

PUHOI COMMUNITY FORUM

MEETING MINUTES HELD ON TUESDAY 27th JUNE, 7.30pm

AT THE PUHOI SPORTS CLUB

CHAIR PERSON – Dustyn O’Leary as acting Chair

- 1 **Apologies.** Ken Sinclair, Dell Peacock, Greg Taylor

2. **Confirmation of the Minutes of previous Meeting held on 30 May 2023**
Mins agreed. Moved- Jenny, Second -Karen, but Sorrel to follow up and add the quotes to the mins of April 2023.

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

4. **Treasurer’s Report** – as previously circulated by Jenny Schollum.

Circulated and approved. The meeting were informed that Greg Taylor’s invoice has been received for his work with Puhoi Landcare, and the meeting agreed to pay.

Jenny noted that annual subs are due, but all present have paid. Agreed to add to local FB to encourage subs to be paid. Jenny will provide the bank acc number to Dustyn if needed who will place a notice on social media.

5. **Incoming Correspondence**

Greg Taylors invoice received.

6 **Local Board Update**

Nothing received and no Board Members present. Dustyn emailed Ivan Wagstaff, but no reply. Paul contacted Tim Holdgate who said he was keen to come along, but not present. The relevant secretaries have been provided with all the PCF meeting dates.

7 **General Business**

.(i) Opening of the Puhoi Road signage artwork.

Attended by Paul, Jenny, Brian and Sheryl. The artwork symbolises the collaboration of Māori and Bohemian settlers. All present felt the artwork was beautiful and appropriate, although the placement may mean that it is not easily seen which is very disappointing. Information about the artwork would be great to have, but in this position no one can get walking access to it anyway. The event was very good and much appreciated by all who attended.

Paul proposed a motion that signage/ artwork is created and placed on the left embankment at the entrance to Puhoi.

All supported this motion – carried.

(ii) **PCF Website.** Sorrel proposes a website is created for the PCF. She has started work on this as a draft and is seeking support from the meeting. The meeting support this idea as a static website providing information about the members and projects.

Motion: Sorrel to investigate and develop a website funded via PCF funds.

Moved: Paul, Second: Gavin. Carried unanimously.

(iii) **Election Candidates.** Brain and Paul feel it is worthwhile to invite all prospective MPs to come to Puhoi for a meet the candidates” event as the election is coming up. The meeting were all in support of this, Paul and Brian to progress.

(ii) Working Group Updates

- **Road Safety Group.** Car park in the domain is still going through the approval process, due to the change of Local Board elected members. Dustyn reminded the meeting that this originated as a result of the Matakana Coast Trail aiming to begin the cycle trail at Puhoi.
- **Puhoi Pioneer Memorial Park.** Sorrel has been in touch with Rose Crooks, Auckland Council, and a provisional date set as 1st September for the planting event. Possible traplines around the PPMP may be implemented when the ground is drier. The meeting discussed some possible sites within the park that could be fenced and planted. As flooding is likely to continue to wash away planting close to the river it makes sense to seek alternative sites in the park area. Sorrel is keen to press on the get the PPMP “plan” completed.
- **Puhoi Heritage Museum.** Jenny informed the meeting of the raffle at the moment to raise funds for the museum. The museum has been offered artifacts that were uncovered during the motorway works, but at this time the museum is unable to showcase these. A visitor also called in this week with additional local heritage items- the museum is very pleased. Noted the AGM for the museum is 9th July.
- **Waiwera Valley Association.** Trying to continue with the clearing work, but unable to access some properties. Brain has called the local MP, Chris Penk for support.
- **Puhoi Village Market.** On hold for the winter.
- **Puhoi Community Orchard.** Discussion on how the preferred heritage trees are not available. Space is short for planting fruit trees as we are awaiting drainage works. Alternative sites were discussed. Ideally 2 trees are required with a pollinator for the plum.

- **Neighborhood Support.** Michael contacted residents along Tolhopf Road. Most people were happy to join up (no fee required). Residents are most concerned about security and the potential use of CCTV. Michael described Neighbourhood Support as small groups of residents, less than 50 households, which can keep each other informed about any causes of concern. Michael mentioned a system where the police can connect into residents' security cams to review footage. Michael is seeking more residents to take on the next "neighborhood group" of a few households.
- **Puhoi Sports Club.** No report
- **Puhoi Landcare.** Been doing very well, working with TFBT to begin trapping on some large blocks of land. The riverside walkway is now trap-lined, thanks to support from Whitebait Connection. Discussing plans with Auckland Council to create new trap lines around the wider PPMP. Although PLG was not been successful in its bid for further funding, Greg has progressed with contacting residents across Puhoi. Plenty happening around the place.

(iii) Miscellaneous Items

- **Puhoi Day 29th.** The meeting was informed that there are free pizzas being provided by NX2 on Thursday 29th at The Sports Club.
- **Getting our news out.** The meeting noted that since Judith has gone there is no regular communication with the wider community. Ian Bateman is happy to add PCF news onto his business flyer. Feelings about Facebook is mixed as it does not always reach people we want.
- **Ahuroa Road.** Michael said the situation with Ahuroa Rd is increasingly lamentable. He has contacted the Local Board, but not has any real progress. The meeting agreed this is a major problem. Others shared the same concerns, and reiterated that continual complaints are worth doing.
- **J Turnwald Road.** John spoke about the sorry state of the road. The meeting shared sincere sympathy, but we know that since all the widespread damage this year, resources are very short to assist repairs.

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