

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
 Minutes of Committee Meeting
 held at Kuaotunu Fire Station
 21 February 2019

Meeting opened: 6pm

Present: Brent, Kathy, Keith, Luke, Kate, Carolyn

Public: Niki Creed

1. Apologies: Ian, Alastair (assumptive)

2. Public Input: Niki had an email from Paul Shanks, President of Surf Protection Society, regarding concerns over water quality, which Kate read aloud and Niki then spoke about. (The email was also sent to Peter Matai Johnson.) The three main concerns were:

- proposal for a boat ramp at E end of KT beach (Blackjack). The committee assured Niki that there was no new proposal, but the existing boat ramp would be maintained as is. **Brent to write to Paul.**
- mussel farms being proposed by Ngai Tai Ki Tamaki/ Hauraki Collective (?) inside the reef and south of Blackjack. The KRRRA is unaware of any proposal, and understands any Treaty settlement is still some time away. However **Brent will make enquiries of iwi.**
- water quality/red algae/cows & septic systems - Niki suggested Ngati Hei, as claimant kaitiaki of the whenua, be asked to fund testing of septic systems near the river to identify source of contaminants. We discussed drone photos of the tidal area north of the bridge, with cattle wading in it. See also item 6.1, below.

The committee thanked Niki for her passion and commitment to the community and assured her water-quality issues are currently on the table.

3. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 17 January 2019, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Keith **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes:

- Brent admitted a certain slackness in his administration of the noticeboard. Caro offered to do it if necessary - but first **Brent will ask Fran at the shop to look after it. Brent to get another set of keys cut.**
- Kathy didn't attend the meeting at the Domain as was not invited.

4. Correspondence:

inwards	outwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from Isabel, re Hall hire Easter weekend (read by Kathy, not in dropbox yet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brent's reply to Isabel (read aloud)

Correspondence accepted, moved: Carolyn **seconded:** Brent **Passed**

Matters arising from the correspondence: Discussion of Isabel's request that the HandMades have the Hall Friday, Saturday (as currently booked), *and* Sunday. The KRRRA's AGM has been at Easter for the last 10 years; the Library and Fire Brigade (Isabel's proposed alternatives) are too small for the AGM; and the Handmades workshops could be construed as a commercial venture, and therefore the KRRRA's meeting - community engaged in democratic process - has precedence. **Brent to reply to Isabel, with a compromise:** Handmades can have the Hall until 2pm Sunday, giving us an hour to set up for the AGM.

5. Financial Report:

Membership +2

Account balance \$11,196.18, of which \$6543.30 is held in escrow for the half-pipe

No outstanding creditors or expenses pending

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy **seconded:** Caro

Passed

6. Items for Discussion:

6.1 CP Survey/Meeting update

We congratulated each other on a well-attended, well-run, positive meeting. **Kathy to collate hand-out responses and circulate.**

2009 Community Plan we should re-write it, simplifying and removing some of the no-longer-relevant Council guff. **Kathy to convert to a Word doc, and consult with Viv on content,** ensuring community involvement in the process.

Predator control info on website One relatively quick and simple concrete outcome from the meeting is an update of the website, including all the predator-control and environmental protection information as suggested at the meeting.

Footpath Keith and a group of other locals have mown, pruned, and weedeated (weedeaten!?) a path from Cemetary Road so it's safer and easier for children to walk there. The neighbours (Mavis, Malcolm) have given their approval. Residents are stoked. Work on the culvert crossing is in hand. An article will appear in the next Newsletter highlighting the power of community. Awesome!

Water quality **Ian to re-take the reins on this when he's back.** He can co-opt Niki onto a little sub-committee if he likes. **Brent to contact landowner** of wetland/tidal area beside the Domain and begin conversation about community working-bee with plants & fencing from WRC.

KT representation at AGM we should discuss community support for an Otama/Opito/Kuaotunu nominee for the next Community Board elections to fight our cause in the Council's amalgamated CP review.

6.2 Half-pipe

Ngati Tamatera under their Statutory Acknowledgement over the Domain have requested an archeological report on the area proposed for the half-pipe site. The process could take a number of years. TCDC (Yvonne Franklin) have suggested 4 alternative sites. We briefly discussed a fifth - on private land over the fence - but decided it was unviable. Overall the site directly opposite the Domain was thought to be the best of the bunch: near the sports ground,

near the toilets, chance of a pedestrian crossing to the footpath, most distance from residences of all proposed sites, highly visible from road (with the removal of a couple of scruffy trees).

