

Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Bush Community Centre, 98 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

1. Present

Committee Members: Louise Powick (Chair), Fiona Stokes (Secretary), Rhys Punler, Ingrid de Graaf, Karolyn Donald and Ali Romanos

Members of the Public: Cr Raylene Treder and Wendy Gray

2. Apologies

2.1 Cr Alison Franklin and Gerry Parker (Treasurer)

3. Conflicts of Interest

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Discretionary grant - Pahiatua Museum

4.2 Town bridge

5. Wendy Gray - Department of Conservation/Carnival Park

5.1 A discussion was held about the relationship between Explore Pahiatua and Department of Conservation (DOC). Wendy is the key point of contact and conduit between Explore Pahiatua and other DOC departments. The weed management plan works are to begin on 19th April. Possum trapping in the park is going well with 40 possums caught so far. Wendy is looking to make a connection with Horizons Regional Council to discuss a relationship with DOC and working together on projects at Carnival Park. The fencing project is underway with proposals and applications just waiting on quotes to be supplied. A site visit is to be undertaken in May. The Carnival Park open day event has been discussed, plans are in place and the date is to be confirmed.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Amended to add a thank you to Tex Jones for roof maintenance at the youth centre. The wording of the discretionary grant for the Pahiatua Swimming Baths motion is amended to:

“That the committee agree to cover the cost of \$3400 for the Pahiatua Swimming Baths due to the ramifications of COVID-19 in 2022, recognising the financial crisis the organisation was facing.”

- 6.2 That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on 2nd March 2022 (as circulated and amended) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

Ali Romanos / Karolyn Donald

Carried

7. Matters Arising

- 7.1 Smith's Track** - Followed up in Council minutes. Raylene Treder will continue to follow up on this matter.

- 7.2 Rotary Dog Park** - Louise Powick has communicated with Council around Explore Pahiatua's support of the dog park. Further information is requested by Council for the project to proceed.

- 7.3 Town Entrance Signs** - Signs have been finalised.

8. Tararua District Council Report

- 8.1** Report circulated to the committee by Cr Alison Franklin.

The committee would like some information on what buildings have been identified as earthquake-prone for the purpose of future planning and decision-making for Main Street, Pahiatua.

The family harm signs were erected by the local Police and taken down in consultation with the senior sergeant. This request was also brought to the committee by a number of town residents over the last few years.

Super consultation round 2 - The consultation document has been well presented but members agreed that with so much information presented a longer time frame would be appreciated to gather all the information and give quality feedback. Committee members have been encouraged to make individual submissions. Discussion around the library strategy - a multiuse space, modernise.

That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 30th March 2022 (as circulated) be received.

Ali Romanos / Ingrid de Graaf

Carried

9. Correspondence

- 9.1** Nil

10. Financial Report

- 10.1** Invoices to Pay

Mitre 10 \$13.28

Discretionary grant - Pahiatua Museum \$400

Note that there is outstanding expenditure to be tagged.

- 10.2 That Explore Pahiatua approve a \$30,000 donation to the Bush Aquatic Trust for the building of the new Pahiatua Swimming Pool.**

Ali Romanos / Fiona Stokes

Carried

- 10.3 That the financial report is received, and accounts approved for payment.**

Louise Powick / Rhys Punler

Carried

11. Community Garden Lease Agreement

- 11.1** The community garden lease agreement was discussed.
Louise Powick will invite Jessie to a meeting with the Community Garden Committee to go through the agreement and visit the garden.

12. Explore Pahiatua Website Maintenance

- 12.1** Discussion was held around redesigning the Explore Pahiatua website Explore our Business and Explore our Journey page.
Suggestion of the QR codes on storyboards to connect to the website.
Suggestion to add a Community Committee page that outlines our project discretionary grant information.

13. Portfolio Reports

13.1 Pahiatua Districts Business Group - Ingrid de Graaf

Ingrid has been checking in with the steering group to see who is still available and committed to the group.

13.2 Road Safety Group - Rhys Punler

Rhys has attended a road safety meeting.
There were discussions on pedestrian crossings in all towns in the district.

13.3 Community Garden - Rhys Punler

A funding grant has been received from Department of Internal Affairs for \$6909, expenditure to be prioritised.
A formal agreement is to be developed for the committee.

13.4 Youth Centre - Ali Romanos

Further to the email resolution passed on 29 March Brent Howell Plumbing was engaged to do the work. This was scheduled to take place today but has been delayed. The job is now to take place on Friday. A Chorus representative will be there to inspect the damage and apportion liability for plumber's expenses.

Water blasting of the building - Ali is doing this next week.

Courtyard door - to be walled in and made weather-tight. Ali is to approach various contractors for quotes.

Verandah Lighting - This has been discussed with Richard Turner. Ali is to contact Peter Wimsett to follow up on the possibility of Council maintaining this light due to no bollard lighting in this area.

13.5 Swimming Pool - Louise Powick

A twelve-months funding plan is to be developed.

An expression of interest to Eastern and Central Community Trust has been submitted. A funding application is to be submitted in April to the Meridian Power Up Fund with a letter of support from Woodville Districts' Vision.

The Bush Aquatic Trust have met with Council staff and requested a clear communication plan of what is required as we move ahead and one point of contact for Council.

14. Items Not on the Agenda

14.1 Discretionary Grant - Pahiatua Museum

Pahiatua Museum have requested \$400 to clean and water blast the building.

That this request be approved subject to Louise sighting a quote for the maintenance.

Louise Powick / Karolyn Donald

Carried

14.2 Town Bridge

The committee would like to know when the town bridge is scheduled to be cleaned.

The meeting closed at 9.56pm.

Chairperson - Louise Powick

