

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

HELD ON TUESDAY 28 March 2023 at 7.30pm at
THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB-CHAIRPERSON – DUSTYN O’LEARY

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

2. **Apologies:** Gavin Donaldson, Sandra Beagley, Pip Beagley.

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 28th February 2023.**

Moved: Paul Seconded: Dustyn. Minutes accepted, with an understanding that any further amendments could be made later as the minutes were only sent out today.

4. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** (not appearing on this Agenda) **None.**

5. **Treasurer’s Report** – for **February 2023**– as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum and presented at the meeting.

Moved: Jenny. Seconded: Paul. Report accepted.

Accounts to be paid:

-Puhoi Landcare invoice from Greg Taylor approved by John and Paul on behalf of PLG., they will send on to Jenny for payment. Meeting approved payment.

-Refund to Sorrel for the purchase of a padlock for the farm/walkway gate, \$24.95

Moved: Dusytn. Second: John, - payment approved,

The meeting noted that the code for the padlock should be changed every 6 months. Sorrel will make the change and inform the land user, Kevin.

Appointment of Auditor.

Larry to undertake the PCF accounts audit – meeting approved unanimously.

6. Incoming Correspondence

Re: Community leases. We have received a letter from Auckland Council informing us of the new proposed lease fees of \$1,300.00 for the land lease. This may not be charged, would be at the discretion of the Local Board to proceed with charging the fee or not.

7. Local Board Update

- No update to this meeting received from any local board members.
- Noted that PCF representatives (Dustyn and Paul) met with the Mayor and Local Board recently at their visit to Puhoi, to pass on the PCF views and requests about communications (or lack of in the recent disaster), and subsequent roading and flood damage.

The most specific topic fed back to the mayor and Local Board was the lack of clarity, accountability and monitoring around maintenance and cleanup of land/ trees/weeds, especially regarding the clean up of the river and banks following the floods. PCF feedback was well received but no commitment could be made on any actions until the new budget is released.

General Business

(i) Funding approvals (Sorrel will provide quotes when available):

- for fixing River Walkway fence,
- for fixing top farm park fence, along Te Araroa track
- for clearing debris and removing/burning

Sorrel has approached Jim to check the damage around the fence lines along the boundaries of the park, and provide quotes to repair and clear the huge amount of debris.

Sorrel has checked the boardwalk of the loop track, and all seems fine except one 2m stretch of flat wood which appears to be rotting and should be replaced. Paul noted that we may be required to contract a professional builder to do the repair in order to comply with H&S rules on structures being used by the public, so we should not tackle this ourselves.

(ii) Working Group Updates

- **Road Safety Group-** as stated above, the group fed back all roading concerns to the mayor.
- **Puhoi Heritage Museum-** noted that ANZAC day is coming up and we will need the new PA system purchased. Paul will action. The 160th anniversary is coming up which will be celebrated by a lunch on June 29th. Lunch tickets are \$40pp and must be purchased in advance. Contact Jenny.

Signage for the village has been agreed which combines Māori and Bohemian heritage. Once a date is set for installation community people will be invited to attend the dawn unveiling ceremony and go along to a kai whakanoa afterwards at Waiwera.

- **Waiwera Valley Association-** every second Sunday a working bee has been going to sites damaged by the floods, with debris, blocked dams, etc. Where the landowners could be contacted they were asked to pay for the costs of the digger/ excavator for an hour or two. The volunteer groups have cleared and unblocked many areas and arranged for where to take/leave any debris and trees. Last Sunday around 45 people assisted in the working bee. They have also identified that the Waiwera river has considerable rubbish and debris (not just branches/ trees) which will need a whole project team and machinery to clear.

- **Puhoi Village Market**
- **Civil Defense/Neighborhood Support-** no updates
- **Puhoi Sports Club-** reopened and busy, thankfully.
- **Puhoi Landcare-** have agreed and MoU with The Forest Bridge Trust. Applying for funds again to continue having a part-time paid community facilitator.

(iii) Miscellaneous Items

Ahuroa Road.

Michael – has been approached by Auckland Transport about purchase of his land to undertake roadwork improvements on Ahuroa Road, but the contact has apparently changed roles. Michael will contact Ivan Wagstaff for more information. The meeting discussed the potential scale of rebuilding the road through a new site, but accepted that it may be the only safe option.

Te Araroa Trail Dangers.

Paul told the meeting that the logging crew working on the Te Araroa trail have contacted him to say that despite the trail being closed, with good “Trail Closed” signage, there are still runners and walkers going through the active logging operations, including running alongside operating machinery. The Forum notes that the trail is closed and asks that this message is passed on to anyone who may be thinking of going there.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th April, Puhoi Sports Club.

Meeting Closed 8.35 pm.

Post Script- Members had started leaving when it was noted that we had not discussed ANZAC Day.

ANZAC DAY – 25TH APRIL, 9AM PUHOI MEMORIAL FLAG POST IN THE DOMAIN, FOLLOWED BY TEA & REFRESHMENTS.

As last year a group has been established to coordinate the schedule/ speakers for the service.
