

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

**MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY 26th July 2022 at 7.30pm at
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB
CO- CHAIRPERSON – Paul Manton**

In Attendance: Emma Doré, Paul Manton, Jenny Schollum, Sandra Beagley, Phillipa Beagley, Greg Taylor, Brian Titford, Sorrel O’Leary, Dustyn O’Leary, Judith Williams.

1. **Apologies:** John and Karen Rehm, Dell Peacock, Ken Sinclair, Beth Houlbrooke

2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meetings held on 28th June 2022**

Moved: Paul, Second: Sorrel. Mins accepted.

3. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** None not on agenda.

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – for **June** – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

Plants were paid for from the general account, and funds will be transferred over from the Puhoi River Park account. Unanimous agreement to cover the minimal additional costs incurred by Pip in the coming weeks as not all plants were available recently.

Accounts approved: Moved: Greg Taylor Second: Judith Williams

5. **Incoming Correspondence** – none received.

6. **Local Board Update**

- None received.

General Business

(i) **Gorse in the leased farm as it is now going to start blocking the walkway- Sorrel**
Paul will contact Rose Crook (Auckland Council) to see if we can obtain some spray. Paul happy to do the spraying. It was clarified that it is the responsibility of the lease holder to take care of the gorse on the leased land. Paul will speak to Kevin about dealing with the gorse in early spring. The meeting heard about the huge increase in the price of spray, so we will try the Council for support before spending from PCF funds. Judith asked if her own property which adjoins can also be sprayed as the gorse is spreading to her property. Noted no woolly nightshade where planting is happening now, but it is around in other close areas – spray will deal with that too.

(ii) **Loop track entrance in the paddock needs gravel and a big cutback session to make it usable and stop people climbing the gate – Sorrel**

Meeting discussed the issue- Sorrel and Dustyn will coordinate, Paul to organise gravel.

(iii) Pip enquired about the **clean up of the climbing rose** that was tidied up and cut down- John R will ensure the clean-up.

(iv) **Flooding in Puhoi Road – Judith.**

Members present are aware and discussed why this could be happening now, as it's not occurred before. Noted that several people have contacted the Council /Auckland Transport about this roading hazard. Paul will send an email in addition on behalf of PCF to try and escalate the issue. Noted that if SH1 were closed, Puhoi/Ahuroa Road will not be useable for diverted traffic due to this flooding.

(ii) **Working Group Updates**

• **Road Safety Group**

The interactive road sign is working really well, but the new fish-eye mirror along Krippner Road has been moved out of position. Local residents need to discuss who can push it back into the right position; it's probably just the wind that has moved it.

• **Puhoi Heritage Museum**

Jenny is very pleased that Sandra has offered to help at the Museum after the request for support last meeting.

• **Waiwera Valley Association**

AT have responded to an issue of reported road damage but have driven through/ ignored the damage close by that has been getting worse in the poor weather. Covid hit the committee- no meeting last month.

• **Puhoi Village Market-** still on hold until September.

• **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support**

AGM will be held on 25th August- Judith planning to attend.

• **Puhoi Sports Club**

Recliner Rockers Fundraising event Sat August 6th, many tickets sold .appx 20 left
We are currently updating the downstairs area of the Club with new showers and toilet facilities along with other upgrades of old and dated plumbing. We have also recently applied for Grants to replace the old worn carpet in the club and we plan to upgrade the club heating in due course

• **Puhoi Landcare**

Greg informed the meeting about the new traps now received. PLG will provide traps to community members at cost. Please contact info@puhoilandcare.org.nz
It is most effective if neighbouring properties can agree to use traps to expand the area under predator control. They are happy to organise some training on safe trap use if a group are keen. PLG has now joined Restore Rodney East as a founding member. The Forest Bridge Trust will be providing some TrapNZ training at the next PLG monthly meeting.

• **Community Orchard**

Pip and Sandra have planted mandarin and avocado. Rabbits are an issue! Pip gave a shout out for help to build picnic tables – no offers at this stage. Brian may have a contact – they will talk more.

(iii) **Miscellaneous Items**

AGM of Puhoi Centennial hall on Sunday 31st July.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm. Next Meeting 30th August, 7.30pm.