

Paekākāriki Community Trust AGM
Sunday 1 November 2020, 2pm

Present

- Current trustees: Graham Coe (outgoing chair); Ian Clark; Graeme Browne; Francis Mills; Dominique Joslen; Jan Nisbet; Ronda Thompson; Mike Freeman; Dan O'Connell

- Community members: 70 - 80 attendees

Chairman's Report: Graham Coe

- Welcome to attendees and acknowledgement of Jenny Rowan, Pat Rosier, and Allie Webber for setting up the trust. Special thanks to Margaret Griffith (in attendance) for her many years of dedication to the trust and community.
- It has been a challenging year due to Covid19 which has had an impact on revenue, however we have still had some successful events, such as the annual book fair.
- The hall floor has been replaced, a major undertaking, and looks fantastic; we look forward to another hundred years.
- Thanks to Trustees for their efforts.
- Acknowledge history of PCT arising out of community need following severe flooding; deed objectives were set before the purchase of the hall in 2007. Timely to reconsider the role of PCT and where to from here. New chair to be appointed from elected Trust members.
- Graham has engaged in considerable and persistent fundraising for hall improvements over the years (ie: KCDC loan, Transpower grant, Lotteries grant), and enjoyed that aspect of the role. Improvements have included new toilets and kitchen, among others.
- The hall is a major community asset; what happens next?

Treasurer's Report: Ronda Thompson

- Report covers the year to 31 March 2020 and includes a budget forecast up to 31 March 2021. Refer Appendix for detail.
- Explanation of the grant received from Lotteries for the floor replacement (\$49,000). PCT pays one third of the costs for any grant received
- Discussion of accumulated funds and fixed assets
- Income consists of fundraising, grants, and hall hire.
- Expenditure: Administration costs for the year is \$31,000; PCT needs around \$600 per week to operate the hall
- Budget: expected possible loss of \$5000 before March 2021. Budget should be read with consideration of the potential re-emergence and impact of Covid 19.
- Impact of Art Show cancellation (due to Covid19): possible loss of \$13,000

- Conclusion: while finances have been affected, the situation is not dire and should be fine if things start to pick up again
- Upcoming expense: improvements to hall security
- Report accepted - many thanks to Ronda

Comments from Community Members

- *Holly Ewens, Chair of Paekākāriki Community Board.* Ngā mihi to the Trustees; acknowledgement of our valued village hall and collective responsibility to ensure it continues to be a community resource. The trust deed will be around longer than most trust members; it is short sighted to narrow down the objectives of the PCT deed however we don't need to meet all of the objectives all of the time. Deed allows PCT to support the community in other ways.
- *Sam Buchanan, community member.* Moved back to Paekākāriki 10 years ago. Hall is the focus of the community but it's not everything - it's the community itself which is amazing. Would like to keep the objectives of the trust deed broad. Thanks to PCT for keeping the hall active.
- *John Bansgrove, previous Trustee.* Thanks to Graham Coe for everything he has contributed. Spoke of how much the hall has improved over the years. Congratulations to Graham and the committee for the good work they've done.
- *Tina Pope, PCB member (speaking for herself).* Thanks to PCT for their hard work. Implore new Trustees to keep the current deed objectives and prioritise them depending on resources and time. Hope to see some action on other objectives in the future.
- *Michael O'Leary, previous Trustee.* Congrats to Graham Coe. Recalls buying the hall from the church for a dollar. Graham worked well with the community and his collaborative approach is valued; hope this will continue with the new chair.
- *Jenny Rowan, previous Trustee.* Congratulations to Graham and the trust for the work that has been done. Keen to ensure the objectives stay in place so that future Trustees can explore them. Emphasised the importance of all PCT objectives rather than focus on hall; hall restoration was just one of the objectives. PCT formed partially for fundraising as the Community Board unable to do so; PCT ensured that a facilitator is in place to champion the hall and community. PCT was intended to be used as an umbrella for community groups. New Trust members need to be properly briefed as to the Trust deed so they understand what is involved.
- *Mark Amery, Paekākāriki Informed Community (PICI).* PICI used to run the local newspaper; currently the radio station and website. Acknowledged the good work of the trust; keen to keep the current deed objectives and advised that changes to be made carefully.

