

KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE KUAOTUNU FIRE BRIGADE

15 March 2018

Meeting Opened: 6:30pm

Present: Committee members Gordon McRobbie, Dugald Hoyland, Kathy Speirs, Bill Muir, Evans Young, Kate Neilsen, Bruce Pilkington, Chris Twemlow, and Alastair Brickell. Also attending were members of the public Ian Preece, Sheila and Chris Westley, Klaudia McLeod, Isabel Gilbert Palmer and Martin Smith

Apologies: Mel Asquith, Keith Goodall

Moved: Alastair **Seconded:** Dugald

Public Input Session

Martin asked for clarification on whether membership for the AGM would be based on a per household or per member basis. Kathy replied that it would be on a per member basis and noted the financial year ends on March 31.

Ian and Klaudia felt we should be flexible on the day allowing late members to sign up.

Klaudia sought clarification of our tax status in the past and whether we were ever tax exempt. Kathy replied that we had been but IRD had no records to confirm our status or our past IRD number which had been supplied to BNZ but we were now banking with Kiwibank.

Isabel wondered how much TCDC input we would have at the AGM. Would there be enough time for them to discuss the LTP. Alastair replied that they had offered us two options...a 2 hour presentation or a 15 minute one and we had chosen the latter due to time constraints on the day.

As this was the end of the period set aside for public input Ian left the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the previous committee meetings of February 1 & 15 were read by the secretary. It was moved that these be accepted.

Moved: Alastair **Seconded:** Chris

Matters Arising From Minutes

As some members of the public had wanted to stay to observe the meeting proceedings Kate proposed a motion that:

The public be allowed to observe committee meetings unless the committee goes into "in committee" status to discuss a particular issue.

This motion was voted on and passed.

Correspondence

A considerable amount of correspondence had been generated over the last month.

TCDC

Inwards – Mayor Sandra Goudie thanking us for our earlier letter to TCDC on joint achievements last year.

Inwards – MB Area Manager Allan Tiplady thanking us for our letter to TCDC on joint achievements last year.

Inwards – Allan Tiplady replying to our letter in January on Blackjack boatramp status – council has no repair plans nor does it undertake maintenance on this ramp but happy to discuss future any plans.

Outwards – Allan Tiplady suggesting depositing roadworks spoil on domain board land opposite Garrick Simpson's woolshed to bring it up to standard for possible campervan use.

Inwards – Heather Bruce and Faith O'Sullivan-Babe offering to work with KRRRA on campervan site selection noting that the land in question is "conservation zone" for recreation purposes and TCDC controls and manages it. Heather will be in touch to arrange to meet with us on this issue.

Inwards – call from Angela James, Group Manager, Policy Governance and Policy, advising of attendance at our AGM with options for 2 hour or 15 minute presentation on LTP. Agreed 15 minutes would suit us better.

Inwards – Scott Summerfield, Policy and Planning Manager, advising of attendance at AGM and with copies of consultation documents.

IRD

Outwards – Pene Cannon with copy of our proposed changes to our constitution for her approval.

Inwards – Pene Cannon stating proposed changes are acceptable for non-profit body status.

NZTA

Outwards – Mark Lilley expressing concern about ongoing erosion of gabion baskets.

Inwards – Mark Lilley stating our concerns had been forwarded to staff member responsible for this.

Powerco

Outwards – submission to their website expressing concern about undercutting of the stay supporting power pole at west end of Kuaotunu Beach.

Inwards – stating onsite examination had confirmed our concerns and remedial work will be undertaken including re-positioning the pole in question.

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trust

Inwards – Steve Brown Douglas with reports that landing zone might be moved to Blackjack reserve.

Outwards –phone call by secretary to Walter Russell, Chairman of trust enquiring if there were any plans to move landing zone. He confirmed that he had no knowledge of any such plans.

Outwards – Steve Brown Douglas advising of Walter’s comments.

Miscellaneous

Outwards – letter of support for Hall Committee regarding their plans to renew hall cladding.

Inwards – Brian and Judy Dixon asking us to table their concerns sent to TCDC and DOC about Kauri dieback in our area.

Inwards – Brent Page and Lisa Hermansen, Gael Coleman, Ian Preece with comments and queries on proposed changes to our constitution and our tax status and requesting copies of relevant correspondence.

Outwards – to the above members thanking for their comments and advising of reason for tax status changes with copies of correspondence requested.

