

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kua Kawhe
16 May 2019

Committee members Brent Page, Chair; Kathy Speirs, Treasurer; Kate Nielsen, Secretary; Luke Reilly, Craig Lidgard, Carrie Parker, Carolyn Gibbs, Alastair Brickell, Bruce Pilkington

Meeting opened: 18:04

Present: Brent, Kate, Carrie, Carolyn, Craig

Public: Elisabeth Resl

1. **Apologies:** Alastair, Kathy, Luke, Bruce

2. **Public Input:** see below, Item 6.1

3. **Minutes:**

Minutes of the supplementary committee meeting, held 25 April, accepted as a true and accurate record **moved:** Carrie **seconded:** Brent **Passed**

Matters Arising from the supplementary-meeting minutes:

Community Board Attendance: Mel Asquith and Shirley Willey have expressed their interest in attending Community Board meetings on behalf of the KRRRA. The meeting agreed that attendance at the Public Forum segment of these meetings at a minimum is important, and that non-committee members can attend on our behalf. **Kate to contact Mel & shirley and say Yes, please. (And thanks.) Brent to ask Heather Bruce to email CB meeting calendar, and agenda in advance of each meeting.**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 11 April, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Brent **seconded:** Carolyn **Passed**

4. **Correspondence:**

No correspondence tabled at this meeting. Kate apologises for not having checked prior.

5. **Financial Report:**

Brent read Kathy's report in her absence. Little change in the account balances; no outstanding creditors. 103 members have not yet renewed their subscriptions.

Financial report accepted, moved: Brent **seconded:** Carolyn **Passed**

It was noted that participation in the Association is high compared to other communities.

6. **Items for Discussion:**

6.1 Community Plan re-drafting process

The KRRA has a strong mandate from the community, via the CP survey and the public meeting, to carry on finalising the refreshed Plan, and to ensure it is distinct from other nearby communities' plans. *Note: as Scott Summerfield - sympathetic, environmentally-oriented - is leaving the TCDC, the more quickly we complete a credible and compelling refreshed plan, the more chance we have of success.* Carrie had the original document in Word which saved some laborious cutting-and-pasting. Elisabeth Resl outlined the work she and Kathy have done:

- weeded out some points that are beyond the remit of the KRRA/ Community Plan
- correlated all the points on the survey submissions, and related them to the original plan: there were huge similarities
- integrated the new ideas from the “other” section in the survey; many of these are locally viable, not relying on application to outside agencies

Points arising: the refreshed plan looks very similar to the 2009 document: the old values stand. The original plan is not made obsolete by the refreshed version; it remains a valuable reference. (Carrie has some other points that are no longer relevant (outcomes that have been achieved, for example); **Carrie will communicate these to Elisabeth.**) Carolyn pointed out that the “other” comments, while they may look widely-shared, are not necessarily representative of the 200-odd respondents.

Next steps:

1. **ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS to thoroughly compare Elisabeth's refreshed draft with the 2009 Plan and the survey results** (as Alastair has already done); send your individual reviews to **Kathy for collation.**
2. At this point Elisabeth can return to answer any questions.
3. When the committee is satisfied with the next draft, the Refreshed Plan will be presented to the community. We expect people with particularly strong views to make comments on this. The Survey, the results, and the original Plan should be appendices to the Refreshed Plan, or be linked on-line.

The committee formally thanks Elisabeth for the time and effort she has put into the refreshing of the CP: we appreciate her organisational planning!

6.2 Half-pipe funding update

Brent read Kathy's update: in summary, Trust Waikato has declined our application on the grounds that they don't think the project will be achieved in a reasonable time frame. (David Paitai (Dept Internal Affairs consultant) suspects they were over-subscribed and had to turn some applications down and this was the excuse they lit on.) **Brent to forward Kathy's report to Kate. Brent to follow up with Allan Tiplady re TCDC's progress communicating our chosen half-pipe location with DoC.**

Related: we've had no response yet to queries re the Blackjack toilet upgrade.

6.3 Update on water-quality testing

Carolyn has had a conversation with Thomas Everth, science teacher at MBAS: he has a water quality data-logger and is interested in his students testing the Kuaotunu creek. (The recorder logs temperature, salinity, turbidity, pH, dissolved oxygen; but *not* bacterial growth; however this can be inferred from dissolved-oxygen measurements.) The meeting agrees that while such testing may not provide all the data we want, it's a worthwhile project. The stream is accessible

from many properties, and the bridge. **Carolyn to respond to Thomas that we're happy for he and his students to conduct this study.**

Instrumental in cleaning up the stream is agreement from property owners Mark Simpson, Garrick Simpson, and Heron's Trust (which owns the wetlands area Garrick leases). Much discussion was had on how best to persuade them to agree to riparian planting (the Heron's Trust fencing would also need to be moved), with funding from Waikato Regional Council, and volunteer labour from the community. Direct appeal to the farmers? Contact Heron's Trust as landowners? Request WRC to request it? No perfect solution was arrived at, but **Brent will contact Heather Bruce** re following up with Heron's Trust.

