

Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Bush Community Centre, 98 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.00pm.

1. Present

Committee Members: Louise Powick (Chair), Fiona Stokes (Secretary), Rhys Punler, Ingrid de Graaf, Ali Romanos, John Arends

Members of the Public: Cr Alison Franklin, Stan Wolland

2. Apologies

2.1 Karolyn Donald, Cr Raylene Treder

3. Conflicts of Interest

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Ukraine Refugees/Polish fundraiser

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 **That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on 6th April 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

Ali Romanos / Rhys Punler

Carried

6. Matters Arising

6.1 **Smith's Track** - Alison Franklin is to follow up with Raylene Treder regarding developments on this project.

6.2 **Explore Pahiatua Website Maintenance** - Louise Powick has gone back to the designer about costings of the content writing. Louise and Ali are going to follow up on this matter.

6.3 **Play Active Recreation and Sports Strategy Meeting** - Louise Powick attended this meeting and spoke with the consultant. Discussion was held around barriers and gaps in the district and a focus on facilitating recreational activities.

7. Tararua District Council Report

7.1 Report circulated to the committee by Cr Alison Franklin.

Discussion was held about the identified earthquake-prone buildings in Pahiatua. A list is to be sent to the committee.

Discussion was held about the town bridge. Committee members are to follow up with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, including photos of the issue to gain some response.

That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 27th April 2022 (as circulated) be received.

Louise Powick

Carried

Please note in reference to the Explore Pahiatua minutes point 13.5 Pahiatua Swimming Pool that the fundraising plan is completed as noted in the original copy of the Explore Pahiatua April minutes.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Inwards

- MidCentral DHB - First 1000 days project
- ACC regarding Red Cross Community Webinars. The committee discussed this project and did not feel it fitted within its scope to fund this.
- Better off support package workshop invitation 11th May 2022
- Email from Mark Maxwell re: Naenae Track
- Flyer for Round 2 of Super Consultation
- Tararua District Council rates estimate

That the inwards correspondence be received.

Fiona Stokes / Ali Romanos

Carried

9. Financial Report

9.1 Invoices to Pay

Mitre 10	\$494.98
Moira Fergus (Town signage)	\$300
TradeTested (Community Garden)	\$892.90

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

Gerry Parker / Ali Ramanos

Carried

9.3 Update bank account details to "Explore Pahiatua".

10. Portfolio Reports

10.1 Pahiatua Districts Business Group

Little response has been received from the original steering group when followed up. Ali Romanos has expressed interest in being a part of the Business Group going forward.

Louise Powick, Ingrid De Graaf and Ali Romanos have met and discussed a shift for the Business Group from an incorporated society to a subcommittee under Explore Pahiatua. The committee is in agreeance with this.

Louise Powick to set up an email account, Gerry Parker to set up a business group bank account. Ingrid De Graaf and Ali Romanos will move ahead with a marketing plan.

That the committee approve up to \$1000 dollars of expenditure to set up the business group.

Louise Powick

Carried

10.2 Carnival Park

Successful meeting with Peter Russell on 19th April for the first walk-around the forest.

There is a draft of a contract between Peter and Explore Pahiatua. Peter has items to add to this service contract.

Richard Hansen has reported 52 possums caught in the bush area so far.

Carnival Park Management Board met and approved the \$6000 that was pledged to the weed management by Stan Wolland and Karolyn Donald. No further funding to the weed management can be promised without being proposed and approved by the management board.

Awaiting responses for dates for the Open Day.

10.3 Swimming Pool

Louise Powick would like to confirm that the 12-month funding plan has been completed.

Funding applications this month have gone to Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Trust House and Central Energy Trust.

10.4 Harvard Plane

With the resignation of John Arends, Gerry Parker will take over the slide redesign.

10.5 Community Garden

Funds have been received from Department of Internal Affairs. Harvest is going well, and food is being distributed. The garden is gaining publicity through its Facebook page and new article in the Bush Telegraph.

The subcommittee have met with Jessi regarding the animal pound, water collection and electricity. Lease agreement with Council is still to be finalised.

10.6 Explore Christmas

Fiona Stokes has begun planning for this event this year. Subcommittee is to reconvene this month and tasks are to be delegated.

10.7 Youth Centre

Brent Howell Plumbing attended the Youth Centre on 8th April and completed the work. The footpath was dug up and it was identified that Chorus's subcontractors, who laid the fibre cable last year were at fault, having trenched over the stormwater piping and sealed up the existing outlet. A new outlet has now been built and it is hoped the flooding issues will not reoccur.

A request has been made for two minor tap repairs. Gerry Parker will attend the Youth Centre to see if he can assist with these issues.

Ali Romanos has sourced quotes for the replacement of the existing swing door with a sealed wall. Ali is to engage Joss Tua- Davidson to undertake this work. Further discussion was held around other building requests for the centre. The Youth Centre would like for the back garage to be lined and a heat pump installed. This work is to be further discussed.

Ali also reported that Mills Bros has re-laid carpet previously removed when the Youth Centre flooded, and that he has had contact with Council over the future of the verandah lighting.

10.8 Rotary Dog Park

No update this meeting. Fiona Stokes is to organise a subcommittee meeting this month.

10.9 Bush to Brewery Cycleway

A discussion was had about revisiting the cycleway. Gerry Parker will reconvene a subcommittee to progress this project. Rhys Punler and Ali Romanos have also volunteered to take part in this.

11. Items Not on the Agenda

11.1 Ukraine Refugees/Polish Fundraiser

Ukrainian fundraiser is to be set for early June.

This is going to be an opportunity to tell the Polish Children's story and promote our twin town Kazimierz Dolny who have taken in Ukrainian refugees.

Looking ahead, Council wants to support the Polish Memorial planned for Main Street and the upgrade of the Polish Memorial on State Highway 2. This will link the new town entrance sign of the Polish Dancer to the story of the Polish Children in Pahiatua's Main Street.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Chairperson - Louise Powick

