

PLIMMERTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting Thursday 5 February 2026, 5pm at Plimmerton Boating Club

Present: John Meeuwsen (Chair), David Verrinder, Carolyn Williams, Robin Jones (Minutes), Dave Anderson, Don Gray, Robynne McIntyre

Councillors: Phil Rhodes (GWRC) (from 5.50pm)

Visitors: Sophie Handford, Kevin Knox, Chris & Raewyn Janes, Kevin Knox, Morris Wooster, Sue Ineson, James King (PCC)

Apologies: Claire Johnstone (GWRC)

1. Greetings

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year, and acknowledged the presence of PCC staff and visitors from the community.

2. Apologies

As noted above.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Notification of any additional General Business items

See Item 12 below.

5. Adoption of Minutes from December 2025 Meeting

The draft minutes of the December meeting had been circulated. No changes were requested.

Motion: "That the minutes of the December 2025 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record."

Moved: Dave A

Seconded: Robynne

Carried: Unanimous

6. Matters arising from the minutes / Reports back on actions taken

Covered in agenda items.

7. Policing

David V explained that our community policing sergeant was unable to attend as he had been called away on other duties. He will be invited to attend a subsequent meeting. David acknowledged community concerns regarding thefts from vehicles and reiterated the police advice regarding things the community can do to discourage criminal activity.

Sophie Handford told the meeting about the community patrol in Kāpiti. Volunteers patrol in marked vehicles. The scheme is part of a national initiative, with some funding from the local council. There has also been debate surrounding CCTV cameras with numberplate recognition. Carolyn and Robin explained the context of the previous cameras installed in Plimmerton and some of the issues that had arisen.

Dave A emphasised the effectiveness of visible community policing and patrols. He and David V will contact Sophie for more information about community patrols. **Action: Dave A/David V**

8. Emergency preparedness

James King from PCC Policy Planning and Regulatory Services outlined what council is doing to address the risk from natural disasters. James is part of the emergency response team and has responsibility for climate adaptation. Key points:

- PCC is taking the risk of natural disasters and hazards seriously
- PCC looking at disaster scenarios, such as a cyclone occurring simultaneously with a king tide. A 1 metre sea level rise is assumed by 2120.
- PCC doing two pilots, in Takapuwahia and Pukerua Bay. These will then be adapted for different communities.
- The Local Government Act 2025 requires councils to note natural hazards such as liquefaction and slip risk on plans. There's an understanding that this must be done in conjunction with landowners. Individual properties will be identified as susceptible and these risks must by law be noted on LIM reports.

PRA Chair John M noted that the Cyclone Gabrielle and Mount Maunganui tragedies have already happened. Our community lives on top of and below ridges and cliffs. We need to know if we're at risk and better modelling of potential events is required. We also have concerns about WREMO's approach and its seeming lack of urgency in addressing these issues.

James explained the long game is adaptation over time, making necessary changes to infrastructure, roads etc, plus preparing for the immediate impact of extreme events. There are also insurance issues, with some properties in flood zones already uninsurable or subject to building restrictions (eg in Petone).

Robin and Sue commented that there have already been significant slips in Plimmerton and Camborne, and that extensive earthworks are happening on large development sites such as Plimmerton farm. Sue asked if residents could be encouraged not to clear vegetation or overwater their properties as these actions can lead to instability.

John noted that PCC plans to have regular meetings with PRA, which ideally should be combined with other RA's, and asked James to follow up with WREMO.

Carolyn commented on the difficulties PRA has had working with WREMO, and the continuing problem of community apathy.

Sophie said Kāpiti had significant climate issues and had generally found WREMO good to work with. It was difficult to get community engagement but KCDC set up a community panel to work with the council. This meant that the community had greater involvement in decisions on retreat and adaptation.

Chris Janes asked about the purpose of netting across the gully in Reserve Rd/Cluny Rd. Dave A advised it was designed to catch slash and sediment in flood events, which it does, although there's a gap below it and it appears never to have been cleaned out.

James emphasised that PCC wants to keep deliberate momentum on longer term solutions whilst also preparing for adverse events. He noted the need to balance effort and resources between these two issues.

[Phil Rhodes (GWRC Councillor) arrived 5.50pm}

9. Financial report & A/P approvals (Don, by email) (attached below)

Don had submitted his monthly Financial Report to 4 February 2026 (see below) by email.

