

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM Minutes

MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 29th March at 7.30pm at THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB -DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON – Paul Manton

1. **Apologies:** Greg Taylor, Dustyn O’Leary.
2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 22 February 2022**
 - Any amendments re the mural? Change “to build” to, “to facilitate the building of”...
 - Accepted with this amendment: Moved – Jenny, Second: Gavin.
3. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** (not appearing on this Agenda)
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – for **February** – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

Forum informed by Jenny that the bank requires a physical address for the for the Forum. Meeting agreed to use the Secretary’s home address. Paul, as Co-Chair will correspond with ASB.

Jenny and Jess are adding Emma (Secretary) to Fastnet, and Emma will take over from Jess to authorise payments with Jenny.

Moved: Sorrel Second: Paul. Accepted

5. **Incoming Correspondence**

Matakana Coast Trail Trust – to be discussed in agenda items

6. **Local Board Update**

- Puhoi Close to Village footpath starting in June. Roading ‘red carpets’ to signal traffic to slow have now been approved for both ends of the village.
- Waka Kotahi have contacted the Local Board regarding the revocation of the new roads. Beth suggested they consult with the Historical Society. Also discussed the area under the bridge as potential for a park-and-ride. Keeping it on the radar.

General Business

(i) **Trees opposite Judith’s house** - Judith

Judith spoke with Forum Co-Chair and Rodney Local board, who advised that the Council would not be in a position to remove the trees. Judith also approached her neighbours. The landowner agreed to discuss the tree problem with Vector (due to the power lines) and Treescape to remedy the issue. It is noted that is recommended that all residents ensure trees on their property are not affecting power lines or roadways.

(ii) **Circulation of PCF mins/ PCF Members’ list** – Emma/ Jenny

The meeting discussed the distribution of the Agenda and Mins, and revisited previous Forum agreements.

Previously agreed by the meeting: - Agendas may be passed on to any network by anyone. Mins will be sent to the Membership and meeting attendees by the Secretary, but should not be passed on to the wider community until they are formally Approved at the following meeting. This was again agreed by the majority at the meeting, so these rules will remain in place.

(iii) **Matakana Coast Trail Trust (MCTT) Car park funding application and Plan** -Paul
With increased visitors to the new Trail, it is expected that there will be a need for much greater car park facilities in the village. No further potential to extend parking areas between the Sports Club/ toilets, but there is possibility to add to car parking alongside the community orchard partly Memorial Park which is under lease to the Forum. Preliminary engineering has explored this on our behalf, and expected costs would be about \$180,000.00. Funding /grants are available to the MCTT, but they need to know if Puhoi residents will support this.

Is the Forum supportive of this?

Issues raised: impact on horse riding and Farmers Market. Increased traffic over one-lane bridge. Needing tar-seal between the bridge and the new car park. Local Bard note they have supported the Trail to date (Greenways Plan), so will assist Puhoi if the Forum wishes to proceed with permissions to increase parking.

Meeting Show of Hands- majority in support of increasing car parking, subject to all the investigations and approvals that will be undertaken.

(iv) **NX2 Update Puhoi intersection** -Roslyn Pricor and Johnathan Cashmore
Ros gave an update of the areas of work now completed. In addition to actual roadworks, about 50% of planting is done, and almost all the grass slopes, and 5 of the storm water wetlands are also completed.

Covid has slowed progress, due to staff being absent from work. The recent storm caused some damage to part-completed work, which is still being assessed.

Stage 4- being done in 2 parts: Hibiscus Coast highway including the Puhoi off-ramp is about to commence. There will be some nightworks and stop/go at some times during the day. Anticipated about 3 weeks where Hib Coast Highway traffic will have to access Puhoi Road rather than new on/off ramps, which is not ideal but very temporary. Speed limits will be reduced to 50kms for this stretch of the intersection while traffic is still in temp mode. There will be some new seal on the temp intersection, but it will be redone before final opening. During this time the Tunnel will also be reduced to one side only, with a north and south lane.

It is expected that much work can occur throughout the winter, but bad weather will prevent some jobs. Johnathan described the many layers which have to be completed before a final surface can be laid on the new road. In the near future, we will be driving between the Tunnels and Puhoi village on some of the road layers, but not the final sealed surface, which will be laid in one go when all roads are ready.

Ros suggested a community “thank you” day for Puhoi, as residents have put up with a lot.

There will be a grand opening/ open day, but dates are not known at this time. Ros hopes to have an information stall at the Puhoi Village Market in April.

The meeting asked about the signage at the Puhoi offramp, following all the suggestions which were made last year. No decision has been made about the final signage.

(v) **Planting and spray update river walkway -Sorrell**

Plants arrive on 15th July, and dropped into the car park. Drivers needed to help move them to the plating site. Paul to supply trailer and quad but a ute should get there. Planting happening on 17th July. Spraying gorse will happen during April by the Council.

(vi) **Ahuroa Rd sealing Update- Transport Group**

Sealing preparation is progressing, with sealing due to start this week.

(vii) **Community orchard -Pip**

Sorrel and Pip met and Pip is keen to drive forward the idea of forming a working group to look after the Community Orchard. The group will work with the existing garden plans and report to the Forum along with other Working Groups.

(viii) ANZAC Day event- Jenny

Fire Brigade are unable to manage the day this year. Jenny is asking if the Forum will take up the management of ANZAC day this year, for 25th April. Air Scouts are offering to help as usual.

Jenny suggests we form a temp committee to organise this. This is fully supported by the Forum meeting attendees.

Paul Manton will assist with other groups to help organize this year's event.

(ii) Working Group Updates

- **Road Safety Group**
- **Puhoi Heritage Museum**

Tile design underway. Beth mentioned when the highway is derated it will need a name not SH1. A suggestion is that the Historical society be involved. Open to all for suggestions for a new road naming- please send to jenny.

- **Waiwera Valley Association**

Held a Zoom meeting. Will be organising ANZAC day at Waiwera.

- **Puhoi Village Market**

Great at the new site. One more market before winter, at the end of April.

- **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support**

- **Puhoi Sports Club**

No report.

- **Puhoi Landcare**

Planning traplines – seeking some householders to trap on their own property along riverside. 15th May – Grand Opening day, 1pm- 4pm, Puhoi Memorial hall. Along with TFBT, QE2, and others. A flyer will be sent/ posted on SM. All community invited to call in.

- **Community Orchard**

Newly formed, and added to the working groups list.

(iii) Miscellaneous Items

Petanque – ongoing planning. Mike and John meeting again soon to progress.

Memorial Plaques have now been laid under the kauri trees. Thanks to all involved.

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