

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kua Kawhe
Thursday 21 November 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: 6pm

Present: Brent, Kathy, Kate, Craig, Carolyn, Carrie, Luke, Alastair

Public: --

1. Apologies: Bruce Apologies accepted moved: Luke seconded: Alastair

2. Public Input: --

Special Notice: Happy birthday, Brent!

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

3.1 Matters arising from the minutes: Running through the action plan: All the actions have been completed.

Rolled-over action from the September minutes: has Brent talked to Hannah Coleman-Smith about the **toilet mural**?

Update: Roimata and Marguerite Muellers are keen to be involved. The current, amalgamated, idea is: native bush, with a right-hand-break surf wave, a kiwi, and a surfboard with some Ngati Hei motifs, representing a wide range of our community's interests (a suggestion that the whole be painted black to represent the Dark Skies initiative did not find favour).

Next step: find a muralist. Brent is waiting on a response from Rebecca ? from Coromandel. Luke has two help-exers (like woofers) staying till January who have mural-painting experience. Ian Preece found mural painters for the MB Art Escape murals in Whitianga so might have some ideas.

4. Correspondence:

inwards & outwards

- ❖ miscellaneous re Civil Defence Emergency Response forms, membership application, community plan comments
- ❖ two enquiries via the website, re cemetery records, and summer concert transport
- ❖ from Nigel re reserve rehabilitation
- ❖ from David Paitai announcing his role change: no longer Community Advisor, but

- ❖ Assistant Accounting Manager in Thames
 - ❖ to Courtney Linnecar, acknowledging KRRA's support of the Happy Hub, as mandated at the public meeting
 - ❖ Spat Farm correspondence from Steve Rice, Georgie Hackett
 - ❖ Footpath updates

Correspondence accepted, moved: Carolyn seconded: Kathy Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence:

- Spat farm to be covered later in the agenda
 - Community Plan to be covered later in the agenda
 - Enquiries via the website: when we have two email addresses (krra@ and info@) krra won't get the random public enquiries - however as facilitators of this website we do have an obligation to respond to them. **Carrie has offered to help with this. Kathy will set Carrie up with access to info@... email address.** Standard responses can be refer to *isite* or *KT Katchup*. Keeping aware of trends in this kind of correspondence -eg if there are an increasing number of transport queries - might help KRRA make a case for lobbying other bodies - eg WRC for transport options. This non-KRRA correspondence will not be tabled at meetings unless Carrie thinks it necessary.
 - Nigel needs a response re reserve rehabilitation. **Carrie to action.**

5. Financial Report:

Membership +2 = 165

No expenses / creditors outstanding

Account holds \$5880.71 excluding ½ pipe funds

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy seconded: Alastair (3rd Caro - we were on fire tonight) Passed

6.Items for Discussion:

6.1 Spat Farm Submission

Steve Brown Douglas has agreed to speak on behalf of the KRRA and community. Brent has forwarded him all the relevant correspondence. The summary of our submission is that we are beyond the point of environmental “harm-minimisation”; any new initiative must be demonstrably positive for the environment or will not be supported. Steve will use this summary and speak through the lens of his children.

A question was raised about MB Community Board having registered its support of the spat-farm application, which would be a concern to the KRRA; however Rehka Giri Percival (MBCB) has verbally assured Brent that the CBoard has not done so. Brent has asked for this in writing.

6.2 Community Plan update

Gael & Martin's point from the Community Public Meeting has been added.

Kathy & Brent met with Allan Tiplady and Heather Bruce (TCDC); subsequently Kathy made a new draft of the Plan highlighting their suggested minor amendments (mainly of emphasis and/or semantics). After discussion, the minor amendments to the CP were approved.

moved: Kathy **Seconded:** Kate **Passed**

Next steps: **Kathy & Carrie make changes to CP. Kathy puts pdf on the website.**

Matter arising: the KRRA feels it's vital to resurrect some sort of Reserve Management Group - ideally named Beach Care or similar. On the agenda for the next meeting: define the mandate for such a group and its communication/accountability pathways. **Brent to put this on January's agenda.**

6.3 Wananga with Ngati Tamatera / Half-pipe update

A wananga is a get-together to share stories of history & heritage.

After a meeting including Brent, TCDC/DoC/Ngati Tamatera, at which "the proposal [to site the Te Rerenga half-pipe on the recreation court at the Domain] was not supported", Ngati Tamatera have requested an opportunity for a wananga, to establish some shared aspirations for the Domain. **Brent to contact Victor Maclean to propose some possible dates.** In the meantime we have some sort of obligation to Te Rerenga to purchase to ½ pipe. **Brent to contact Paula Williams.** Other possible sites were discussed. The old tennis court (opposite Garrick's shed) still exists; a digger could scrape soil off the concrete and the ½ pipe could go there as a temporary measure. **Luke to ask Hirini about this site ASAP.** This land is under Ngati Hei claim but we feel Peter Matai Johnson would not raise objections.

