

Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Tararua District Council Service Centre 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 3 April 2024, 7:00pm

The meeting commenced with a committee photograph, with orders of business from 7:15pm.

1. Present

- 1.1. Committee Members: Ali Romanos (Chair), Louise Powick (Deputy Chair), Raylene Treder (Secretary), Marie Kissick (Treasurer), Ingrid de Graaf, Richard Hansen, Georgina Morrison and James Devoe.
- 1.2. Tararua District Council Representatives: Cr Alison Franklin and Cr Scott Gilmore
- 1.3. Members of the public: David Jackson, Emma Elliott

2. Apologies

- 2.1. Nil.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

Carried

3. Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1. Nil.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

Carried

4. Notification of Items not on the agenda

- 4.1. Rhys Punler – gift to acknowledge his service to Explore Pahiatua.
- 4.2. Shirley Hull – Civil Defence Emergency Response.

5. Confirmation of Minutes.

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held Wednesday 6 March 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the below changes:

- The date of the minutes confirmed at the previous meeting was incorrect: 6 December 2023 should be 6 March 2024.
- 10.4 change “chainsaw course” to “Competenz chainsaw assessment”.
- Correction that the Mitre 10 account is in credit \$300.68 not \$66.63.

Raylene Treder/Marie Kissick

Carried

6. Matters Arising

- 6.1. On 12 March 2024, Ali Romanos sat on the judging panel for the Tararua Sports Awards. On 22 March 2024, Raylene Treder attended the awards ceremony held at Tararua College.
- 6.2. Ingrid de Graaf to post on the Explore Pahiatua Facebook page a Congratulations to the award winners at Tararua Sports Awards that are currently or formerly of Pahiatua, namely Jamie Davidson, Brodie Bennett and Ken Metekingi.
- 6.3. The meeting for the proposed windfarm to be located at Makomako was held at the Balance Hall with residents. Louise Powick reported the meeting was well attended. The community gave plenty of feedback regarding lack of consultation of the proposal. Lorraine Stephenson would like to hold a public meeting once the developers have submitted the plans.
- 6.4. Louise Powick updated the website with the necessary changes. Louise Powick to make further minor changes; changing the name of Pahiatua Paper Plus to The Bookshop.
- 6.5. Ali Romanos to seek update of committee members on Council website.
- 6.6. Ali Romanos to liaise with George Morrison to set up Google Docs for committee File management and meeting documentation.

7. Correspondence

Inwards

- From: TDC – Update from the Tararua Recovery team.
- From: Carol Wilton (TDC) – Creative Communities.
- From: Pare Kore – Newsletter
- From: Hinekawa Wilson-Munday (Sport Tararua) – Judging evening for the Sports Awards.
- From: TDC – Draft MOU for the Dog Park.
- From: QV: Notice of updated QV for 183 Main St – Capital Value \$155,000.
- From: Waireka Community Trust – Grant approved for \$10,000 for the dog park development.
- From: Pahiatua Shears committee – Thank-you card re grant received from EPI.
- From: Rhys Punler – resignation from EPI committee.

Outwards

- To: Tararua District Council – Signed MOU for the Dog Park
- To: Mayor Tracey Collis – re Listener article on Earthquake-prone buildings. Ali Romanos reported he had received no response to date.

That the inwards be received and outwards noted.

Ali Romanos/Marie Kissick

Carried

8. Committee Matters

- 8.1. **Co-option to Explore Pahiatua Executive Committee of Georgina Morrison and James Devoe.**

That Georgina Morrison and James Devoe be co-opted to committee

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

Carried

- 8.2. Emma Elliott remuneration for community garden.

That Emma Elliott be paid equivalent of ordinary committee meeting fee to run this portfolio, with payment to be made at same time.

Louise Powick/Ingrid de Graaf

Carried

- 8.3. **Rhys Punler's resignation:** The Committee accepted this and agreed Ali Romanos should organise a gift to value of \$200.00.

- 8.4. **Replacement for Rhys's Harvard Plane photo attraction portfolio:** James Devoe appointed. The Committee briefed James on where the project was placed, and discussion was had as to potential designs and issues. In the first instance, James to liaise with Waka Kotahi NZTA to confirm viability, before proceeding any further with the design. Cr Alison Franklin to provide James a contact for Waka Kotahi NZTA.

- 8.5. **Replacement for Rhys on Road Safety Committee:** Marie Kissick appointed as the new Road Safety Committee representative from Explore Pahiatua.

- 8.6. **Shirley Hull – Civil Defence Emergency Response:** Ali Romanos referred to contact with Shirley about the request for a representative from Explore Pahiatua to sit on this committee/group. Georgina Morrison indicated she can take on this role. This will be confirmed in due course once matters are finalised.

9. Explore Christmas

- 9.1. Ali Romanos wanted this to be placed on the agenda again, with subcommittee to start planning for the event: Ingrid de Graaf, Ali Romanos and Sarah Romanos as initial members. Ingrid de Graaf to contact Fiona Stokes to gauge interest in helping again.

- 9.2. Road Closure application to be submitted to the Tararua District Council in June.

- 9.3. Louise Powick to follow up on the invoice for the traffic management for the road closure for last year's parade.

10. Tararua District Council Report

- 10.1. Cr Alison Franklin provided an oral report, to which Cr Gilmore also spoke.

