

Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Tararua District Council Service Centre 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 6th March 2024, 7:00pm.

1. Present

- 1.1 Committee Members: Ali Romanos (Chair), Louise Powick (Deputy Chairperson), Raylene Treder (Secretary), Ingrid de Graaf, Richard Hansen, and Rhys Punler.

Marie Kissick (Treasurer) by phone.

Tararua District Council Representatives: Cr Alison Franklin and Cr Scott Gilmore.

Members of the public: Gareth Bestor, Marla Burrow, James Devoe, Sarah Gibbs, and Georgina Morrison.

Rhys Punler left the meeting at 7:52pm.

2. Apologies

- 2.1 Nil.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

Carried

3. Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1 Ingrid de Graff asked for addition to the conflict-of-interest register in relation to her membership of the Children's Day Committee. Raylene Treder to update register.

4. Notification of Items not on the agenda

- 4.1 Sarah Gibbs to address the committee of the proposed wind farm at Makomako.

4.2 Tararua Sports Awards.

4.3 *Listener* article re earthquake-prone buildings.

4.4 Pahiatua Repertory Society costings for earthquake compliance.

4.4 Explore Pahiatua website update.

4.5 Committee's electronic files.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held Wednesday 6th December 2023 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the below changes:

9.1 Should be 'queried' instead of 'queries'.

13.2 It is the March Bush Telegraph that will be used to feature the BAT Golf Course Tournament, not the April Bush Telegraph (as our advert always runs at month end).

Louise Powick/Ali Romanos

Carried

6. Matters Arising

Karolyn Donald's gift recognising her service to Explore Pahiatua: Ali Romanos organised this and acknowledged the Committee's thanks to Karolyn by letter on the Committee's behalf.

Pahiatua Shears event: Explore Pahiatua had provided a grant of \$1,000 towards this event, and it is understood the event was very successful.

Community Plan: The portfolios holders have updated their parts of the current plan and provided same to Ali Romanos. Next step is to wait for the census information to be released and included in the plan. In respect of the proposed inclusion of profiles from four local individuals, Crs Franklin and Gilmore commented this may be conceived as bias to certain businesses or schools. Ali Romanos disagreed the profile pieces should reasonably have this effect; that they were intended to present a snapshot of Pahiatua's community to enhance personality in the document. However, the ultimate inclusion of such profiles will be discussed further once the plan is nearer to completion.

7.0 Tararua District Council Report

- Draft Consultation Document currently being assessed by Governance. Pahiatua's proposed new all-season swimming pool is included in the consultation process.
- Draft Urban Growth Strategy Consultation meetings were held across the District, and have been well-attended, with Planning staff and Evergreen consultants attending to respond to concerns and questions. The team are still busy fielding queries from ratepayers and residents.
- TDC now has registered an Operational Inspector of Children's Playgrounds which has enabled inspection of playgrounds across the District with Health and Safety being at the forefront. The ability to inspect playgrounds in-house has meant issues have been quickly identified and repaired accordingly.
- Community Buildings: The major project of importance for Pahiatua has been the completion of the new ceiling at Bush Multisport Park. The ceiling has been fully insulated and a plywood ceiling installed.

- Pahiataua Swimming pool: The pool’s repairs and painting was completed in early January, and the pool was opened to the public on 15 January. The season has been relatively short with unsettled weather affecting pool attendances.
- Community Conversations: Mayor Tracey has set up “Community Conversations” across the District with the view to the public having greater access to the Mayor and Councilors without having to travel. Pahiataua’s first Community Conversation is being held at the Service Centre for 2 hours next Monday 11 March, commencing at 3pm.
- All charges have now been removed from Community Boards and Community Committees for utilising Council facilities for meetings. Ali Romanos conveyed the committee’s gratification of this decision, since it means Explore Pahiataua will not be charged for using the Service Centre for its meetings.

That the Council report from Cr Franklin be received.

Louise Powick/Richard Hansen

Carried

7.1 Matters arising from Council report

- Further to discussion in late 2023, Cr Alison Franklin to provide a copy of her Councillor reports to Explore Pahiataua, for publication the Explore Pahiataua Facebook page. These may be edited for appropriate consumption on that platform. Cr Franklin to provide to Ingrid de Graaf for publication beginning next month.

8.0 Correspondence

Inwards

- TDC/Sport Manawatu – Request from Hinekawa Wilson-Munday for a representative from the Explore Pahiataua Committee to be on the judging panel for the Tararua Sports Awards.
- Rautaki Maori – He Pou a Rangi Climate Change Commission Ohu Māori re upcoming consultation and engagement.
- Jess McNicol Children’s Day Committee – requesting a grant for \$620 for the Committee to hire a generator for the day.