6.4 Reserve rehabilitation post-flood

A work programme is in place for the reserve W of the bridge; bollards blocking vehicle access to the beach have already been put in. At the Torea Reserve (Blackjack) three formal access ways will be established and the other unofficial pathways blocked off.

6.5 Penguin signs

Annemieke and Kuaotunu Bird Rescue are very upset that all the penguin-crossing signs have disappeared. They have been spotted up a local's driveway. **Brent & Luke to speak to FR and ask for the signs back.**

6.6 Subsidence at the Fire Station

FENZ, TCDC, and WRC are assessing the work needed to remove the deck and shore up the bank under the fire station: they've agreed the site is to be preserved; however no-one really wants to pay for it - it is in fact a *road*. - If it is going to cost more than \$25,000 it needs higher-up approval; it can't just be actioned. The deck is quite an asset to the community - could the community fundraise to save it? Could EQC help with any of this? **Craig to ask Fire Brigade re EQC; Brent to ask Dean Allen, Hirini for an update.**

6.7 Dark Skies update

Alastair reported on his meeting with Steve Butler (RNZAS), also attended by Kathy & Carrie, and Wally Leighton from Opito Ratepayers (who have a strong interest in the Dark Skies project). 16 areas in NZ are applying for Dark Skies designation; there is a movement to make NZ the world's first Dark Sky Nation. The KRRA has a mandate from the community to pursue this, from the CP Refresh Survey and the October public meeting; the KRRA supports Alastair making a submission to the MB Community Board to pursue this on our behalf. **Carrie & Alastair to make submission to MBCB.** It's important we make it clear this is the KRRA and the community speaking, not just Mr Stargazers! It's important for health reasons but also for the emotional pull of retaining our ability to see the Milky Way. The submission should include relevant quotes from the revised CP, and should request a specific resolution: that the Mercury Bay Community Board lobbies on our behalf, and supports the KRRA in pursuing Dark Skies designation.

Once the MBCB is behind us, the next step is applying for grants to fund the data-collection, expert advice, etc necessary to make an application.

Alastair will also meet with Opito Ratepayers' Chair Chris Severne in the near future to discuss progressing the project.

7. Any other business:

LTP Cap-ex ideas

Kate to add this to minutes as watching brief/deferred agenda item. Ideas so far:

- ❖ boat-ramp-west footpath, budgeted for 2021, moved forward to 2020
- ❖ council replace all blue-light LEDs with warm white (or remove them completely). Before the next meeting, **all committee members to think of cap-ex ideas**, and talk to their friends & neighbours too.

Website

No progress since the last meeting; still may be live by Christmas.

Newsletter

Even though we won't have a December meeting we want a pre-Xmas NL. Ideas: ask Dr Hannah for item re Medical Centre amalgamation. Ask Courteny L for item re Happy Hub. Wetlands Reserve group has an update to give. Update on Emergency Response forms. - There have already been 40! **Caro to email Kathy with info.**

The meeting is happy for Kathy to draft the NL and send round for input. Brent reminded us to give Kathy a hand - the workload is as always unevenly spread!

Blue Light

Alastair had some info for folks to read.

Road Closure at Tairua

This closure hasn't been adequately advertised - it's been on facebook, but there was no sign at Kopu, and Council daily-news emails haven't included notice.

No December meeting

Too many people will be away.

8.Meeting closed: 7:52pm **Next meeting:** Thursday 16 January 2020, at the Fire Brigade or the KT Hall.

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set Carrie up with info@ email address • make final changes to CP & publish on website 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respond to website enquiries that are clearly not krra business (eg cemetery records requests, transport information) • respond to nigel re reserve rehab, and any other non-krra enquiries • make final changes to CP with Kathy • attend MBCB meeting with Alastair re Dark Skies 	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add “Beach Care Group” to January’s agenda • contact Victor re wananga possible dates • contact Paula Williams re ½ pipe purchase • speak to FR re penguin signs • ask Dean Allen/Hirini for Fire Station update 	
Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask Hirini about the old tennis court site as 1/2pipe site ASAP • speak to FR re penguin signs 	
Craig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask Fire Brigade re EQC help shoring up bank 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • add LTP capex ideas as watching brief 	
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generate ideas for LTP capital expenditure, to be tabled at January’s meeting 	
Carolyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • email Kathy with Emergency Response info for NL 	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attend MBCB meeting with Carrie re Dark Skies 	

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan
- Aquaculture development plan
- Council's Long Term Plan capital expenditure