

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 26th April at 7.30pm at
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB -DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON – Paul Manton**

1. **Apologies:** Ken and Dell Sinclair, Karen Rehm
2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 29th March**
3. Amendment – in the NZ 2 section, market should be referred to as Puhoi Village Market

Moved: Sandra **Seconded:** Paul **Approved**

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

5. **Treasurer's Report** – for **March 2022** – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

Moved to accept: Greg **Seconded:** Brian **Approved**

Payments for approve: all approved.

- Invoice for refreshments for Anzac day, \$97.86
- PA system, for use by community groups for events, to be reimbursed to Paul Manton, in the region of \$1,400.00

Progress made in getting Emma up and running in ASB.

6. Incoming Correspondence

- Richard Winterbourne emailed to say that trees had been felled and were blocking the “Puhoi Track” (Te Araroa trail). Paul Manton fed back to the meeting that this was done in error by the logging company who should have been logging many meters further away. Once the issue was raised the loggers were informed and the track was cleared within 4 days.
- Larry Mitchel emailed to ask if the Forum knows of anyone who could make plans/drawings to assist with the application for the wharf slipway. Discussed by the meeting and agreed action is for Paul to contact Larry to get more details.
- Local Matters want to do a feature on our Anzac day event with names and photos. Permission will need to be sought from presenters before they can be passed on.

7. Local Board Update

- From Beth: Re: Bus routes form Warkworth and updated proposals via motorway- do we want a bus to stop at Puhoi?

Pauline and Dave Shaw emailed to say they want to support a bus service and stop at Puhoi. Daphne Schollum texted to note that walkers doing the Te Araroa Trail used the bus to get to Puhoi for the walk, and children returning home from boarding school need bus services once back in the village.

Members at this meeting were agreed that Puhoi should have a bus service, and also feel this issue needs to be put out to the wider community for feedback. Emma will investigate with Beth the info/ survey required to gain the feedback.

General Business

- (i) Judith asked to revisit to rules about meeting minutes distribution. Discussed, and meeting agreed to keep the rules in place as agreed. Anyone wishing to have the draft mins should join the Forum as a financial member. Fee is \$10 a year per family.
- (ii) Pip asked who local people contact about roading issues. Depending on where the road is, the meeting recommends contacting the Local Board, and Bernard Pang, head of maintenance.
- (iii) Pip also asked if there were plans to reinstate the Community Notice Board, as it was lost when building works were done in recent years. Finding the site is the main issue. Action: Paul will enquire with Bernie at the pub to see if the Board could be located at the end of their property.

(ii) Working Group Updates

- **Road Safety Group- no report.**
- **Puhoi Heritage Museum**

A design has been made for the fundraiser tile. The design is being sent back to the USA to be made. Request to borrow the new PA system for the anniversary event this year. Agreed.

- **Waiwera Valley Association**

Held an Anzac day event. Brain and Sheryl had looked into the history of the event in their area, and found maybe one of the oldest memorial events was held in Waiwera.

- **Puhoi Village Market**

Last week went well, despite showery weather. Looking forward to starting again in September.

- **Library**

Reopening on 6th May, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10-12.

- **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support- no report.**
- **Puhoi Sports Club- no report**
- **Puhoi Landcare**

An open, drop-in Pest Control event for the community is advertised for Sunday 15th May. There is now a FB page and website for more information about the event and the group. Request the use of the PA for their open day in May if needed. Agreed.

- **Community Orchard**

Pip's first meeting feedback. Pip has written up a 'vision' for the orchard (not *garden*) and discussed the process for how plans may now be progressed. Pip's plan was read to the meeting, which included some planting and maintenance and also using orchard care and development as a community learning event. The meeting let Pip know that some funding may be available if needed, on application to the meeting as needed. Pip anticipates there may be a need for irrigation, and maybe spraying and mulching.

Support given by the meeting for Pip to proceed with interested community members. Pip gave estimates of less than 600 dollars for trees, shrubs, Feijoas etc. Paul said there was money in Memorial budget that could be used all Agreed unanimously.

(iii) Miscellaneous Items

Noted that the Forum facilitated a very successful Anzac day, with support from local groups.



A large poplar branch is still left on the ground in the reserve- John R agrees to cut up and remove. Brian questioned if the poplars could be removed, and make room for nut trees for the new community orchard. To be raised with Gavin at next meeting.