Inwards – Ian Preece and Martin Smith enquiring procedures for committee member nominations at AGM and comments for our next committee meeting.

Outwards – Kuaotunu Domain Board expressing our thanks for their considerable financial contribution to the new petanque court on Domain Board land.

Outwards – Isabel Gilbert Palmer acknowledging her resignation from the committee and thanking her for her contribution.

Correspondence Accepted:

Moved: Alastair

Seconded: Evans

Matters Arising From Correspondence

It was agreed that discussion on Brian Dixon’s email on kauri dieback would be deferred until the next committee meeting.

Dugald noted that he had been advised that ACC was planning to establish a number of 10x10m concrete helicopter landing sites around the peninsula for easy ambulance access mainly during wet winter conditions. Scott Farrell from TCDC and a Westpac pilot had jointly looked at possible sites around Kuaotunu including the Blackjack reserve and the present site at the sports ground. Fulton Hogan would provide the concrete at no cost and LTSA would also be involved. Funding had come from ACC levies on motorcycle users.

Chris raised concerns from a “surf break group” about the proposed buoys and access lanes from the beach and Gordon and Evans explained the background to the issue and that the buoys had only ever been a temporary measure to gauge the level of community support. Bill noted that he and Gordon had received some correspondence on this issue.

Financial Report

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$740.08 in our Now account and \$2634.96 in the On Call

account with petty cash of \$11.70 and \$10.00 unbanked giving a total of \$396.74.

We now have 166 individual members.

This report was accepted. Moved : Kathy Seconded: Alastair

After some discussion about the constitutional requirement to have our finances approved it was suggested that Brent Page be asked to review them for the AGM.

General Business

1. Boatramp

Alastair reported that the storm damaged Telecom cables formerly hanging very low over the bank west of the boatramp had now been loosely secured with rope.

2. Constitution Changes

The received comments were discussed and Kathy explained the proposed changes on a clause by clause basis and agreement was reached on suitable wording.

An email restricted to our financial members would be sent out prior to the AGM with the final version that would be voted on at the AGM.

Dugald thanked Kathy for her work on this issue and this was supported by the other committee members.

3. Upcoming AGM

Procedures for the AGM were discussed at length. There would be 1 vote per member based on the current membership list.

Kate proposed and it was accepted that “for the 2018 AGM there would be 1 vote per person in a household that has paid 1 subscription based on a maximum of 2 adults per household”.

On the day voting forms and voting cards would be handed out to financial members with an extra copy to proxy holders. The voting form or ballot would have the current nominations listed and space for additional ones to be added if nominations were received from the floor. If there were more than 10 nominations scrutineers would be sought from those attending to count the votes.

A proxy form would be circulated prior to the meeting and there was discussion as to whether or not this should have nominations to date listed or just state the entitlement of the holder to vote as a proxy for someone else at the meeting. It was essential to try and get as many proxies as possible to enable the required changes to the constitution to pass. Kathy will send out an email stressing this requirement and urging attendance and/or proxies.

The order of business would be as per previous AGMs with nominations for the new committee coming just before the last item which was General Business.

Nominations to date were:

Ian Preece

Isabel Gilbert Palmer
Sheila Westley
Carolyn Gibbs
Chris Twemlow

Some of these still need clarification of the membership status of those involved or the nominators.

After some discussion it was decided that we would allow some flexibility so that memberships with voting rights could be accepted on the day. Chris offered to collect late subs for the previous financial year at the door. All committee members would be required to help out on the day as it could become quite busy.

Kate will prepare a large notice about the AGM for the notice board and circulate this for our approval prior to posting it.

4. Campervan Survey

Analysis and discussion of this will be left for the new committee to consider.

5. Library Survey

A newsletter would also be sent out by Kathy in the next few days which would include discussion on the results of the library survey.

6. Social Media

Gordon and others noted that there had been considerable misinformation put out on Kuaotunu Ketchup recently which had caused significant concern and discussion in the community; mainly about the helicopter landing sites and 200m buoys. Chris agreed that some of the information he had posted was incorrect and had contributed to the confusion and concern.

Bill noted that earlier confusion had contributed to delays in getting agreement on the buoys and as a result we had missed out on some of the funding that had been allocated for them this year.

Meeting Closed: 9:20pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 19 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell March 20, 2018