

PLIMMERTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INC

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

Present: Carolyn Williams, Robin Jones (Minutes), Dave Anderson (Chair), Don Gray, Robynne McIntyre, John Meeuwesen (from 5.45pm)

Councillors: Phil Rhodes (GWRC)

Visitors: Sergeant Sam Coleman & Constable Jan Leathem (NZ Police)

Apologies: Claire Johnstone (GWRC) David Verrinder, Hongoeka marae

1. Greetings

Dave A welcomed everyone and acknowledged the presence of our two visitors from NZ Police.

2. Apologies

As noted above.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

4. Notification of any additional General Business items

Carolyn

- Rail fence condition
- Publicity about emergency exit paths from local schools
- Emergency water tanks

5. Adoption of Minutes from February 2026 Meeting

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

Motion: "That the minutes of the February 2026 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record."

Moved: Don

Seconded: Robynne

Carried: Unanimous

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

Dave A commented that there had been no further action on community patrols at this stage. Sam provided details of Pasifika Patrollers who carry out night patrols in parts of Porirua. They are affiliated with Community Patrollers NZ. Dave A to follow up. **Action: Dave A**

Political graffiti on Motuhara Rd - this has been reported to police on 105.

7. Community Policing

Sam commented on the vehicle thefts and theft ex vehicles in Plimmerton since the start of 2026. While there had been significant chatter on FaceBook suggesting a significant number of incidents, Sam reported that the actual number reported to police since the start of the year was very low compared with other parts of Porirua, with just 8 reports received for Plimmerton/Camborne. He referred us to the "Crime Snapshot" site for local statistics.

Sam also noted the 105/111 reporting numbers. It seems people may be commenting on crime but not reporting it through official channels.

He recommended the installation of bright security lights and CCTV on private property as deterrents, along with advice not to leave things in vehicles. Other practical points to note are not leaving ladders out, keeping shrubbery trimmed, clearing letterboxes, and not leaving the box for your new TV out in the recycling.

If crime is happening “now” such as boy racers gathering or cars speeding round the area, the advice is to call 111.

Jan outlined the Neighbourhood Support (formerly Neighbourhood Watch) programme that is proving very effective in other areas. The coordinator Emma will come to help groups set up. Groups should not be too large, as people need to be in visual contact to keep an eye out for each other. She noted that the programme was invaluable during the Hawkes Bay floods as they could identify vulnerable people.

There was some discussion regarding community CCTV cameras and the system implemented by PRA some years ago. Sam noted that there are many cameras out there including a PCC camera at Whenua Tapu. NZTA and KiwiRail also have cameras at various locations. If police receive reports of criminal activity they can check these cameras to see what vehicles were in the area.

Dave A thanked Sam and Jan and they left the meeting..

8. Councillor’s reports

Claire Johnstone had sent a report by email.

GWRC - Phil Rhodes:

- As new councillors Phil and Claire are working on gaining an understanding of what the regional council does.
- Phil noted that regional governance is really important as many issues need a broader oversight than the individual councils can provide.
- GWRC has seen a change in direction from growth mode to a slower pace to keep rates down.
- Belmont Park - councillors have been involved in reviewing the proposal to retire grazing on Belmont Regional Park. The Park Management Plan had been deficient in consultation and issues such as the return of gorse and grass growth were raised. There will now only be limited retirement of grazing and a new Park Management Plan is to be developed.
- Whitireia Park toilets, earthquake strengthening required but estimated cost is \$500,000.

(John M arrived 5.45pm)

Phil left the meeting.

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

Don had submitted his monthly Financial Report to 3 March 2026 (see below) by email.

Motion:

“That the Treasurer’s Financial Report to 3 March 2026 be accepted and the account payable(s) noted therein be approved for payment.”

Moved: Don Seconded: Dave A Carried: Unanimous

10. NZMCA Park Signage Update

Carolyn had reported on this project by email. All 22 businesses and organisations approached have signed up. Anne Johnstone is currently designing the sign based on the business inputs. Sue Ineson is following up on payments.

It was agreed that PRA would cover the cost of the signs for Topor (recently affected by storm damage), the Salvation Army Family Store, MenzShed, dog park and heritage trail.

Motion:

“That PRA cover the cost of the NZMCA park signs for Topor, SA Family Store, MenzShed, dog park and heritage trail.”

Moved: Robin

Seconded: John

Carried: Unanimous

11. Portfolio reports:

i. PCC Liaison- Carolyn

Dog park improvements have been delayed due to PCC parks manager being in hospital. The plaque for Alan Reader’s memorial seat has been approved by the family and the exec committee agreed that PRA will pay for it. Anne is getting quotes for the plaque.

ii. Comms & Website - Carolyn

Current focus for posts has been traffic (NZTA) and projects. Carolyn noted the excellent work Allan Dodson is doing on Facebook.

iii. Emergency Management - John

Nothing to report.

iv. Traffic Safety - David V

There was no PRA attendance at the meeting between PCC and NZTA on SH59 safety.

v. Consultations - Robin

Spicer Landfill closure - John and Don noted there was not enough detail on the PCC site regarding cost analysis of the various options and other options for reducing/managing waste. John and Don to discuss and draft a submission if required. Action: John/Don

vi. Plimmerton Farm - Robin

Robin had circulated an update received from Gillies Group but will contact them re a more current update. Action: Robin

vii. MenzShed - Dave A

The Shed is going well.

12. General business:

Old rail fence - poor condition. Last time KiwiRail provided materials and community volunteers did the work. Dave A commented that the biggest problem is the ballast pushing against the fence. KiwiRail will have to maintain the rail side of the fence. He will check with Carl Mills for a contact.

School emergency egress routes - Carolyn wants some positive Emergency management stories, eg kids trialling the egress routes. John will follow up with schools. Action: John

Water tanks: Carolyn suggested an open day for PCC to offer emergency water tanks for residents to buy.

Meeting closed 6.20pm

Next meeting: Thursday 2 April, 5pm downstairs at PBC

Minute taker: Robin Jones

Financial Report: (from Don)

PRA Financial Report for Period 05.02.26 to 03.03.26

Transactions Update at 3 March 2026

- *Receipts since 5 February: \$421.18*

Interest	\$21.18
Business Signboard	\$400.00

- *Payments since 5 February: \$67.10*

Business Signboard	\$67.10
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- *Accounts payable to be approved and minuted: \$400.00*

Violet Rowe	\$400.00
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Plus any other accounts payable?

- *Cash funds (as at 3 March)*

Current a/c:	\$8,528.29 CR
Business Online Saver a/c:	\$22,127.27 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 (3 March):

- *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