem it is going to be too wet, and require significant earthworks and drainage. It may be better placed elsewhere, especially as the orchard is now underway. The band rotunda area is a possibility and a preferred site by the Petanque Committee but we are not sure if that area comes under or leased land. Paul will find out the designation of that land and advise the meeting. Mike also wonders if the motorway company may wish to support this. Judith raised the issue of drainage in the rotunda area being no better than the orchard area - we shall inspect.

- **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support**

Judith has been sending our storm warning to the neighborhood.

- **Puhoi Sports Club**

No report

- **Puhoi Landcare**

A very successful open day, with lots coming on board. Traplines are being implemented, with community and scouts' groups involved. Rosa Villa trapline is being planned. Objective is to catch rats, Possums and mustelids. Hope to hold further community educational workshops, and implement more trap lines.

(iii) Miscellaneous Items

- **Community Notice Board**- possibly by the village store, at the shed.

- **Poplar trees.** Thanks to John for chopping up and removing the poplar branches which fell.

The meeting talked about the poplars along the river which could pose further risk, and agreed that the PCF should make enquiries to the Council about the management of the trees. Paul will make that enquiry on behalf of the PCF.