Don noted the repayment of \$192.60 that had been paid to our a/c in error. One account payable was submitted after Don had prepared his report, an amount of \$67.10, relating to the business signboard.

Motion:

“That the Treasurer’s Financial Report to 4 February 2026 be accepted and the account payable noted above be approved for payment.”

Moved: Don Seconded: John Carried: Unanimous

10. Portfolio reports:

i. PCC Liaison- Carolyn

Carolyn is making good progress with Dave Stone of PCC, and has held very useful discussions with Charmaine and Hazel re rubbish collection. Plans are already being put in place for next summer to address overflowing public bins on busy days after members of the community stepped in to help local businesses when bins were full.

The slab for the Alan Reader commemorative seat has been poured.

She has emphasised that the community is very keen to work with PCC where possible, and discussions continue around a contract for the MenzShed to assist PCC with dog park maintenance.

New logs are on the way for the dog park.

ii. Comms & Website - Carolyn

Carolyn noted the excellent support she gets from Sue Ineson on particular campaigns and projects. Sue keeps track of where things are at.

Carolyn noted more comms support would be appreciated.

iii. Emergency Management - John

As discussed above.

iv. Traffic Safety - David V

David is receiving weekly updates from NZTA Waka Kotahi regarding roadworks and closures. Advice had been received from Paremata RA regarding SH59 safety issues with NZTA. John and David will attend a meeting between PCC and NZTA on 19 February.

John noted the importance of working with other RAs on various issues, especially Paremata, Pukerua Bay and Pauatahanui.

v. Police - David V

There are renewed reports of tagging of a political nature on Motuhara Rd. David V and Dave A to discuss possible action on this.

Action: David V/ Dave A

vi. Plimmerton Farm - Robin

Robin had circulated an update received from Gillies Group re work on Plimmerton Farm.

vii. MenzShed - Dave A

The Shed is going well, sharpening knives and making totara and matai fish dongers.

11. Councillors’ Reports:

Phil Rhodes - GWRC:

- GWRC working on new plan. Rates increase expected to be just under 10% across region.
- GWRC was going to reduce planting in Belmont Park but councillors objected to this and the decision was reversed.
- GWRC is putting in a submission to central government re its proposals for reform. Phil noted the importance of having regional governance over areas such as regional parks, pest management etc.

- There is some discussion about amalgamation of Wellington councils with GWRC.
- As a first term councillor Phil commented that he's been impressed with the quality of GWRC staff.
- Noted that budgets needed to be cut after NZTA cut its contribution.

12. General business:

- Logging - No official notification received yet on the establishment of alternative access via Airlie Rd. Raewyn thanked PRA for its work on this and other issues. John noted that FOTSC are concerned about potential adverse effects on Taupō Swamp.
- Update of signboard promoting local businesses at NZMCA caravan park. Carolyn has allocated businesses to committee to approach face-to-face. Full information packs will be provided. Sue, Allan and Don working on this together.

In closing, John thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting closed 6.30pm

Next meeting: Thursday 5 March, 5pm downstairs at PBC

Minute taker: Robin Jones

Financial Report: (from Don)

PRA Financial Report for Period 04.12,25 to 04.02.26

Transactions Update at 4 February 2026

- *Receipts since 4 December: \$86.76*

Interest	\$46.76
Subscriptions	\$40.00
- *Payments since 4 December: \$304.88*

Dave Anderson Big Spring Clean Posters	\$30.00
David Verrinder Big Spring Clean Food	\$82.28
Repayment of Income error	\$192.60
- *Accounts payable to be approved and minuted:*
None received
Plus any other accounts payable?
- *Cash funds (as at 4 February)*

Current a/c:	\$8,115.39 CR
Business Online Saver a/c:	\$22,086.09 CR

(NB: Monthly automatic transfer of \$20 from Current a/c to Bonus Saver a/c)

Membership Subscriptions

Subscriptions received after 31 March are assigned to the next financial year.

To date (4 February):

- *Subscriptions for 2024-2025: \$4,060 from 203 members*
- *Subscriptions for 2025-2026: \$480 from 24 members paid in 2024-2025*
\$3,980 from 199 members paid in 2025-2026
\$20 from 1 member for 2026-2027
Total members so far 223