

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN CIRCULATED & NOTED AS A TRUE & CORRECT RECORD UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MEETING.

Minutes of the Explore Pahiatua Incorporated Society meeting held at the Tararua District Council Service Centre, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on 30th June 2026 at 6pm (Meeting replaces the July Meeting).

1. Present

- 1.1. Committee Members: Raylene Treder (Chair), Georgina Morrison (Secretary), Ingrid de Graaf, Bex Brown, James Devoe (Treasurer), Anaissa Mandal
- 1.2. Tararua District Council Representatives: Cr Elisabeth Kennedy, Mayor Scott Gilmore
- 1.3. Public attendees: Nil

2. Apologies

- 2.1 Nil

3. Conflicts of Interest

- 3.1 Nil

4. Notification of Items not on the agenda / General Business

- 4.1 Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 No amendments noted.

That the minutes of the Explore Pahiatua meeting held on Wednesday, 2 June 2026 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

6. Matters Arising

- 6.1 The service agreement has been signed and sent to Council.
- 6.2 The plants for the dog park will be arriving in four weeks.

Actions: Georgina to talk to James and Fiona re budget and invoice process

7. Correspondence

Inwards

- i. TDC: Dog Park – dead tree removal query
- ii. Rebecca West, Tararua College: Request Grant Application Form
- iii. Discretionary Funding requests
 1. Pahiatua Marae
 2. Tararua Community Services
- ii. Karolyn Donald: Successful grant application for removing trees at Carnival Park

Outwards

- i. To Mayor Scott Gilmore, TDC: Submission to council on Local Government Reforms (in full below)

That the inwards be received and outwards noted.

Carried

8. Council Report – Cr Kennedy

- Council has now adopted its Annual Plan, and our focus is turning to the Long Term Plan, which will shape the direction of our district over the coming decade. Alongside that, we continue to work through the Government's local government reform process. While there appears to have been some softening in the approach—with councils now being given the opportunity to develop their own locally-led 'Head Start' proposals before any Government-imposed backstop process is considered—it remains important that Tararua actively participates in these discussions. Whatever the eventual outcome, our priority is ensuring the interests and voices of our communities remain at the centre of any future decisions.

9. Financial Report

9.1 Current status

Balance of Accounts:			Remainder Funding:	
Main Account	Business Group	Term Deposit (Youth fund)	Grant Funding	Tagged funds
\$102,853.26	\$1,392.95	\$138,203.65	\$400.75	\$83,876.49

9.2 Invoices to be approved for payment on 20th:

Bush Telegraph Advert	\$538.84
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9.3 Tagged funds

Harvard Playground	\$20,000.00
Carnival Park (originally \$9,289.33 but reduced by invoices/charges; reflects \$2,708.33 received for weed management share)	\$3,212.16
Bush Telegraph Advertising	\$2,037.44

Community Garden remaining infrastructure works	\$855.19
Lawnmowing for Polish memorial (until Nov 2026)	\$1,680.00
Discretionary funding (originally \$7,507 but reduced by allocations)	\$400.75
Meeting fees/7 members yearly 2026	\$7,500.00
Civil Defence Group-funds	\$14,883.00
Explore Christmas	\$10,000.00
Dog Park maintenance	\$1,915.00
Bush Aquatic Trust (Paid FEB 2026) \$10,000	\$0
Pavers	\$20,000
Business Group of \$1,500. (JAN 2026)	\$1,392.95
Total	\$83,876.49

That the financial report for the preceding month be received and that identified invoices are approved for payment. **Carried**

10. Grant Application

10.1 Tararua Community Services Clothes Swap & Pahiataua Marae successful application. Mayor Scott noted that the Marae could apply to the Council's contestable fund in the future.

11. Portfolio Reports

Pahiataua Districts Business Group (PDBG) (Ingrid de Graaf)

- "Use of AI Robotics in Business" session with Peter Naylor scheduled for 23rd July – flyer to come out soon
- Have lined up interest from a number of parties to hold a "Side Hustles" event but need to firm up the format and timing of this
- Still need to order a flag/pull up banner
- Still need to come frame up a concept for a business of the month idea

Action: Ingrid to follow up on a CV workshop that could be run by Rhys.

Explore Pahiataua Marketing (Ingrid de Graaf & Anaissa)

- June Bush Telegraph booking postponed until July as no updates with the swimming pool (which was to be the advert focus)
- Therefore, require two Bush Telegraph adverts in July – suggestions?
- Quiet on Facebook – no June posts

Cycleway project (Ingrid de Graaf)

- Nothing to report sorry.

Road Safety Committee (Raylene Treder)

- Nothing to report, next meeting 16th July

- Still awaiting report from Glenn Connelly regarding Mangahao Road/SH 2 intersection/pedestrian crossing options - followed up with him on the 16th June but no response received (Ingrid)

Swimming Pool (Raylene Treder)

- Awaiting confirmation of pricing

Youth (Raylene Treder)

- Attended Tararua Youth Network hui.
- Working on a Youth Strategy for the District
- A suggestion from the meeting was to hold a workshop for young people on employment contracts, which I noted could potentially be something Explore Business may be interested in hosting.
- Raylene has received several quotes for vans. These range from around \$82,000 to \$90,000.

Harvard Playground Upgrade (James Devoe)

- Nothing to report.

Stage (James Devoe)

- One booking on the 26th and another one for St Anthonys on the 31th of Aug.

Civil Defence (Georgina Morrison)

- Ongoing chat to Kevin about having a generator at Laskeys. Woodville looking at getting the wiring in place.
- Raz noted there is no other water source at Bush Multisport. G to look into water tank funding.
- Ingrid noted that Rossco could be good to go on the generator list.

Explore Christmas (Bexx)

- First meeting 1st July

Community Garden (Emma Elliot)

- Georgina has spoken to Fiona (indirectly) to arrange reporting and invoices as Emma is still away.

Carnival Park (Karolyn)

- Grant received from Horizon's Biodiversity Fund - \$25k - YAY! Very grateful.
- Have started talks with parties about when the project will take place and the need to tick all the boxes for funder re H&S, agreements signed etc. DOC will need to weigh in as well and will have boxes to tick. Not a new thing for us so that won't be a problem.
- This will be our focus for a while.

Dog Park

- Discuss MOU held with Council.
- Plants ordered from Mitre 10 - organise a date for planting.

12. Dog Park

A Dog Park request came to Explore to remove a dead tree which has raised questions about responsibilities. Raylene has had a chat with the facilities team. The MoU was written as the park was being set so it could be reviewed and updated. Green by Nature aren't happy with the mounds, however these are being planted.

Action: Social media post for the dog park once the plants have arrived. Tentatively first week in August. Bex noted the TC students might also be keen to help.

Next meeting date: 7.00pm Wednesday 5th August 2026 at Tararua District Council Service Centre, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua.

Meeting closed at 6.46pm.

Raylene Treder (Chair): -----