

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Luke's Kitchen
Thursday 16 August 2018

Meeting opened: 6pm

Present: Keith G, Luke R, Chris T, Alastair B, Kate N, Isabel GP(later on)

Public: --

Apologies: Kathy S, Brent P, Carolyn G, Ian P

Public Input: --

Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 19 July 2018, accepted as a true and accurate record.**moved:** Chris **seconded:** Luke **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes: Running through the action plan:

Chris had completed all his actions except find old Domain photos to accompany Ian Goodall's history. **Chris to find photos.** He has been in contact with Brian Dixon re Kauri Dieback, and will attend the forum meeting next week and register KRRRA's interest.

Luke has completed his actions - see below, items 5.2, 5.4

Kate has completed her actions. The meeting with David Paitai to discuss potential fundraising opportunity has been deferred to a future meeting where more of us can attend.

Keith has completed his actions - see below, 5.4, for discussion of Ian's DB history.

Brent's actions completed.

Carolyn has sent the CP Plan-refresh draft for discussion. However we haven't seen a revised opening page.

Good work, team!

Correspondence:

inwards	outwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● from David Paitai re meeting● from Chris re circular conversations with Chorus, NZTA, TCDC	

Correspondence accepted, moved: Keith **seconded:** Alastair

Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence: none

Financial Report: Kate read Kathy's spreadsheet. No matters arising.

Financial report accepted, moved: Keith **seconded:** Luke

Passed

Items for Discussion:

5.1 Update on revised KRRRA Constitution

Those present thanked Brent, Viv Maclean and John Thorburn for their work on this. We will defer this item for discussion until there are more of us here.

5.2 Update on Boat Ramp

Luke contacted Scott Farrell: Blackjack boat ramp: what's there will be fixed (not improved). Quarry Pt Boat Ramp: will have sand scraped and potholes filled but there are no plans to expand. NZTA v difficult to deal with but may look at added parking spaces when the footpath goes in. Interesting point: NZTA claim responsibility for the *surface*; anything under the ground is TCDC (someone with a sense of humour suggested underground parking...). Chris brought up repair to the layby; NZTA not interested as it's more than 1m from the road. Keith suggested we write to TCDC asking for it to be fixed. **Luke to talk to Scott F, follow up with an email.**

5.3 Reserve Management Submission update: Chris

None to give, as info on their website not clear. **Chris will keep on it.**

Chris also spoke about recent developments in land claim settlements. **Chris will write a summary and include maps/plans**, but the the gist is that Ngati Hei now (pending legal finalities) have title to the Waitaia School House and two parcels of land on the Blackjack (Puke Umu) under **cultural redress**; and **statutory acknowledgement** has been given them over the reserve at the bottom of the Blackjack and the old tennis court site. Tamate Ra have statutory acknowledgement of the new tennis court Domain. Keith thinks that in practice not much will change; however we discussed some concerns over possible development, if zoning were to change as part of this settlement. Chris suggested we establish relations with these groups so that when the time comes to present, for example, plans for the Domain, we are already in conversation. **Chris to draft and circulate "letters of introduction"** to Ngati Hei and Tamate Ra, saying we've got an open door, and inviting them in. Possibly parts of Ian G's DB history (see below) could be included. We will all put our names to the letters, and Brent will send them. *Brent in absentia offered to liase with Chris re this contact.*

Chris also spoke about the WRC Coromandel Catchment Committee meeting he attended recently. The WRC are starting to look at water catchment improvements; in Whangapoua they are testing silt mitigation processes (eg planting). These may roll out to the Pito-one Stream, and in a couple of years the Kuaotunu river. There are stricter rules coming re forestry slash and run-off too. There was some talk of community-led planting, with subsidised plants from WRC. No actions planned.

Barb Meredith has suggested we re-establish a Reserves Group (there was one but the Council shut it down). There are many locals already working on reserves - Martin Smith, Mark Burns, Diana Furth, Micali; perhaps they should be brought together. **Isabel to include in the next newsletter** something along the lines of “thanks to all the locals already doing this work; it has been suggested to the KRRRA that a more formalised group is (re-)established, which could access funding...”

5.4 Update on Half-pipe

Luke met with Nick Kelly and after much going round in circles with TCDC, DoC, DB, finally found someone in the Council who could cut across those circles to the iwi and get some progress. A green light is imminent! A bank account has been opened, and a give-a-little page will be set up. The Newsletter can be used to promote this when it's ready to go. Luke has met with both Dave and Dugald of the DB and got different answers from both of them about how much money will be available for this project. A submission to the Community Board has been made and will hopefully get \$3000. Luke knows a builder, Jason Parkes, who can do a really good job for a cheaper price; the footings have been amended on the plan, and Allied have offered to help with the cost of concrete.

