



COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at The Bush Community Centre, 98 Main Street, Pahiatua, on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7pm.

1. Present

Committee Members: Louise Powick (Chair), Fiona Stokes (Secretary), Gerry Parker (Treasurer), John Arends, Rhys Punler, Ingrid de Graaf, Karolyn Donald

Members of the Public: Cr Raylene Treder, Cr Alison Franklin, Stan Wolland, Ali Romanos, Colin Yonge

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Conflicts of Interest

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 TDC Super Consultation

5. Colin Yonge – TDC Economic and Community Development Advisor

Colin introduced himself to the committee and outlined his role. Discussion was had around current projects of Explore Pahiatua and how he might be able to provide assistance with any of these. Colin can assist with things such as sourcing funding and community development led trainings and information.

Colin is going to follow up regarding further information on walkways and cycleways, in particular Smith's Track and the paper road bylaws.

Ali Romanos – New resident and business owner

Ali has attended the meeting to provide feedback to the committee about his experience setting up business in Pahiatua and initial observations of the town, its branding, and facilities.

That Ali Romanos is co-opted on to Explore Pahiatua incorporated.

Louise Powick / Karolyn Donald

Carried

6. Confirmation of Minutes

- 6.1 That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on 1st December 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

Rhys Punler / Karolyn Donald

Carried

7. Matters Arising

- 7.1** Community Garden – Alaina Sims has been very proactive in the gardens over the summer. Louise Powick has discussed with Kathy Braddick the community garden coming under EPCC, they are meeting again next week. Alaina Sims has put together a small list of expenditure of things needed for the garden totaling \$200.

That Explore Pahiatua approve \$201.23 of expenditure for Community Garden supplies to be purchased.

Fiona Stokes / Rhys Punler

Carried

- 7.2** Farmers Market – A market day has been established in Pahiatua on the old Hoffman's car lot.
Alaina Sims will put a stall in herself and will encourage a more food-based trend.
- 7.3** Smith's Track – Paper roads are being reviewed by the legal counsel. Colin Yonge will be the conduit for this project. Rhys Punler is ready to go ahead with this project once Council gives this approval.
- 7.4** Explore Pahiatua Flag – Flag size is to be confirmed due to the weight of the flags on the rigging. Louise Powick to follow up.

8. Tararua District Council Report

Alison Franklin and Raylene Treder gave feedback on the Council report highlighting that the earthquake-prone buildings have been identified and letters are to be sent to building owners next week. From here there will be a process to follow to get buildings up to standard in the specified timeframes. A further presentation has been made to Council on the swimming pool proposal by Louise Powick and Raylene Treder. Council has given the go ahead for funding to begin for the pool. Once the pool is built it will become a Council owned and managed facility.

The councillors spoke about the 2022 Super Consultation. Discussions were had around this information and ideas were discussed for EPCC to submit. Members of EPCC who are available will meet again on Wednesday the 16th to put together a submission.

That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 26th January 2022 (as circulated) be received.

Gerry Parker / Ingrid de Graaf

Carried

9. Town Entrance Signs

The entrance signs continue to be a work in progress. The committee discussed feedback on the designs. Photos have been chosen but there are some changes to still be made with the colours.

10. Correspondence

- TDC rates invoice for Youth Centre building
- TDC and community boards meetings calendar
- Letter from TDC regarding under veranda lights at the Youth Centre building
- Invoice from Regent Upstairs Cinema
- Invoice from NZ Post for PO Box

That the inwards correspondence be received.

Fiona Stokes / John Arends

Carried

11. Financial Report

11.1 Invoices to pay

- Regent Upstairs Cinema
- NZ Post

11.2 That the financial report is received, and accounts approved for payment.

Gerry Parker / Fiona Stokes

Carried

12. Youth Centre Maintenance

- 12.1** There was some flooding at the Youth Centre building prior to Christmas. The water needs to be drained away from the side of the building to prevent this happening again. Ali Romanos is going to follow this up.

13. Portfolio Reports

13.1 Pahiatua Districts Business Group

Ingrid de Graaf extended a thank you to Louise Powick and Rhys Punler for their assistance in distributing bunting to local businesses.

The steering group is to meet in February and start the formal process of applying for incorporation.

Ali Romanos and his wife Sarah would like to join the Business Group.

13.2 Carnival Park

Karolyn has had a meeting today with DOC.

The weed plan and Health and Safety have been submitted but have not yet been approved.

More discussion has been had around the pine trees. These are set to come out in year 3.

Eight possum traps have been placed in the bush by DOC. They are being cleared each day and numbers are being collected on a spreadsheet.

Orange track markers have been placed through the bush walk to show the official tracks.

DOC would like to arrange an event to celebrate the signing of the community agreement. This will likely be an open day at Carnival Park with media attendance where the signed agreement will be handed over. A DOC representative would also like to attend an EPCC meeting to make acquaintances.

13.3 Swimming Pool

A thank you was extended to Raylene Treder for her support of this project.

13.4 Harvard Plane

No update.

13.5 Road Safety Group

Rhys Punler is going to attend the next Road Safety Group meeting. A request that Mayor Tracey Collis advise EPCC of the next meeting date for the Road Safety Group.

The meeting closed at 9.44pm.

Chairperson – Louise Powick