- Long Term Plan (**LTP**) – Council had considered two options for the upcoming LTP: (a) to progress as per normal; or (b) complete an annual plan and complete the LTP the following year. It was decided by Council to continue with the status quo and complete the LTP this year.
- Better Off Funding – Money was allocated to the PARS from the DIA. DIA have requested this be spent on 3 Waters. \$600,000 was earmarked for the Pahiatua new swimming pool, but this is no longer available. Council agreed to increase debt funding and consult with the community in the LTP consultation document, that the pool receive \$2.5 million.
- \$177 million needs to be spent on 3 waters over the next 10 years to have all plants compliant, due to increased regulations and infrastructure.
- Cr Alison Franklin to confirm when the LTP Consultation Document be available for the community to provide feedback.
- Tararua District Council received an infringement notice for the work being completed at the on the Eketahuna wastewater site.

That Cr Franklin’s Council Report be received.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

Carried

11. Financial Report

11.1. Marie Kissick noted we are currently in credit with Mitre 10 – \$300.68

That the financial report from Marie Kissick (Treasurer) for the preceding month be received and identified invoices approved for payment.

- NZME – Bush Telegraph Feature \$513.19.

Marie Kissick/Ingrid de Graaf

Carried

11.2. Tagged Funds

- Agreed that in future this will include meeting fees of \$6,990 to enhance Committee’s budgeting.
- Georgina Morrison queried if the Committee has a formal budget. Discussion had as to committee funds being distributed on a case-by-case basis and put into the tagged funds spreadsheet.
- Community Garden funds to be included in the tagged funds. Marie Kissick to provide Emma a report on the outgoings for the Community Garden.

11.3. Other Financial matters

Marie Kissick has the paperwork completed for the closure of the Harvard Park Account with BNZ. Marie Kissick to action.

12. Portfolio Reports

12.1. Pahiatua Districts Business Group (PDBG) (Ingrid de Graaf)

- March saw the PDBG advertise (email and Facebook) online events (“AI Revolutionising Business Productivity” & “Unconscious Bias”) hosted by the Manawatu Chamber but the response was minimal
- Ingrid de Graaf waiting for a response from CEDA regarding a new date for an event.
- Combined Chambers event to be held in May at Tui HQ to be advertised.

12.2. Explore Pahiatua Marketing (Ingrid de Graaf)

- March Bush Telegraph advert was based on committee changes.
- April Bush Telegraph will be based on the upcoming Polish Flag Day in May and how the community can be involved.
- Facebook – Shared Children’s Day post, posted Bush Telegraph advert regarding “Plans for 2024’.
- Ingrid de Graaf to place on the Facebook page information about the Long-Term Plan Consultation and how to submit a submission.
- Ingrid de Graaf to place a post on Facebook page to thank Karolyn Donald and Rhys Punler for their contribution to the Explore Pahiatua Committee.
- Half-page advertisement in the Bush Telegraph to feature the Polish Memorial Flag day celebration.
- Ingrid de Graaf to promote the antenna app on Facebook.

12.3. Youth Centre (Ali Romanos)

- Raylene Treder to meet with Georgina Morrision to discuss the best approach for funding to Eastern and Central Community Trust for the upgrade to the Youth Centre.

12.4. Carnival Park (Richard Hansen)

- Still awaiting a quote for removal of the pine trees on the western boundary of the park.
- Discovery of a broken limb from one of those pines, leaning on the neighbour’s gum tree and posing a threat to the fence on the western boundary. Caution tape was used to isolate this potentially dangerous hazard. No risk to track users unless someone ventured off the track.
- Possum trapping continues – 8 possums recycled in March.

- 51 visitors over the Easter weekend.

12.5. **Community Garden** (Emma Elliott)

- Education event of the year will be Sunday Session 1pm -3pm: Winter Veggie Growing for Beginners on May 5th. Tutor's costs are covered by Wairarapa REAP, seedling starter pack supported by garden committee/EPI.
- The community evening to mark Neighbours Aotearoa on 28th March 6pm was moved to Bush Community Centre due to the weather.

12.6. **Swimming Pools** (Louise Powick)

- Awaiting the LTP consultation.
- Date for the golf fundraiser changed to the 7th September 2024.
- Kerry Fraser from Sprung (Canada) to visit Pahiatua on the 20th March at 2pm.

12.7. **Rotary Dog Park** (Raylene Treder)

- Applied to Waireka Community Trust for funding of \$15,276.77 for the development of the Dog Park. Granted \$10,000.
- Ben Luders to meet with Lions Club to see if they can help with the lime path and agility equipment.
- Committee meet with Adele Small and Fountaine Chase Tararua District Council to discuss the development and to draft an MOU between Tararua District Council and Explore Pahiatua.
- MOU received three days later and signed between Tararua District Council and Explore Pahiatua. Impressive.

12.8. **Road Safety Committee** (Marie Kissick – new portfolio holder)

- No report.

12.9. **Harvard Plane Photo Attraction** (James Devoe – new portfolio holder)

- No report.

12.10. **Polish memorial / 80th Reunion** (Gilda McKnight)

- Gilda McKnight visited McKay's Crossing to seeing the hut facades there, to seek ideas.
- Adam Mantery's a graphic designer, he has offered to take on the writing and graphics for the information boards, and will work with a creative designer, Aneta, to move forward with the project. Both Adam and Aneta are both of Pahiatua Children descent which is especially significant.

- Cr Alison Franklin, Andrew McKnight, Andrew McKnight meet with Erin from Waka Kotahi on Thursday at the memorial site to get approval for the positioning of the display boards. Polish National Flag Day to be held 2 May, Mayor Tracey Collis has purchased flags from the Embassy for businesses to display in shop windows. I will have information for an article about the flag day to Ingrid by 17th April.

12.11. Incorporated Societies Act Compliance – Ali Romanos / Marie Kissick

- Looking into whether remaining an incorporated society or becoming a charitable trust is in Explore's best long-term interests. Options will be carefully weighed up and put to whole committee in due course.

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm.

Ali Romanos (Chair): _____