Related to this, Keith gave a summary of Ian Goodall's history of the Domain Board. The history is currently being circulated among other DB members for additions and deletions after which **Alastair will condense it for inclusion in the next newsletter**. A few interesting points: the Kuaotunu Domain Board was first mentioned in 1881; its name was later changed to the *Kuaotunu Recreation Reserves Board*, so in fact it is not a Domain Board now; laying the tennis court cost seven pounds, and is actually a *recreation pad* intended for bikes, skateboards, etc and not just tennis.

Also related to the half-pipe item: from his conversation with Scott Farrell, Luke reports that there *will* be a concrete helicopter landing pad put on the Domain, near the car park (not on the sports pitch). **Brent will email Alan Tiplady to confirm** and get a written reply on record.

5.5 Community Plan update

Thanks Carolyn for your work on this.

On the point of restricting responses to financial members only, Keith believes people shouldn't have to pay subs to participate; Chris and Kate agree; we represent the entire community not just sub-payers. Regarding anonymity, we can't achieve that, but we can assure respondents that names and addresses only go as far as the committee and no further. We should accept that some people will not want to complete the whole survey, and a “skip” button will be added to each question to make the whole less daunting. We should encourage as much participation as possible, including real live community discussions- Kate suggested informal public coffee-shop-conversation sessions could be advertised.

We reviewed the overall format: an opening page, with Ian's starry-night photos, and links to the 2009 Community Plan (and possibly an earlier one? To be confirmed), followed by the 20-odd-point distillation of main points from 2009, each of which will have a choice of skip/not

important/slightly important/ important/very important and a box for open comments. After this will be the series of the 2018 KRRRA's ideas as inspiration - Arts village, plastic-free, shared traffic zone... -(** also with skip/not/slightly/very important options? - we didn't discuss that last night but it occurred to me on the way home that it might be a good idea- tell me if you want me to delete**) - and finally, a box for "what have we missed" where we expect some more awesome ideas for and from our community.

Chris suggested we take the next month for individual committee members to go through the points and edit and tweak any they think need it. We did an initial pass-through as a group: please see the appendix below for the comments. **Everybody to consider the amendments we've suggested, and comment; Carolyn (once that's done) to re-tidy.** The aim is to have this ready to go by the time of the next newsletter.

Any other business:

Alastair tabled an NZTA add from the NZ Herald re road signs and marking. He will make a submission personally and asked whether the KRRRA wished him also to submit on our behalf. We wondered what the national standard was and how it's arrived at in different areas (eg hugely different amount of signage in Coromandel and Northland). Keith said he's happy for **Alastair to draft and circulate a KRRRA submission**; all agreed. The submission will include *too many signs, signs too reflective, one-way bridges not clear*. Please let Alastair know if you think of anything else.

Meeting closed: 8:30 pm **Next meeting:** Thursday 20 September, Luke's (apologies from Alastair)

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Chris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● find Domain photos ● keep on the Reserve Management Plan submissions process ● draft a summary of the land claim settlements with maps/plans ● draft and circulate “letters of introduction” to Ngati hei and Tamate Ra ● ask Viv for a good kauri-dieback question for the CP 	
Luke	talk to Scott Farrell re repair of the layby; follow up with an email	
Isabel	in the next newsletter include thanks to locals currently managing reserves & suggest the re-establishment of a Reserves Group	
Keith	pass DB history to Alastair when it's been revised by DB members; ask Ian for old photos	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● condense revised DB history for inclusion in newsletter ● re-write point 1 of the CP refresh ● draft & circulate submission from KRRA to NZTA re signage 	
everyone	consider and comment on the CP update revisions	
Carolyn	tidy up our considerations & comments	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● email Alan Tiplady for written confirmation re helipad at Domain ● liase with Chris re Ngati Hei contact 	

APPENDIX 1 *apologies for the formatting - it went wonky when I copied and pasted Isabel's attachment. Isabel & Carolyn's work in black, the meeting's comments in blue*

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR KRRA CP UPDATE SURVEY – SEPTEMBER 2018

1. Support for an 'International Dark Skies Reserve' designation supported by strict control of commercial development, roadside camping, subdivisions, and outdoor and street lighting. *Alastair will re-write this one.*

- 2 Urban and commercial development to be controlled and appropriate for the area to retain the existing small beach village atmosphere. *Good*

- 3 Acknowledgement of our local iwi Ngati Hei, including significant bi-cultural historical sites identified, signposted and preserved; Ngati Hei input into community development and issues; and events that work to incorporate reflect our local heritage and history wherever possible. *Split this into 2 points:*
 - *acknowledgement & engagement of Ngati Hei and other Hauraki Iwi*
 - *preservation of sites of historical and cultural significance, both pre- and post- European*

- 4 Support environmental considerations and consultation for any telecommunications/power initiatives; including unobtrusive cell towers, and future undergrounding of phone/power lines. *Environmental considerations should have its own point separate from Telecommunications*

