

**Plimmerton Residents' Association Inc (PRA)
Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting
Monday, 8 August 2022 at Plimmerton Boating Club**

Meeting Chair: David Verrinder

Minute taker: Robin Jones

Attendance: The attendance list is included at the end of these minutes.

1. Welcome:

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.00pm with a welcome to everyone, including Mayor Anita Baker, and our Porirua Northern Ward and GWRC councillors.

David reminded everyone to sign the attendance record and encouraged all those wishing to pay their \$20 subscription to see the treasurer, Don Gray.

2. Presentation by Dr Dave Lowe, atmospheric scientist and award winning author.

Carolyn Williams introduced Dr Dave Lowe as an internationally acclaimed climate scientist, award winning author of "The Alarmist", and a former Plimmerton resident.

Dave gave an informative insight into the real challenges of climate change ...

Key points:

- The science is clear that human activity is changing the earth's climate.
- Local bodies are in the front line of climate change.
- To reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050 we need to halve emissions by 2030.
- Irreversible tipping points for the planet would be the melting of the polar ice caps, the drying out of the Amazon rain forest and changes to the Gulf Stream.
- The single major source of greenhouse gas emissions in NZ is agriculture, especially the farming of ruminant animals.
- Dave urged everyone to check their own carbon footprint using a carbon calculator and to make changes in their own lives. Some examples where everyone can make a difference include reducing waste, recycling/repairing old appliances, reducing vehicle use, and reducing the consumption of meat
- Dave said he will never give up hope as regards our planet's future. Huge behavioural change is required but he has great faith in human ingenuity and especially in the younger generation. He's also been heartened by the positive reaction to his book.

The Chair then asked if there were any questions from the floor.

In his responses, Dave emphasised the importance of local bodies communicating with their residents and their role in protecting and expanding wetlands and open spaces. He urged local bodies and other agencies to get young people involved in their planning.

The presentation was very well received by the audience and acknowledged with a round of applause.

Dave's address was live-streamed on Facebook and can be viewed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/plimmertonresidents/videos/1021645665214683>

Carolyn Williams thanked Dave and presented him with a gift.

3. Emergency Response Insights

John Meeuwsen also thanked Dave Lowe and noted local issues already affecting Plimmerton. He noted the supportive response of PCC and other agencies to recent flood events.

He offered apologies on behalf of Sam Bishop (PCC) and Whetū Bennett (WREMO).

Ben Troy of Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade spoke about the brigade's development of a tactical plan for emergency management, which will identify vulnerable people in the event of an emergency. The plan will be made available to other brigades responding in our area.

Dave Morahan then spoke about community resilience and the Emergency Hub at Plimmerton School which can be opened as a base for support and information to be offered and received in the event of an emergency. The Hub has been activated twice, once when the State Highway was closed for some time and also during the 2020 flood event. He emphasised the need for residents to have their own personal emergency plans in place.

John and Sam Duff then explained the role of Street Groups and Street Group Coordinators. 75% of streets in Plimmerton/Camborne now have designated coordinators. Communications with the coordinators are managed by Sam using a Facebook group and an email list.

4. Formal Business

David reminded everyone that only financial members of the PRA could vote on formal motions.

4.1 Apologies received:

Dave & Rosemary Anderson
Roger & Judith Johnston
John & Judy McKoy
Colin & Margaret Bleasdale
Noeline Gordon
Leigh Friday
Beverly & Denis Fairfax
Philippa Doig
Russell Plume
Dave & Lesley Wilson
Susie McVicar

Warrick Procter
Lynette Shum
Nathan Waddle (NW councillor)
Bill Inge (PCC)

4.2 Minutes of the 2021 PRA AGM and matters arising

The minutes of the 2021 AGM had been posted on the PRA website after the last AGM.

David asked if there were any comments or matters arising. There were none.

Motion: “That the minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Plimmerton Residents’ Association be accepted as a true and proper record.”

Moved: David Verrinder

Seconded: John Meeuwsen

Carried: Unanimous

4.3 Chair Report (David Verrinder)

David summarised his chair’s report, noting that it had been posted on the community website.