Outwards

- Jess McNicol of Children Day Committee – informing grant had been approved.
- TDC – committee’s submission for the Draft Urban Growth Strategy.

Noted that Rocketspark email was not working for a few days last week, owing to the domain invoice seemingly not being received. Ali Romanos dealt with Rocketspark to rectify this issue, the invoice was paid as matter of urgency, and all services are now working as usual.

That the inwards be received and outwards noted.

Ali Romanos/Raylene Treder

Carried

9.0. Financial Report

Marie Kissick queried the NZME monthly invoice, as it had increased with no notification. NZME informed Marie Kissick it was a mistake and has now been rectified.

Invoices to be approved for payment

1. Bush Telegraph Feature: \$513.19
2. Freedom Signs Bush Telegraph feature design: \$227.20
3. Louise Powick reimbursement for Awapuni Nurseries (Community Garden): \$61.79

Additional invoices received and paid, and provided for ratification of payment

1. Rocketspark – Domain name for one year: \$40.35
2. Children’s Day Grant for generator: \$620.00

Marie noted the Committee is in credit with Mitre 10, in sum of \$66.63.

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

Marie Kissick/Louise Powick

Carried

10.0 Portfolio Reports

10.1 Pahiatua Districts Business Group (PDBG) (Ingrid de Graaf)

- BA5 at The Little Green Grocer went very well – 17 attended – a very pleasant evening with a very inspiring host.
- Combined Chambers Event now confirmed for the 15th May (new date)
- Colin Yonge has been in touch regarding participation in some Manawatu Chamber events – more details to come.
- Awaiting response from Evan at Digital Spaces regarding event
- Seeking \$1,000 be placed in the PDBG account for associated costs with upcoming events.

That \$1,000 be transferred to the Business Group account.

Ali Romanos / Marie Kissick

Carried

10.2 Explore Pahiatua Marketing (Ingrid de Graaf)

- March *Bush Telegraph* advert – Bush Aquatic Trust.
- Facebook – shared PDBG BA5 event, shared Children’s Day event, posted Explore Pahiatua Plans 2024, shared Digital Spaces survey, shared information that Dog Park Open but not completed, shared TDC Draft Urban Growth Strategy.

10.3 Youth Centre (Ali Romanos)

- Raylene Treder had started an application to Eastern and Central Community Trust. Unfortunately the fund has changed, and applications cannot be submitted until the new fund is open on 1 April 2024.

10.4 Carnival Park (Richard Hansen)

- Annual review held with Francis Walsh from DOC 29th February.
- Felling of trees on the western boundary/ Fonterra is still on track to be completed.
- Peter Russell to attend chainsaw course.

10.5 Community Garden (Emma Elliott)

- Marie Connolly-Kerapa has resigned from the garden committee. Marie will continue to manage the front flower and herb bed and will liaise with Emma Elliott.
- February and first week in March working bees have been well-attended.
- Weekly Facebook posts continue with good engagement.
- A lunch will be held Tuesday 12 March for Tararua Community Services, Hamua Ora Heartlands and Pahiatua Help N Hand/Bush Supergrans to celebrate the garden and discuss education opportunities for clients of these services to learn gardening and cooking skills. There will be a Thursday Taco evening at the garden when these same organisations come together to co-create a community evening to mark Neighbours Aotearoa on 28 March at 6pm.
- No word from Pahiatua School enviro group regarding restarting at the garden.
- Recently Louise Powick and Emma Elliott met with local artist Laura to discuss proposed murals on the shed and cover over the picnic table. A Creative Communities application will follow acceptance of design concepts and quote.

10.6 Swimming Pools (Louise Powick)

- Awaiting the LTP consultation with anticipation!

- Date for the golf fundraiser under review.
- Kerry Fraser from Sprung (Canada) to visit Pahiatua on 20 March at 2pm.

13.7 Rotary Dog Park (Raylene Treder)

- Katrina White joined the committee.
- An application has been sent to Waireka Community Trust for funding of agility equipment, lime track, native plants, dog poo dispenser, water fountain and seating. Total funding applied for \$15,276.77.
- Cr Alison Franklin to discuss with Council about the establishment of an MOU.
- A big thank you to Rhys Punler for patching a couple of areas in the dog park from where smaller dogs had been able to escape.

13.8 Road Safety Committee (Rhys Punler)

- No report.

