

# **KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **HELD AT THE KUAOTUNU FIRE BRIGADE**

**21 December, 2017**

**Meeting Opened:** 6:35pm

**Present:** Gordon McRobbie, Keith Goodall, Dugald Hoyland, Kathy Speirs, Bill Muir, Evans Young and Alastair Brickell.

**Apologies:** Kate Neilsen, Mel Asquith, Bruce Pilkington, Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Chris Twemlow,

**Moved:** Kathy      **Seconded:** Bill

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of November 16 had been circulated and were taken as read. It was moved that these be accepted.

**Moved:** Alastair      **Seconded:** Bill

### **Matters Arising From Minutes**

1. Petanque Court - Dugald confirmed that the Domain Board had met and decided to allocate up to \$7000 for this community facility on their land at the soccer field.

### **Correspondence and Matters Arising**

Correspondence not circulated was summarised. The main items were:

1. Inwards – Allan Tiplady reply to our earlier letter advising Bluff road works soon to be completed; compactor to be installed in next week and “no camping” bylaw unable to be enforced at present at boatramp.
2. Inwards – Dean Allen, WRC with copy of report on latest water sampling results.
3. Outwards - IRD stating we would amend our constitution as requested at our AGM
4. Inwards – IRD with copy of Tax Exemption Certificate for KRRA
5. Inwards – Phone call from Brent Page requesting details of how committee members were elected, size of committee, etc.
6. Outwards – Matt Busch, TCDC Roding Manager, again stressing our concern that Bluff Road blasted material be left on site.
7. Inwards – Matt Busch stating that material would have to be removed as it would constitute a “structure” under the Regional Plan.
8. Outwards - Rob Williams, TCDC CEO, copies to Matt Busch, Sandra Goudie, Allan Tiplady, Steve Bremner, Paul Kelly, Dal Minogue stating material need not be a “structure” and advantages of

leaving it on site on the road.

9. Inwards – Bruce Hinson, TCDC Group Manager, Infrastructure and Facilities stating material would be left on the road and not carted away.
10. Inwards – Phone call from Dal Minogue that our letter to Rob Williams had been discussed and agreement to leave material on site had been reached.
11. Inwards – Phone call from Matt Busch expressing concerns about fines from blasting leaching into CMA and possible repercussions from WRC and proposing to leave as much as possible on road west of site. He was asked once again to leave as much as possible on road east of site.
12. Inwards – Matt Busch explaining that they had decided to only leave large blocks west of site and remove the rest as it was cheaper to dump it.
13. Inwards – Scott Summerfield, TCDC asking to address a meeting regarding LTP
14. Outwards – Scott Summerfield inviting him to AGM
15. Outwards – Ian Preece with copy of minutes extract concerning placement of 200m buoys.
16. Inwards – Kate Neilsen on voting matters at AGM, membership, etc.
17. Outwards – Invitations to public meeting to Sandra Goudie, Rob Williams, Allan Tiplady, Paul Kelly, Scott Simpson
18. Inwards – Various replies regarding attendance at public meeting.

Correspondence Accepted:

Moved: Alastair

Seconded: Kathy

### **Matters Arising From Correspondence**

#### **1. WRC Water Sampling Report**

Alastair will invite Dean Allen of WRC to attend our public meeting.

#### **2. Bluff Road**

While the outcome may not have been exactly as we had wished at least the road had been kept open and was now useable for cyclists and pedestrians and had not been closed as TCDC had originally wanted. Alastair will write to TCDC to thank them for the work they had done.

### **Financial Report**

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$270.08 in our Now account and \$2625.23 in the On Call account giving a total of \$2895.31. We now have 130 individual members in 75 households.

This report was accepted. Moved : Kathy Seconded: Alastair

### **Subcommittee Reports**

## 1. Boatramp

There still seems to be some confusion in the community as to what buoys are in place and/or their purpose. Three buoys have been installed offshore from the main Kuaotunu Beach east of the boatramp as a trial to indicate the 200m limit for jet skis and similar high speed watercraft. It is hoped this will help to keep these craft well separated from swimmers.

The Blackjack boatramp was the original and for a long time the only boatramp and is a valuable community asset even though access is difficult at times. It is currently hard to use due to its steepness and a small dropoff at the end. It needs regular maintenance and the secretary will write to TCDC to enquire about the status of the ramp and the maintenance schedule, if any.

The compactor was installed at the main boatramp today but does not yet appear to be operational as no indicator lights were showing.

## 2. Library

The proposal for the siting of the library to be at the soccer field changing rooms had been well received by the community and there were about 6 positive comments from the newsletter item and just one negative one. TCDC appeared to be keen to use this location and the Domain Board were happy to contribute substantial funding.

Gordon summarised the history of the library committee and it was decided that library matters were best left to the library committee as it had been specifically formed to persue these matters. They, not KRRA, should be having follow up discussions with TCDC and the Domain Board.

## 3. Campervans

The issue of ownership and management of the boatramp reserve had been a problem in the past and was the subject of our letter to Allan Tiplady recently following on from the last meeting. His reply indicated that TCDC had an agreement to manage the area but it is not currently included in the freedom camping bylaw as a prohibited area. TCDC is looking to have this changed but this would take time and involve a public consultation process. In the meantime TCDC Bylaws officers would be visiting the site on their patrols and give warnings that it is not an appropriate area for camping.

Possible other sites for campervans were discussed and some members thought the soccer field site was best and others thought the Domain Board land opposite Garrick's woolshed was best. Dugald felt the soccer field site was more likely to be used due to proximity to the beach and eventual petanque court while Alastair felt the other site would keep campervans away from the sports complex which was bound to be more used as the community grew. Bill thought that perhaps TCDC should be encouraged to dump any roadworks spoil on the site opposite Garrick as this would eventually build up that piece of land so it might be more useful for campervan parking at some time in the future.

## **General Business**

### 1. Summer Public Meeting

It was agreed that Gordon would prepare a brief Chairman's report to summarise what KRRA had been involved with in the community since the last meeting.

We would also advise members of upcoming changes required to the constitution.

## 2. Community Involvement in Meetings

It was noted that we have two types of meetings...public meetings and committee meetings; with a public meeting generally held in the summer and also at the AGM in April.

Our constitution stated that the duties of the committee were to “conduct the affairs of the Association”. We had decided that the public could attend committee meetings and there would be a period for members of the public to have input at the beginning of these meetings if they wanted.

Kathy had done some research on other ratepayer groups and some allowed visitors to attend all of the meeting and others such as Piha required them to leave after the public forum. It was felt that while there was probably a preference for the latter policy if the public did want to stay for all of our committee meetings in most cases they would probably be allowed to do so as long as the meeting did not go “in committee” for any reason. It was useful for the public to be able to see what the committee does but it was also important that there was no interference or distraction while the business of the committee was being undertaken.

It was noted that now that the website and more frequent newsletters were in place the public could be kept informed and have their say more easily than in the past without necessarily having to attend the committee meetings. Kathy will update the website to reflect the changes.

## 3. Noticeboard

Alastair will manage it while Kate is away as there could be lots of requests for notices during the holiday period. It was felt that we did need guidelines as to the size, content and suitability of notices. These could be developed in the New Year.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:00pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell January 6, 2018