5. Council to support initiatives that provide for the reduction of energy use and for services that are environmentally friendly (eg. solar heating, composting toilets). *Good*

6. Creation of a covenant over wetland area surrounding Kuaotunu River flats and estuary, and work towards purchasing the parts of the flood plain not suitable for development thus creating a designated wetland reserve. *Simplify this: "Creation of a covenant over wetland area surrounding Kuaotunu." Leave the rest as an action plan for the future should this get overwhelming community support.*

7. Reserve Management Group to be established and consult with the community in supporting more planting, protection and maintenance of native trees; protection of sand dunes; more animal and plant pest control; enforcement (including signage) of no camping rules; and inclusion where possible of appropriate artwork on reserves. *Delete. We're already doing this.*

8. Support for any concessions proposed to operate from Kuaotunu beaches, reserves etc, or eco-tourism ventures to be not approved without prior consultation with, and approval of, the community; and a financial contribution made by the operators to the community to compensate for their social and environmental impact. [Simplify: as #6, leave the “action plan” details for later.](#)

9.A Reserve Management Plan for Quarry Point Reserve that will prioritise expenditure to improve boat trailer parking on SH25, to improve pedestrian access & safety along SH25 and to upgrade the ramp to ensure navigation, boat safety and access is maintained at all times. This should also incorporate better signage by boat ramp to remind boaties of their responsibilities in regard to divers warning buoys / speeding and courtesy/ right of way when launching and retrieving. [Simplify: something along the lines of “maintain the boat ramp... improve pedestrian access & safety”.](#) [Signage & other details are good for a later action plan.](#)

10. Kuaotunu Beach, Grays Beach and Rings Beach to be designated safe swimming areas and as such a complete ban on jet skis to be implemented in those areas to the 200m limit, with clear signage indicating the rules for jet skis, water skiing etc; plus strict [and responsive] enforcement of the 5 knot/200m rule.] [Designate as safe swimming areas and enforce 5knot rule.](#) [Banning craft becomes problematic and possibly unnecessarily negative.](#)

11. Additional highly visible safety equipment on all beaches. [Good](#)

12. A ban for all commercial fishing within the bay, including the use of set nets. Exploration of the potential establishment of an inshore marine reserve. [Delete “ban on commercial fishing”: it’s well out of our remit. “Exploration of establishment of marine reserves \(plural\), for example inside the Mercury Islands; from Blackjack to Otama...”.](#) [Possibly move this question close to the top - the committee is unanimous that this one’s important.](#)

13. To retain boat launching at Torea Rd (Blackjack Reserve) for small craft only, and ensure any upgrade has no detrimental effect on other users and the overall environment. [Delete - we’re already onto this.](#)

14. The establishment of a safe network of footpaths with priority given to connecting Kuaotunu West and the main beach area. Access from the village to Pumpkin Flat and Waitaia, as well connection to the Old Miners Cemetery. [“...network of footpaths connecting the three parts of Kuaotunu: Waitaia to the Village to KT West”](#)

15. Clear areas established and maintained for recreational cyclists and pedestrians, including Bluff Road....? **dedicated cycle tracks? extension of coastal walking & cycle tracks? - this one needs more thought. Are we talking cycle lanes on roads, or mountain biking tracks, or?**

16. Improved monitoring of local streams to manage water quality supported by the following initiatives: A management programme to control stormwater including maintenance of drains/stream outlets; a plan for sewerage treatment where small plants may be viable; TCDC to encourage greater use of composting toilets; purposeful reduction in use of spray by contractors and use only where absolutely appropriate (not in drains or near waterways); and requirement for signage when sprays are used. **Simplify and divide:**

- **improved monitoring of local streams to manage water quality. (add examples, as above)**
- **spray-free village as a separate point (Should this be at the end, in the KRRRA's inspirational ideas section? (sorry, that's me editorialising as I go))**

17. To develop a clear local civil defence plan with particular emphasis on a well thought out, communicated, understood, and rehearsed tsunami warning system. **Good. Keith reminded us of the need to support Civil Defence advice: don't wait for official evacuation warnings, but, in conjunction with the KVFF, make use of common sense and local knowledge.**

18. Community groups responsible for our environmental, physical and social wellbeing to liaise and consult with the wider community regularly (i.e., Ratepayers, Fire Force, KSAR, Reserve Management Group, Ngati Hei, Hall Committee as a core group), at least twice a year. **? Encourage KRRRA and other community groups to work together for the betterment of our community? -Talk to each other, or talk to the community?? - More community social events (pumpkin festival, Hall pot-lucks, dances, etc)? This question needs thinking about.**

19. To support any initiative for the establishment of a local health clinic. **delete "any"**

20. Maintenance of existing bush tracks, including clear signage at entry/exit points to support keeping our bush PTA (kauri dieback disease) free. **two separate issues:**

- **bush tracks**
- **Kauri die-back Chris to ask Viv to draft a Q here**

