

# **KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **HELD AT THE KUAOTUNU FIRE BRIGADE**

**18 May, 2017**

**Meeting Opened:** 6:35pm

**Present:** Gordon McRobbie, Dugald Hoyland, Mel Asquith, Kathy Speirs, Chris Twemlow, Kate Neilson, Evans Young, Keith Goodall and Alastair Brickell.

**Apologies:** Bill Muir, Bruce Pilkington, Isabel Gilbert Palmer,

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of April 20, 2017 were read and approved:

**Moved:** Alastair      **Seconded:** Evans

### **Matters Arising From Minutes**

#### **1. Tree Clearing on Reserve**

Chris stated that Peter Johnson of Ngati Hei had not provided him with any more information on the nature of possible human bones that had been unearthed. However Gordon said that Scott Farrell believed the issue had been resolved with Ngati Hei and we could now proceed with removal of the trees.

As these were quite large a 28t excavator would be used in the felling and Scott considered it was best to clear them all at the same time rather than do a staged removal.

Chris thought that at least one of the trees to be removed was sufficiently large that there might be a possibility to salvage some of the timber. Tricky trees has a portable sawmill that might be useful.

#### **2. Skateboard Ramp**

Gordon noted that the 2009 Community Plan had survey results from local residents and it was noted that a skateboard ramp and a Go-Kart track were things the community did not want at that time.

Kathy felt that perhaps we should consider updating the plan and Gordon said that this was something we should consider at a future meeting.

#### **3. Kuaotunu Environmental Group (KEA)**

Chris stated that KEA would probably take over management of the Food Forest. However it was preferable that we should retain their \$250 until their banking details were finalised. Chris is the new Chairman of the group.

## **Correspondence:**

Inwards and Outwards correspondence was read by Alastair.

### **1. TCDC**

Inwards - from Donna Blick, Customer Services Representative, advising of upcoming meeting on the Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade – Stage 2.

Inwards - from David Lindsay, Solid Waste Manager by phone on April 26 requesting a site meeting on May 2 to look at possible compactor sites.

Inwards - from David Lindsay on May 11 with text of his article on compactor requesting additional comment from KRRRA.

Outwards - to David Lindsay on May 11 with suggested text for compactor article.

### **2. IRD**

Outwards - advising that Kathy was our Treasurer with a copy of the appropriate minutes and requesting her name to be linked to our account with the IRD and also requesting a copy of our RWT certificate.

### **3. Isabel Gilbert Palmer**

Inwards - advising of Maori TV program of interest.

Inwards – with items for consideration at committee meeting – petanque court details; requests for Domain Board information, name of new KRRRA Chairman, local Iwi details.

Correspondence Accepted (with Kathy's addition)

Moved: Alastair      Seconded: Gordon

## **Financial Report**

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$747.64 in our Now account and \$2210.05 in the On Call account including the \$250 we are still holding for the Food Forest Group.

Report Accepted:              Moved: Kathy              Seconded: Dugald

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **1. Website**

Kathy reported that the first meeting had been productive with Carol Blair, Ian Preece, Chris and Yoko Twemlow attending as well as herself. Meetings will be held weekly.

## 2. Petanque Court

Progress has been very slow on this so Alastair will directly contact Domain Board Chairman Dave Wight to determine their position on the use of their land at the tennis courts. He will also enquire if the Domain board would be willing to contribute some funds towards the project.

## 3. Boat Ramp

Gordon gave a summary of the onsite meeting held with David Lindsay, TCDC Solid Waste Manager and several committee members on May 4 at the boat ramp to discuss options for the compactor. The first one will be trialled at the boatramp and TCDC plans to roll them out around the peninsula in coming months. If this site proved to be unsuitable the unit could be relocated elsewhere.

Four possible sites for campervan parking were discussed. These are the area near the BBQ and tennis courts, the reserve land across the road from the BBQ area, the old tennis court site opposite Garrick Simpson's woolshed and the area near the toilet block at the Black Jack boatramp. Alastair will confirm the ownership status of the blocks from TCDC and DOC and enquire whether campervan parking would be permitted on the land.

## 4. Bluff Road

Alastair expressed doubts about the legality of council closing the road to vehicles as is planned. While it will be good to have it reopened for bicycles and pedestrians it is probable that as a result of recent legal opinions that council had obtained that they could only close a road to vehicles on a temporary basis. Keith thought that we should probably wait and let them finish the planned work before pursuing the issue of vehicle access.

## 5. Reserves

Chris noted that some of the trees to be felled on the reserve could contain some useful timber. We should possibly consider getting some of this milled. Tricky Trees has a portable mill that could be suitable.

The new house being built next to the reserve will have views right down onto the beach. In order to provide privacy for beach users we should try and get suitable shrubs planted between the house and the beach.

## **General Business**

### 1. KRRRA Email Address

Kathy proposed and Keith seconded that we should allocate \$21/annum to establish our email address.

### 2. Membership Drive

Flyers to promote membership in KRRRA will be produced by Kathy (email version) and Dugald (RD distribution).

### 3. Public Participation at Meetings

Protocols around attendance, speaking and voting rights of community members at our meetings were discussed. We want to encourage community involvement in KRRRA so our committee

meetings should be open to members of the public. If people wanted speaking rights they should advise the committee beforehand. However observers were welcome to attend. Council and community board meetings have a short session for public input prior to the main part of the meeting getting underway. Strict limits were enforced as to the length of time each person could speak. After the public input session members of the public could attend but not speak.

In public meetings only paid up members could vote and as KRRRA memberships were issued for addresses or properties rather than individuals only one vote per membership would be permitted.

#### 4. Bike Rack

Gordon reported that the bike rack had been ordered and Kathy will liaise with Sue Costello about placement.

#### 5. Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade Stage 2 Meeting

Alastair reported that he had attended this meeting where plans for stage 2 of the upgrade were outlined. However, the meeting appeared be mainly to inform us of what council was doing rather than to seek input on the design or concepts.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:15pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 15 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell June 1, 2017