13.9 Harvard Plane Photo Attraction (Rhys Punler)

- No report.

13.10 Polish memorial / 80th Reunion

- Andrew and Gilda McKnight visited the McKay's Crossing memorial recently and found the construction of the 'Interpretive Displays' these would reflect the camp history very well. They have been in touch with Kapiti Council who have redirected their enquiries re the build to the managers of the Memorial-The Kapiti US Marines Trust (Allie Webber, Chair). It may just be time effective to see if the builders would like to be commissioned for the build here of the 3 structures. As the costings need to be into the Embassy by 1 May.
- Email sent to Don McKinnon of the NZ Memorial Trust for funding support, but no response received as yet. If no response will try Helen Clark, who is the Patron.
- Stan Manterys, one of the Polish Children has been asked if he would like to pen a few sentiments of his time at the camp. (These will be used on the display boards.)
- Schools will be invited to participate in artwork.
- Celebrating Polish National Days, in particular Polish Flag Day celebrations on 2 May, Gilda McKnight has had a positive response from the Polish Embassy, and they will be in touch shortly with definite plans of where they intend to celebrate it in the country. In any scenario, they will provide flags for the shop windows and prizes for the children.

- Derrick Sims and Gilda McKnight will be applying to the Creative Communities Schemes Grant.

15.0 Items not on the agenda

15.1 Wind Farm Proposal Makomako

Sarah Gibbs presented to the committee a presentation of renewable resources (wind farm proposed for Makomako) that is being proposed to be erected into the Tararua District. Sarah Gibbs is concerned that Energy companies are coming into communities with no parameters being set to the detriment of the community. Lack of current rules in our local district and central government. Discussion was had regarding lobbying in relation to this issue.

15.2 Earthquake-prone buildings *Listener* article

In light of article which was shared with the Committee, Ali Romanos proposed to submit a letter on behalf of the Explore Pahiatua Committee to formally echo the concerns raised in that article. Agreed that Ali Romanos would do so.

15.3 Pahiatua Repertory Society newsletter

A 31 January newsletter from the Repertory Society was discussed, as this provided information regarding ball-park costings to comply with the new regulations for earthquake-prone buildings.

Option 1 – \$1.6 million – strengthen building.

Option 2 – \$10.6 million – rebuild 800sqm.

Option 3 – \$8.4 million – rebuild 600sqm.

It was noted there are already two charities—Pahiatua Repertory Society (Incorporated) and Regent Upstairs Cinema Society—collaborating to work through these issues. Explore Pahiatua will monitor developments, noting the Regent is a key community asset and these costings obviously present a challenging environment for the building's future.

15.4 Website update

Louise Powick to make some minor updates to Explore Pahiatua's website.

15.5 Electronic Files

Committee discussed improving its file-management system. Ali Romanos to create either a Dropbox for the committee containing all files, or alternatively a Google Docs drive, for this purpose. Also proposed that future agendas and portfolio reports might be enhanced with hyperlinked documents being circulated. Ali Romanos to look into this.

15.6 Tararua Sports Awards

Agreed that Ali Romanos would be Explore Pahiatua's representative on the judging panel.
Ali Romanos to communicate this to Hinekawa Wilson-Munday.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm.

Ali Romanos (Chair): _____

Notes from Financial Report

- The balance of the main account to be \$111,728.22
- The balance of the Business Group account is \$147.44.
- The balance of the Harvard Plane account (to be closed) is \$13.20.

The following invoices are to be approved for payment on 20 March:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1.	NZME	Bush Telegraph feature	\$513.19
2.	Freedom Signs	Bush Telegraph feature design	\$227.20
3.	Louise	Reimbursement for Awapuni Nurseries – Community Garden	\$61.79
		TOTAL	\$802.18

- We are currently in credit (\$66.63) on the Mitre 10 account.

In addition, approval of the following invoice which has been paid since February's meeting are to be ratified:

	Payee	Description	Amount
1.	Rocketspark	Domain name for one year	\$40.25
		TOTAL	\$40.25

To record that in addition, the committee also approved the grant of \$620.00 for the generator for Children's Day during the month.

As a reminder, the following amounts are tagged funds:

	Project	Amount
1.	Swimming Pool	\$30,000.00
2.	Explore Pahiatua signage	\$20,000.00
3.	Harvard Plane	\$20,000.00
4.	Carnival Park (originally \$9,289.33 but reduced by \$1,736.25 for Jan invoice and \$985 for seedlings)	\$6,568.08
5.	Youth Centre refurbishment	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL	\$79,568.08