

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 September 2022 at 7.30pm at
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB -DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON – Paul Manton**

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Emma Doré, Sandra Beagley, Paul Manton, Ken Sinclair, Karen Rehm, John Rehm, Gavin Donaldson, Jenny Schollum, Judith Williams, Jo Grixtri, Catherine Rountree

1. **Apologies:** Dell Peacock, Greg Taylor, Pip Beagley, Dustyn O’Leary, Sorrel O’Leary
2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 30 August 2022.**

Mins initially sent missed the attendees- resent by Emma.

Mins Accepted: Moved: John Second: Ken

Requested that mins are sent as soon as possible after the meeting- noted by Emma

3. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** (not appearing on this Agenda)
4. **Treasurer’s Report** – for **August** – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

FMG paid, error sorted from payment from wrong account.

Report Accepted: Moved: Jenny Second: Judith

5. **Incoming Correspondence**
 - Weed spray received via Rose Crooks, Auckland Council for the Memorial Park.
 - Email received and distributed to the forum regarding the signage for the new road entrance to Puhoi. Paul asked if three Forum members would be willing to meet with the group responsible for the design to discuss the signage. Jenny and Paul agreed to represent PCF and the meeting agree that Dustyn would be the other person if willing. **Paul to contact Dustyn and ask her.**

6. **Local Board Update**

No update

General Business

- (i) **Working Group Updates**

- **Road Safety Group** – the proposed signage for the village (on the main highway) does not mention there is a museum. Need to check if there is signage for both Waiwera and Puhoi for people travelling from the north towards Puhoi.
- **Puhoi Heritage Museum-** The TV show “The Passenger”, will be filmed at the museum location at the end of October
- **Waiwera Valley Association-**no update

- **Puhoi Village Market** – Held last weekend and went very well. Due to the very wet weather the grass area in the park was assessed as being too wet. As there were no sports events on that day, it was agreed that the market would be held in the carpark area outside the sports club. Thanks to Sandra for her work around the market
- **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support**- Judith reported contact from local group The East Rodney Cluster of Community Response Groups. Judith will attend their next meeting on behalf of Puhoi Civil Defense.
- **Puhoi Sports Club**- New carpet will be getting laid by the end of October. Club Football prize giving on October 8th Kids 4.30pm, Adults 7.00pm Open to all Members. Live Band 8.30pm. Xmas Party - date to be confirmed.
- **Puhoi Landcare Group**- applied for the weed spray that has been received. Council has gifted traps for use on private land connected to PLG. The grant applied for to pay a Community Coordinator to implement the Pest Management Plan was awarded at less than half requested. Greg Taylor will take up a very part-time role to work on a reduced plan for PLG in order to ensure some progress is made. Sometime in the month of October, weather permitting, spraying will be done in the Memorial Park. Paul will coordinate a small group of volunteers to be at the ready. Ken and John volunteered alongside Paul. Gavin raised that we do need to see results in spraying as this has been put off for a long time, and suggested the Forum pay a contractor if necessary. Feedback is that this would be several thousand dollars, so the forum agreed to try ourselves over the coming month.
- **Community Orchard** – Pip has organised a local group to do maintenance on the community orchard.

(ii) **Miscellaneous Items**

- **Arundo grass** – continues to spread along the river bank. There is currently no funding available for this work, since we were declined to access funds from the local targeted rate.
- **Future Car Parking** -Meeting will be coming up soon with Matakana Coast Trail Trust/ Auckland Council to discuss the initial plans to build additional car parking in the Memorial Park /Farm Park, for possible future staging for planned cycle and walk tracks which may be starting in Puhoi linking with the north. Dusty, PCF Co-Chair will attend and will be able to use her landscaping expertise.
- **Motorway**- Judith asked to have her details passed on to the new Coms person at NX2, as since Roz changed her role Judith has not received messages from them as per previous arrangement.
- **Native Tree identification.** Suggestion from Jenny that some native trees in the Memorial Park have a plaque with their names (common and Latin)/ have an information board with tree silhouettes, as visitors are often not aware which trees are native or how to identify them. There was some support for this as a project to be taken forward that PCF is able to spend some fund on.
- **Pest Control.** Judith passed on a message from Bill Marcroft that he would be happy to share early-days pest control

Meeting Closed 8.47pm