

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th October 2022 at 7.30pm at
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB -DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON – Paul Manton**

1. **Apologies:** Dell Peacock, Ken Sinclair, Judith Williams,
2. **In Attendance:** Paul Manton, Emma Doré, Jenny Schollum, Karen Rehm, Dustyn O’Leary, Sorrel O’Leary, John Rehm, Brian Titford,

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 27 September 2022**

Moved: Sorrel Seconded: Dustyn Mins confirmed.

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

5. **Treasurer’s Report** – for **September 2022** – as circulated by Jenny Schollum.

Moved: Emma Seconded: John Report confirmed.

Noted that we are waiting for a grant of \$12k to come across from Auckland Council to Puhoi Landcare.

Action: Paul and Jenny to follow up.

6. **Incoming Correspondence**

- Update received from Auckland Transport to notify the community that the Ahuroa roadworks/ sealing will be further delayed, and work is now divided into six sections, and costs have escalated due to retaining wall works.
- Coms received from Sinead, Auckland Council, about community courses available.

7. **Local Board Update**

- Tim Holgate, Ivan Wagstaff and Michelle Carmichael are now elected as Rodney Local Board Members.

Action: Paul will send an invite to attend PCF meetings.

General Business

(i) Road signage to Puhoi/ Waiwera from motorway junctions

Paul has been liaising with NX2 / AT about adding the word “Puhoi” to the turn off directions to Orewa from the north at Warkworth. Negotiations are not positive at this time, and are ongoing.

(ii) Signage for Puhoi Heritage Village/ Museum

We asked, but as signage has already been added we are not confident this will be added. We also enquired about a Welcome to Puhoi sign with an icon, but we have not been consulted and do not know what this will be.

(iii) Memorial Park weed spraying

Despite such rainy weather for most of October, 800 litres of spray has been used where needed in the park– thanks to John and Paul for doing this over the long weekend.

Mark and Kevin are prioritizing improving fencing as cattle are persisting on coming through the existing fencing, but they do intend to progress spraying on the leased land.

(iv) Update on planned additional car parking for Matakana Coast Trail cycle track.

Dustyn and Paul met with the various stakeholders. There are complex issues for car parking due to the existing stream. Dustyn has offered to draft initial plans for consideration, which is likely to be done in 2 stages.

(v) Plaques for native trees

Jenny has shared her ideas and images which could be made into graphic files and then given to a metal worker / engraver for quotes. 2 companies proposed as an option.

Action: Jenny to start with re-taking any pictures and checking tree names. Dustyn will help and use Jenny's photos to make a DXF file.

Meeting is agreed that we want progress to at least get quotes.

(ii) Working Group Updates

- Road Safety Group- nothing to add
- Puhoi Heritage Museum- filming on 3rd Nov. It's been a busy month.
- Community Orchard- a commemorative tree was planted in the memorial Park in September. Pip assisted with choice of tree and location- thanks Pip.
- Waiwera Valley Association – new committee has been voted in.
- Puhoi Village Market – this coming Sunday.
- Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support – no update
- Puhoi Sports Club- no update
- Puhoi Landcare – New chair appointed, Paul Manton, as Greg will be taking on his new part-time paid role funded by the Auckland Council grant. Additional funds donated from Brian and Sheryl will be used for traps

(iii) Miscellaneous Items

- **Mulch** – a large amount of free mulch is being offered for the community. Paul will arrange for the mulch to be left in a local accessible area, and inform members when they may come to take it.
- **The old pavilion** foundation site is flooding and needs to be filled. Paul will approve a local contractor for solution.
- **Potholes** – whose responsibility is it to fill these? Paul will ask local contractor for any assistance.
- **Sea Scouts** identified a fallen tree across the Puhoi River. They have organised its removal.
- **The Te Araroa Trail** will be closed for about 2 one-week periods shortly in order to progress tree felling. Sorrel fed back that there are 5 small pine trees fallen across the Te Araroa trail. Paul will let Denis from the Trail Trust know.
- **Volunteers**- Sorrel proposed we arrange an evening / day to have a social event for PCF Members and any volunteers who have helped this year. Possible date, 29th Nov, after the last meeting of this year on 29th Nov.

Next meeting 29th Nov.