6.4 Spat-farm submission

Brent and Carrie made a submission on behalf of the KRRRA opposing the spat-farming application, following the clear community opinion expressed at the AGM, and emailed consultation on the submission draft within the committee.

Next step: possibly speak at forthcoming hearings; although our submission reserved the right to bundle our spoken submission in with other persons in opposition (for example, Frazer Lampen, Whauwhau landowner, who is engaging an environmental lawyer to advise on his submission). *NB info on our submission should be made available to the community, see 6.6 below.*

Thanks to Brent and Carrie for their research.

6.5 Other follow-up projects from CP survey & meeting

Managing traffic through the village: Rings Beach has a "shared zone" sign! Our road is a through-road and provides sole access to Otama and beyond; nevertheless to maintain the safety and unique character of our village we would like a shared zone too. Ideally we would use environmental psychology to visually narrow the road without additional signage: parking, planting, benches on either side for example; or provide visual stimuli - road surface painting, road-side carved figures, surf-board zebra crossing - for drivers to look at and notice as they pass. Actual changes to the road are time-consuming and expensive and in TCDC's remit, not ours; however Matt Busch (TCDC Roding Manager) is in favour of creating a shared zone and advises us to submit ideas/design plans. There are so many artistic creative types in our community we should be able to design something effective, and reflective of who we are. **Kate to ask Isabel Gilbert Palmer** if she would like to be involved. **Brent to follow up with Matt B and Allan T.**

6.6 Newsletter

Brent read Kathy's email re the newsletter; the next NL is due soon (approx 6 per year).

The meeting agreed that committee members - and others in the community - must contribute to the newsletter; Kathy is happy to collate but shouldn't be expected to write everything.

Ideas for the upcoming issue:

- medical register? Not yet - still waiting on Fire Brigade for approval; also format needs finalising. **Carolyn to contact TCDC re possible existing template** for such a register.
- Rings Beach wetlands - **Carrie**
- Bird Rescue - **Kathy**

- Spat farm submission + links to info - Brent
- Community Board nominee - so far all shoulder-tapping has been unsuccessful. Brent to write brief call for nominee . Brent to ask Glen Leach who to shoulder-tap in Matarangi.

6.7 Committee Communications

Not to nag about it, but please respond to KRRA emails when you receive them, even if it's one word acknowledging receipt. (Of course it's better if you read them and think about them too...)

7. Any other business:

- Carrie gives her apologies for the June, July, and October meetings; she will be available via skype if a quorum or resolution is necessary.
 - skype conferencing has been tested by Carrie, Kathy, and Alastair and works well.
- Noticeboard: Carolyn is in charge and is exercising common sense; Isabel can be asked to contribute creative artistry, and cover when Carolyn is not available. Carolyn to get second set of keys cut.
 - meeting agendas should be posted in the noticeboard as soon as they are finalised (this follows a comment from a community member)
- Weed disposal - several meetings ago we had a query from Rebecca Simpson re private individuals paying to dump weeds pulled from public land. We are still waiting for a reply from the appropriate TCDC person; in the meantime, Kelly Simpson told Kate that if you ring DoC, they will come and collect the weeds. Carrie to convey this to Rebecca.

8.Meeting closed: 19:48

Next meeting: Thursday 20 June, Kua Kawhe (apologies Kathy, Carrie)

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● contact Mel & Shirley: thanks and yes please to their attending CB meetings on the KRRA's behalf ● ask IGP re spearheading shared traffic zone design 	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ask Heather Bruce to send CB meeting calendar, and email agenda prior to meetings ● follow up with Heather re Heron's Trust & riparian planting ● forward Kathy's half-pipe update to Kate ● follow up half-pipe location with AT ● follow up shared traffic zone design ideas with Matt Busch & AT ● write spat farm submission para for NL ● write call for Comm Board nominee for NL ● ask Glen re poss Comm Board nominee from Matarangi 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● communicate with Elizabeth re other points in the CP re-draft that are no longer relevant ● Rings Beach ?wetlands? para for the Newsletter ● pass on message re DoC weed collection to Rebs 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● collate CP Refresh draft reviews ● write Bird Rescue para for NL 	
everyone	read & comment on refreshed plan draft in conjunction with original document and survey results	
Carolyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● respond to Thomas E re stream study ● contact TCDC re med register template ● get 2nd set of noticeboard keys cut (& poss ask Isabel to help with NB) 	

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan
- Aquaculture development plan