Carolyn and Luke to walk the area and recommend the best exact site.

6.3 Constitution

Kathy to draft email invitation to look at proposed changes to the final draft of the revised Constitution, circulate it to the committee, before sending it to financial members.

6.4 Newsletter

The next one should go out by mid-March. Kathy & Caro (& Ian), Comms Team, will seek contributions - Paul Kington re Otama wetlands planting, perhaps; and include AGM heads-up (with a list of current committee planning to stand again), and a piece on the footpath-guerillas.

6.5 AGM process

Kathy, Carolyn, and Kate met last month to iron out some of the AGM voting processes; Kathy handed out notes on procedures for us to read for homework. We will revisit this at the next meeting.

We should encourage someone from the farming community - Kelly Simpson? - to stand, as farmers are an integral part of the community and are not represented.

Luke, Carolyn, Kate, Kathy all expressed their intention to stand again; Keith said - reluctantly - he would if there was no-one else. He feels he doesn't do much other than come to meetings, but we assured him that his presence at meetings -measured, calm, diplomatic - is one of his great strengths on the committee, as well as his local knowledge.

6.6 Website update

Kathy showed us a mock-up of the new version she'd like to create, with lots more links to other local groups, and a user-friendly look. She also suggested having two separate sites: Kuaotunu, and KRRRA. Or at least having the KRRRA button further down the home page, not as a menu item at the top, as it's a fairly niche part of a very general site. That way we only have to pay to maintain one site, and we get the full impact of the Kuaotunu.nz domain name. Kathy would like some help with design & styling of the new version; **Brent to ask Boris if he can assist.**

7. Any other business:

Epi-pen Following a conversation with Otama/Opito Ratepayers, Keith tabled the idea of the KRRRA funding the purchase of Epi-pens to be held by the Fire Brigade for first-response treatment in anaphylactic emergencies. They cost about \$120 each; we would need one child and one adult; they last about 12 months before expiry, and would need replacing if they were used. All agreed it was a good move to trial.

Resolution: that the KRRRA funds an adult and a child epi-pen for FENZ Kuaotunu, up to \$500, over the next 12 months.

Passed unanimously

Keith to sort it through the Fire Brigade. Carolyn suggested also having a register of locals with life-threatening medical conditions held at the Fire Brigade. **Carolyn to draft this proposal, pass to Keith.**

Disposal of noxious plants

Rebecca Simpson has been getting rid of wild ginger on public land and paying to dump it at Matarangi. TCDC/WRC should really be funding this - or waiving dump fees. **Brent to contact Dean Allen.**

Outdoor shower at the Blackjack toilet block

This has been requested by locals; water supply has always been an issue; the toilets are being revamped soon; **Kathy to ask Allan Tiplady about it.**

TCDC Community Plan meeting

Both Luke and Brent attended (most of) the TCDC's focus-group meeting as part of the Council's review of Community Plans. It was basically a brain-storming session, with representatives from Opito, Otama, Kuaotunu, Matarangi, and Whangapoua. Interestingly the farming community was not represented. "Manage future development" was a high priority for all the groups. Brent suggested perhaps a combined effort from Opito/Otama/Kuaotunu to keep our special character(s)?

Council's next step is to put the data from the session together and send it out for wider consultation.

8.Meeting closed: 8pm

Next meeting:Thursday 21 March, Fire Brigade

Parting thought for the day: *"lean into uncertainty... unless it involves flatulence"*.

Good meeting, all.

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● make enquiries re ?mussel farm proposal ● reply to Paul Shank's email to Niki (cc Niki) ● reply to Isabel re Hall booking Easter weekend ● contact landowner of wetland beside Domain ● ask Boris for his help with the website ● contact Dean Allen re waiving dump fees for noxious weeds 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● collate meeting-handout responses & circulate to committee ● put 2009 CP into a Word doc for editing ● consult with Viv re editing ● draft email re Constitution, send to committee before sending to financial members ● ask Allan Tiplady about a shower at the Blackjack toilet 	
Ian!!	re-take the reins on water quality	
Carolyn & Luke	look at the proposed alternative location for half-pipe across road from Domain, and recommend best exact site	
Everybody	read the notes on 2019 AGM voting procedure	
Keith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pass on the resolution re epi-pens to Fire Brigade ● 	
Carolyn	draft a proposal for a medical-conditions register and email to Keith for Fire Brigade to look at	