Key points covered were:

- The relocation of the Community Shed by PCC to allow for access to the rail underpass.
- Appreciation for the continuing support received from our local councillors and the relationships being built with PCC officers.
- KiwiRail’s project to add a third line and platform at Plimmerton Station.
- PRA involvement in flood mitigation initiatives with PCC and Wellington Water.
- Emergency preparedness and the establishment of street groups.
- An acknowledgement of Bill Inge’s long service at PCC and recognising his valuable contribution to Village Planning and support of Plimmerton projects.
- The recognition of long-serving PRA executive committee member Carolyn Williams with her receiving a Porirua City Civic Award.

4.4 Community Shed Report

Don Gray outlined the work of the Shed team over the last year. Products such as bird feeders have been popular and the Shed has also undertaken contracts such as refurbishing the waterfront seating.

The Shed is being moved a short distance by PCC to allow access to the rail underpass. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of August/early September.

A new incorporated society (Plimmerton Community MenzShed Inc) has been established to take over the responsibility for the Shed’s operation, building and equipment. The Shed has been operating at a surplus so once a bank account has

been opened there will be a net sum transferred to the Shed by PRA after all revenue and expenditure is taken into account.

4.5 Performance Report for 2021/22 (Don Gray)

Don Gray noted that the annual Financial Statement and Performance Report had been on the PRA website for the last couple of weeks and asked for any questions. There were none.

Don thanked everyone who had already paid their household subscription and encouraged others to do so.

Motion:

“That the Financial Statement and Performance Report for year ended 30 June 2022 be approved.”

Moved: Don Gray

Seconded: David Verrinder

Carried: Unanimous

4.6 Election of Executive Committee for 2022/23

Allan Dodson conducted this part of the meeting. Eight nominations had been received for 2022/23.

David Verrinder

Dave Anderson

Carolyn Williams

Don Gray

Robin Jones

Warrick Procter

Robynne McIntyre

John Meeuwsen

(All nominated by Allan Dodson, seconded Jenny Brash)

Allan called for any further nominations. None were received.

Motion:

“That the following be appointed to the Executive Committee of the Plimmerton Residents’ Association for the 2022-23 year:

David Verrinder, Dave Anderson, Carolyn Williams, Don Gray, Robin Jones, Warrick Procter, John Meeuwsen, Robynne McIntyre.”

Moved: Allan Dodson

Seconded: Jenny Brash

Carried: Unanimous

5. Close

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and expressed gratitude to Plimmerton Boating Club for the use of their facilities and for the catering.

He encouraged residents to get in touch with PRA with any questions or input.

Finally David invited everyone to stay for supper to mix and mingle with our keynote speaker, the PRA committee and elected representatives.

The AGM closed at 8.00pm and was followed by a tasty supper.

PRA AGM 2022 Attendance Register (60 attendees)

David Verrinder	Colleen Ward	Carolyn Williams
Robin Jones	Peter Williams	Dave Morahan
Russell Jones	Ian Barlow (Paremata RA)	Rebecca Morahan
Robynne McIntyre	Robyn Smith	Hadley Bond
Peter McKenzie	Jocelyn McKenzie	Cr Euon Murrell (PCC NW)
Don Gray	Paul Meehan	John Meeuwsen
Irena Lowe	Dave Lowe	Evangeline Feleo
Sandy Werner	Greg Brown	Andrea Brown
Mayor Anita Baker	Cr Ross Leggett (PCC NW)	Cr Josh Trlin (PCC NW)
John Cody	David Weinstein	Leigh Corner
Cr Chris Kirk-Burnnand (GWRC)	Peter Cogswell	Gaye Daniell
Sheryl Watkin	Mike Di Gregorio	Roger Watkin
Wendy Poludore	Ann McDonald	Colin Munn
Lori Walker	David White	Deirdre Dale
Cr Jenny Brash (GWRC)	Mal Suhr	Alan Reader
Mike Lyons	Frances Cawthorn	Martin Cawthorn
Carson McNeill	Ben Troy	May Bass
Bill McAulay	Mary Beckett	Roger Beckett
Allan Dodson	Robyn Procter	Sam Duff
Jo Thomson	<i>Plus 2 attendees whose signatures are illegible</i>	

Minutes prepared by Robin Jones

15 August 2022