- *Shannon, community member.* Thanks to Margaret Griffiths for all of her work over the years. The hall is proof of the incredible work that the trust is capable of doing and these capabilities can be applied to other areas of the community, especially as upcoming changes and issues are likely to affect the village. We shouldn't minimise the scope of what we can do.
- *Robyn Mills, PCT nominee.* Robyn is a tax accountant and has been shadowing the trust for a couple of months. We don't have to limit ourselves to the hall; we need to give a voice to everybody. As we are operating under the charitable status, we have to be honest and prudent and must not act for our own profit. Happy to see people here and interested in what happens going forward.
- *Maria Stubbe, community member.* As part of the extended family of PCT, has seen how much work everybody puts in. Thanks to PCT. The fact that we haven't gone under is testimony to what we are capable of. Good to see people here and engaged. Suggests that there is a need to be prudent in the current financial climate and the hall will keep requiring a lot of time and investment. Keep a strong focus on the hall while exploring the other options - wouldn't want to see hall efforts reduced; keep it the heart of the community.
- *Murray Williams, community member.* Speaking as a person who has used PCT for purposes other than hall. Initiated the wind turbine project with view to provide cheap power for the community. He approached Graham to see if it was possible to undertake the initiative under the auspices of CPT but incur no effort or cost for the trust. If they hadn't been able to do so, the project would not have been able to progress as much as they could. Project is now evaluated, costed etc - this was all done because they were able to do it under PCT. When they sell off the land from Transmission Gully, the project will come alive again. PCT could be a useful vehicle for advancing that at a later stage - classic example of what trust can do within current objectives. Suggests the trust deed is poorly written and that the incoming trust takes the time to consider the deed itself, ie separate governance from operations, terms of trustees, and other things which are missing from the deed. Has already offered suggestions to PCT; reinforces the plea to look at the deed in its entirety and consult with the community before lodging the new deed.
- *Jan Nisbet, outgoing Trustee.* Has been on the trust for 6 years and is now standing down. Graham Coe offered the Bike Library to operate under PCT and it is a perfect example of how PCT can work. Keep the objectives as is, because we need them for future opportunities.

Graham Coe calls for a show of hands to agree that the PCT deed objectives remain unchanged: Unanimous response.

Nominations for trustees (15)

Graeme Browne

Graeme is a current trust member who started the movie music club which then became the film festival. The film festival continues to be successful and was particularly interesting this year with the addition of special guests and speakers.

Ian Clark

Ian has had a house in the village since 2006 and drifted on to the trust by way of helping Francis with maintenance and Jan with the book fair. Then took over the book fair operations. Got a fright when he first saw the trust deed and acknowledges we have spent time trying to work out what the trust deed actually means. Keen to continue being a part of PCT.

Dominique Joslen

Dominique became involved with the trust a couple of years ago after moving into the village. Since then has taken on secretarial duties as well as being the bookings coordinator for the hall. Has also been involved in the film festival and other ad hoc activities. Keen to keep being involved.

Francis Mills

Francis was once hired as an external contractor to replace the back wall of the hall which was being paid for by a loan from KCDC, and subsequently worked on the kitchen and deck. Francis was approached to join PCT without seeing the deed and joined the trust with the hall as primary objective. Have concluded that the hall is special and it needs a lot of ongoing commitment. Every booking represents the community. We are currently looking at security, potentially a very expensive exercise. Plans also have been done for remodelling. The busier the hall the greater the maintenance, operative, and administrative workload. During the recent floor replacement, rot was discovered and the green room ceiling had to be removed and replaced, all by volunteers. Francis has no issues with any further objectives. In future things could change financially. When the trust focus is on the hall we function very effectively.

