

KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE KUAOTUNU FIRE BRIGADE

20 July, 2017

Meeting Opened: 6:35pm

Present: Committee members Gordon McRobbie, Kate Neilson, Dugald Hoyland, Mel Asquith, Kathy Speirs, Keith Goodall, Bill Muir, Bruce Pilkington and Alastair Brickell. Also attending were residents Murray Speirs, Brent Page, Gail Coleman, Martin Smith, Adam Coleman Smith and Rory Keyworth

Apologies: Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Evans Young, Chris Twemlow

Moved: Gordon **Seconded:** Dugald

Guest Speaker

Gordon invited Brent Page to address the meeting as he had requested permission to do so in an email to the secretary.

Brent spoke as a representative of the Kuaotunu Anti Mining Action Group (KAMAG) and detailed the concerns that KAMAG has with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE)'s legal appeal challenging the TCDC District Plan on mining. He felt that a successful appeal could have the effect of making mining activities more likely on various categories of land on the Peninsula.

KAMAG's two main points of concern were that in their opinion:

1. There was not enough consideration of the effects of mining on the environment.
2. There was no proven business case to show clear evidence of local economic benefits from mining operations.

Brent distributed copies of a KAMAG publicity document titled "Coromandel – Too Precious to Mine" dated July 10, 2017 (version 1.0) to committee members. He would like to see KRRRA support KMAG's opposition to MBIE's appeal to TCDC.

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of June 15, 2017 were read and approved:

Moved: Alastair **Seconded:** Kathy

Matters Arising From Minutes

1. Petanque Court

Kathy had been in discussion with Sue Costello about this but we needed to decide where we wanted the facility. Dugald thought the tennis court site was best as there were toilets and a BBQ nearby while others thought that a site nearer the CBD would get more use. We need to survey our members to get input from the community and potential users before approaching DOC or TCDC for permission to use a particular site (see below).

2. IRD

Kathy had obtained our IRD number and been in contact with them again about our RWT tax exemption status as they had lost our earlier correspondence. We need to write to them again confirming that she is the treasurer with a copy of the relevant minutes. Alastair has prepared this and Kathy will send it off to them.

Correspondence:

1. Inwards – from Klaudia McLeod congratulating us on getting the notice board erected and enquiring how the Kuaotunu Bird Rescue group could post notices on it.
2. Outwards – from Gordon to NZTA detailing our concerns about camping problems at the boatramp and requesting their assistance in identifying suitable freedom camping sites in our area.
3. Inwards – from Karen Boyt of NZTA stating that they had been in contact with TCDC on this issue and she would advise us of future progress.
4. Inwards – two from Brent Page; one enquiring about his membership status and one requesting speaking rights at our next committee meeting.
5. Outwards – from Kathy answering his queries.
6. Inwards – two from Martin Smith; one requesting details of our next committee meeting and one requesting a copy of our constitution.
7. Outwards – from Alastair to Martin Smith with a copy of the constitution and details of our meeting.
8. Inwards – from Rory Keyworth with new member details for himself and Carl Coleman.
9. Inwards – from Ian Preece enquiring about tree removal on the reserve.
10. Outwards – from Alastair to Ian Preece with details of TCDC staff to contact about the trees.

Correspondence Accepted:

Moved: Alastair

Seconded: Bill

Financial Report

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$183.14 in our Now account and \$2614.17 in the On Call account.

She noted that there were some refunds due to new members as some were family subscriptions. The fee for this year was \$10/household but this might need to be changed at the AGM.

Report Accepted:

Moved: Kathy

Seconded: Alastair

Subcommittee Reports

1. Petanque Court

We would wait for community feedback before deciding on the best site for this.

2. Reserves

The new notice board was in action but 4 different locks and keys were required to open it. Keys were currently at the shop. Kate volunteered to manage notices on the board.

There was some discussion as to whether we should allow commercial advertising signs - Alastair thought we could have them on one side as at the Matarangi notice board but Dugald and some others felt it should only be for non-profit community events. The question of things like yoga classes was raised...this is a commercial business so should it be allowed or not?

Gordon showed a waterproof plastic drop box he had arranged for people to leave notices for posting. Dugald offered to get it engraved with instructions.

3. Website

Kathy noted that it would cost about \$80 for us to use the krra.org.nz domain name for a few months until the new one was set up. Dugald moved and Mel seconded a motion that: "The committee authorises Kathy to use up to \$300 of our funds as required for website development." This was passed unanimously.

A flyer or newsletter to advertise the website would cost \$15 for rural delivery. Printing would be considerably more. However Keith offered to have Richardsons do the printing for us at no charge.

Keith also thanked Kathy for all the effort and time she had put into the website. This sentiment was agreed by all.

General Business

1. Tree Felling on the Reserve

It was noted that Isabel had contacted the committee about this and had written a letter to the Informer which would probably be published next week. There had already been some letters to the editor about it, both for and against. The community felt they had not been properly consulted about it and there was a perception in the community that KRRRA should have done more. Gordon noted that some of the trees had been a health and safety hazard for some time, especially to the nearby residents and the tops of some of them were rotting out. Trees further along the beach required regular council maintenance for safety reasons.

Keith pointed out that while some residents had contacted him about it some months ago they had initially gone to TCDC for approval. Local Iwi approval for their removal had subsequently been gained. However TCDC had only told the affected residents to approach KRRRA at a very late stage and this had not left us enough time to canvas our members.

Mel felt this was symptomatic of the lack of consultation or communication between TCDC and KRRRA. It was noted that we have had this problem with other issues such as the medical facility and Bluff Road. How could we improve this? One suggestion was for us to have an appointed

representative to liaise with TCDC. Alastair noted that past KRRRA committees had sometimes tried to send one committee member to each community board meeting. It was agreed that he would write to Allan Tiplady to state our concerns and request better consultation in the future.

2. Boatramp Light

Bill suggested we write to WRC to thank them for installing the new light. We could also point out that it was much dimmer than the previous one and perhaps they could look into this for us. Ian Goodall had the details of the new harbourmaster and Alastair would obtain this and write to him.

3. KAMAG

The anti-mining issue was one that had polarised the community in the past and there was considerable discussion on this topic which included input from the visitors to the meeting. It was an issue of considerable concern to many residents and Mel noted that the 2009 Kuaotunu Community Plan had documented opposition to mining in our area in the past. Keith had circulated hard copies to all committee members and Mel thought Lurna White may have some ideas on how to review it which she will follow up with her.

Bill thought that it was something we needed to consult the community about and this was agreed by all. This would be much easier to do once we had the new website up and running. Kathy thought that perhaps this was another reason why we should consider holding an additional public meeting around Labour weekend to discuss this and other issues.

Gordon said it would be a suitable topic to add to our upcoming community newsletter and Kate offered to draft a paragraph about this.

Meeting Closed: 8:40pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell July 23, 2017