

KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE KUAOTUNU FIRE BRIGADE

15 June, 2017

Meeting Opened: 6:30pm

Present: Committee members Gordon McRobbie, Dugald Hoyland, Mel Asquith, Kathy Speirs, Chris Twemlow, Evans Young, Keith Goodall, Bill Muir, Bruce Pilkington and Alastair Brickell. Resident Ian Preece attended briefly (see details below).

Apologies: Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Kate Neilson,

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of May 18, 2017 were read and approved:

Moved: Alastair Seconded: Kathy

Matters Arising From Minutes

1. Petanque Court

Alastair had spoken to David Wight on two occasions to confirm that the Domain Board would accept a petanque court on their land. We now need to decide exactly where this should go and get back to them.

Correspondence:

Inwards correspondence was read by Alastair.

1. Email from Isabel advising of upcoming anti-mining protest at Karangakahe. Alastair noted that while this was correspondence from a committee member he was unsure whether this was something KRRA should be considering as it was not taking place in our area.

The draft outwards letter to TCDC and DOC regarding reserves was discussed under general business.

Financial Report

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$2612.00 in our Now account and \$103.14 in the On Call account. The \$250 we are were holding for the Food Forest Group had been paid to WANT Nursery on their request.

The \$21 requested for the email account had been increased to \$48.88.

There was discussion as to whether we should register as a charity with the Charities Commission. This had several conditions to be satisfied including those relating to our "rules" and annual reporting

requirements. Evans noted that we could probably just apply directly to IRD to be listed as a charity for taxation purposes and this might be easier and cheaper. Kathy will investigate this option and report back.

Report Accepted:

Moved: Kathy

Seconded: Alastair

Subcommittee Reports

1. Petanque Court

Possible sites for the petanque court were discussed. Gordon thought it would be handy to the beach at the toilet/BBQ site while Alastair thought it might be more visible and get more use in the village centre, perhaps near the school bus stop.

Kathy thought it would be worthwhile topic for a future joint newsletter with the Hall Committee and will speak to Sue Costello as to whether it could be sited on one of the CBD reserves.

2. Campervan Parking

The various sites for campervans were discussed. The old tennis court site had the support of Bill who thought it would be a good place for spoil generated in roadworks to be deposited. However, it was thought that there could be consenting issues with this and Dugald felt it was too far from the village. However Chris thought having campervans there might be a good reason to push council to extend the footpath to the beach. Keith noted that campervans cannot legally be stopped from parking anywhere for a night.

Mel felt we should do more community consultation and Evans suggested using SurveyMonkey type surveys could be useful in a newsletter. It was suggested that this could also be used to gauge community feelings on other issues at the same time.

Evans and Gordon will prepare and send a letter to NZTA and TCDC detailing our options and asking them for further suggestions as to how we can address the problem.

3. Website

Ian Preece joined the meeting from 7:40-8:05 and he and Kathy outlined progress the subcommittee had made on the issue. Their concept of the website acting as a Kuaotunu Hub was well presented and well received. It is envisaged that setup will be mainly using voluntary labour and ongoing costs should be met by advertising revenue.

Gordon stressed that it must be easy to maintain if particular committee members or those involved moved out of the area and were no longer available to assist with the website.

This subcommittee consisting of Kathy, Mel, Chris, Isabel, Ian Preece and Carol Blair will continue with the project as outlined and report back to us.

General Business

1. Chris noted that the old bird nesting sign at the boatramp has disappeared over the years. Perhaps some locals could put up a new one.

2. Mel enquired about copies of the 2009 Community Futures document. Keith said he would circulate copies to committee members.

3. Mel commented that the mulch from the felled trees on the reserve could be used for the food forest. Tricky Trees will replant the area where the pine trees are being removed.
4. Alastair noted that there has been little public comment about any progress on the proposed medical centre. It was agreed again that we would not persue either this issue or the Summer Magazine with council at present and just continue our watching brief on these matters.
5. Bill noted that NZTA owned the boatramp parking area but it was originally TCDC land. Perhaps if TCDC took back ownership they might be able to better enforce camping and parking regulations.
5. Alastair advised that submissions could now be made on the council's advertising signs bylaw review. These had to be in by next Monday June 19.

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 20 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell June 22, 2017