Ronda Thompson

Ronda is a long term member of the trust and as an accountant has held the role of Treasurer. Overview given of background and later career as a professional artist. Started the art show as a fundraiser for PCT and produced it for 4 years. Each year's show is more successful than the last, until 2020 when it was cancelled due to Covid19. We've done a good job of the hall.

Jan Borland

Jan has lived in Paekākāriki for 6 years and has recently decided to get more involved in the community, such as the Pae Kai initiative. Has attended the trust meetings to learn more and gain a good understanding of how things run. Jan started to get involved in reorganising and coordinating the kitchen and realised there was a gap, so has continued to ensure the kitchen is fully functional and in order. Manaakitanga; kindness, care, hospitality. Jan has been involved on boards for many years and is passionate about the community, along with her husband Derek, who is also involved with the hall.

Robyn Mills

Robyn's parents were locals for 50 years. Robyn has been a chartered accountant and tax advisor for many years, including the last 13 years at IRD, and lots of experience in relevant areas including non profits. Has helped with previous art shows. Wants to be a trustee to add value to the community; cares about effective governance and operation, for example cost benefit analyses to ensure activities are meeting the community needs. Believes in transparency, inclusion and collaboration, working with each other. Keen to be a part of this team.

Sarah Te One

Sarah is unable to attend but is nominated by Tina Pope. Jenny Rowan comments that Sarah is a well known local who brings tangata whenua point of view. Sarah was one of the signatories on the original trust deed.

Emmett Sutherland

Emmett is nominated by Sophie Handford. Emmett is relatively new to the community and has enjoyed getting involved including repainting the picnic table and assisting Francis with the greenroom. Is keen to contribute more.

Sam Buchanan

Sam has been involved in nonprofits and community groups for many years and career has been in engineering and journalism. Sam thinks we are extremely lucky to live in a functional community and is interested in helping develop relationships with tangata whenua.

Mary Cornwell

Mary was one of the original trust members and was heavily involved in earlier years. Has a lot to bring to trust and has a special interest and expertise in theatre/cultural activities.

Steve la Hood

Nominated by Jan Nisbet as he couldn't be here today. Steve is keen to become more involved. He has a business background, interested in building and maintenance. Supports the wider objectives of the hall; see hall as hub of community; has good ideas about fundraising and celebratory events.

Paul Riley

Paul has been a resident for over 30 years and is a member of Station Precinct Trust as well as being involved in radio and music events at hall. Interested in the other objectives as well as the hall, especially as the community and village continues to grow.

Val Little

Val is interested in engaging more and having a voice within the village. One of the organisers of the Pride festival and a member of the radio station. Interested in how PCT best supports and represents the community. Plans to gain deeper understanding of how the community ticks.

Pat MacIntosh

Has been a resident for a while and was previously asked to join PCT with Val but didn't do it at the time while they found their feet. Acknowledged all the work done by the committee. The hall is special to the community and NZ and Pat is keen to bring diversity, passion, vision to how we hold the village and how we move forward; 5 years plan and the future.

Further Comments

Dan O'Connell

Dan is a member of the Community Board and is standing down from the trust, though will continue to run the monthly market. Has enjoyed being on trust and commends the trustees. Recommends people read the trust deed.

Mike Freeman

Mike is standing down from PCT after four years as a trustee. Advises that it takes work and Trustees need to be prepared to put in the graft. Those who have ideas need to come along to meetings and put a hand up. Mike encourages the other objectives to be followed through. Notes that the Trust members commit a lot of time and effort; encourages people to not stand back, get involved.

Acknowledgment of Outgoing Chair

Jan Nisbet announces special thanks to Graham Coe for his years of service. Graham was brilliant at raising funds and has done a multiplicity of jobs which bring the community together. Always has been looking towards what is good for the people of Paekākāriki. Graham is presented with an engraved plaque made from old hall floor planks and a hamper.

Newly Elected Trustees

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Francis Mills

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Paul Riley

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AGM adjourned 4pm

