

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

1. Present

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

Members of the Public: Cr Alison Franklin, Cr Raylene Treder

2. Apologies

2.1 Stan Wolland

3. Conflicts of Interest

3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

4.1 Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on 1st June 2022 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Ali Romanos / Ingrid De Graaf

Carried

6. Matters Arising

6.1 Smith's Track

Cr Raylene Treder gave an update on this project. Council have given a green light for gates to be erected but they cannot be locked.

Estimated costings are a maximum of \$1200.

Announcement to be made to the public of the new walkway and signage is to be erected.

6.2 Iwi Design - Main Street Upgrade

Cr Alison Franklin has been following up on this matter and continues to look into this.

7. Tararua District Council Report

- 7.1 Written report circulated to the committee by Cr Alison Franklin highlighting the revitalisation of Connect Tararua.

Discussion was held about the graffiti on the Land of Ranges sign on the Pahiatua Track.

That the report of the Tararua District Council meeting held on 29th June 2022 (as circulated) be received.

Ali Romanos / Rhys Punler

Carried

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 No inwards correspondence received this month.

Outwards

Louise Powick has emailed Carole Wilton requesting Jazz in the Park to be held in Main Street rather than Carnival Park- no reply has been received.

That the correspondence be received.

Louise Powick

Carried

9. Financial Report

- 9.1 Invoices to Pay

NZME	\$573.85	Business Group
Al-Wood Joinery	\$300.00	Youth centre
JDT Building	\$4,494.54	Youth centre
Mitre 10	\$49.43	Community garden

- 9.2 This month

- Open business account
- GST return
- Annual tax return to MCI accountant's
- EPI will remain with MYOB accounting system
- Increase the funding for PDBG to \$1500 to cover NZME account

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

Gerry Parker / Karolyn Donald

Carried

10. Vaping Epidemic in Pahiatua

- 10.1** Louise Powick raised with the committee concerns around the amount of vaping, especially among younger people in the community.

Discussion was held around the possibilities of a community meeting / information / discussion evening.

11. Committee Policy Terms of Reference

- 11.1** Terms of reference discussed with the committee.
To be adopted at the Explore Pahiatua Annual General Meeting in October.

12. Portfolio Reports

12.1 Pahiatua Districts Business Group

Ingrid de Graaf reported that the business group is officially launched.

There has been an article in the Bush Telegraph as well as a paid advert for recruitment. Ingrid has been working on Facebook advertising and Ali Romanos has visited the community businesses.

Twelve forms have been officially submitted for membership.

First event is to be held next Tuesday at Bush Multisports complex.

That Explore Pahiatua will pay for the catering for the inaugural business event.

Louise Powick

Carried

Leaky Buildings

Ali Romanos discussed with the committee concerns around leaky buildings in Pahiatua.

Ali has opened the door for communication with building owners.

Cr Raylene Treder suggested that Explore Pahiatua forward communication around this issue to the regulatory manager. Ali will pen a complaint.

Explore Pahiatua Marketing

Ingrid de Graaf has been working on the Explore Pahiatua Facebook page and sharing posts.

The page has 13 new page likes and 18 new followers - engagements and reach has also increased.

Profiles of committee members are to be completed in October.

Ingrid has received a quote for the committee to enter a NZME partner agreement for half page per month - \$425 per/month excluding GST - 12-month contract.

That the committee is in favour of entering into a partner agreement for advertising with NZME.

Ingrid de Graaf / Karolyn Donald

Carried

12.2 Carnival Park

Karolyn Donald reported that the Carnival Park open day went well.

Local schools are helping to plant 700 kanuka trees to replace the pine trees down the back.

Karolyn would like to run a design competition for the pond and playground design.

The committee is planning a cleanup of the pond area, a general invitation will be made to the public for this.

The local marae has received funding to facilitate a project for rangitahi to make their own potting mix.

Karolyn has had contact with a germinating hobbyist who is willing to donate plants to Carnival Park. The marae has volunteered to care for them until they can be planted.

Rotary have donated money for potting mix supplies.

12.3 Harvard Plane

Gerry Parker has provided an update on progress with the Harvard plane slide.

Jeremy Blatchford from Jackson's Enterprises has designed and built a "cage" to hang under the cockpit of the plane. This will reduce the gradient of the children's slide and make it compliant.

Gerry has contacted a sandblaster who will remove the rust and paint the surfaces with three coats of paint.

The costings have been outlined to the committee and Gerry is to go ahead with the project to remedy the slide.

12.4 Community Garden

Rhys Punler reported they have built the raised garden beds and about ten people turned up to help. The garden is producing well.

12.5 Explore Christmas

Fiona Stokes provided an update on the planning for Explore Christmas.

There are several food truck and stalls confirmed for the day.

The committee is working on advertising materials and promotion of the event.

Louise Powick has been working on completing the road closure application.

Fiona spoke with the committee about the possibility of purchasing Explore Pahiatua branded gazebos for use on the day. This is to be discussed further.

Fiona is to bring back to the committee an outline of costings for the event.

12.6 Youth Centre

Ali Romanos has presented to the committee an update on the works at the youth centre and ongoing issues with the building and leaks. Ali is to obtain a building report to further look at building issues and provide a basis for further discussion around the future of the building.

12.7 Swimming Pool

The Bush Aquatic Trust has been successful in securing two grants:

\$500 k from Central Energy Trust

\$50 k from Trust House

The meeting closed at 9.31pm.

Chairperson - Louise Powick