

Minutes of a Meeting of Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association

Held on 17th August 2017

Kuaotunu Fire Station

Commencing at 6.30pm

Present

Gordon McRobbie (Chair), Evans Young (acting Secretary), Dugald Hoyland, Chris Twemlow, Bruce Pilkington, Keith Goodall, Bill Muir, Kate Neison, Mel Asquith, Isobel Gilbert Palmer.

Apologies

Alastair Brickell, Kathy Spiers

Received

Gordon/Keith

Public Forum

A large contingent of public attended with three parties having requested an opportunity to address the Committee. These were; Gael Colemand and Martin Smith, Ian Preece, and Viv McLeod.

Gordon invited the three speakers to each speak for four minutes.

Martin Smith (KAMAG) spoke drawing attention to the 2010 adopted Community Plan which made specific reference to the Kuaotunu community being opposed to mining in all its forms on the Coromandel. He requested the KRRRA proceed with a community survey to gauge level of local support for ongoing opposition to mining, and support for TCDC in its defence of restrictions on mining in the District Plan.

Viv McLeod spoke of the history opposition to mining in the community and events leading to the 2010 survey, the process followed to engage with the widest audience and the survey results. She tabled documents detailing the scope and results, which was taken by Chris to study.

That the KRRRA circulate an electronic survey, supported by hard copies, to all KRRRA members and Kuaotunu residents seeking a YES/NO answer to the question "That the KRRRA passes a resolution to support KAMAG opposition to extractive mineral mining and tailing dams in Kuaotunu and the Coromandel". *Kate/Mel* *Carried*

Kate to liaise with Kathy to action through the new newsletter platform.

Chris to liaise with KAMAG co-ordinate survey results.

Minutes of 20th July Meeting

That the minutes of the 20th July meeting, as circulated be approved *Dugald/Kate* *Carried*

Matters Arising

Keith felt that the KRRRA was being unfairly pilloried over its communication with the community over the removal of pine trees from the beachfront reserve. He pointed out KRRRA only received a few days' notice of the impending removal and had no opportunity to comment or liaise prior to the removal.

Financial Report

Kathy forwarded an electronic report which was read. The report showed that Cash at hand totalled \$2,848.97, with income for the month of \$210.00; while expenses (outgoings) totalled \$160.58, split \$22.00 flyer expense, \$138.97 website costs.

That the Financial report be received

Dugald/Keith Carried

Correspondence

The schedule of inward and outward correspondence was read

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Dugald/Keith Carried

General business

Kuaotunu West Footpath

Members requested that on the secretary's return, a letter be sent to the Mercury Bay Area Manager expressing disappointment and concern at the standard of workmanship and quality of finish on the recently completed Kuaotunu West footpath.

Freedom Camping

Members felt this had been debated long enough and that the issue should be referred to the community seeking feedback on whether self-contained freedom campers were welcome in Kuaotunu and, if so, where should provision be made to accommodate them. Kathy to prepare a suitable questionnaire/survey.

Newsletter

Isobel expressed concern at the lack of editorial oversight of the initial KRRRA newsletter. She would like to see broader input and more regular releases. Following discussion it was agreed that minutes of monthly committee meetings would be posted on the website and via Kuaotunu Ketchup as soon as completed, and that agendas for future meetings would also be posted online. Future newsletters will concentrate on items of community interest on a 6-8 week rotation (or more frequently should items of import arise).

NZTA Kuaotunu Boat-Ramp Parking

NZTA's advice of Councils Licence to Occupy was noted and members requested a letter to be sent to MB area Manager seeking re-instatement of "No Campervan Parking" signs at the Kuaotunu boat-ramp carpark.

Harbourmaster

Gordon advised of a meeting with the Mercury Bay Harbourmaster at the boat-ramp at 3.00pm, Wednesday 30th August, any interested party to attend. Items suggested for discussion included installation of buoys indicating 200m restricted speed zone and ability to create restricted/exclusion zones for skiers, water-toys and jet-skis.

NZTA SH25

Bill advised of a meeting with NZTA's maintenance contractor attended by himself, Alastair and Ian Goodall, where the deterioration of the gabion baskets supporting SH25, leading to undercutting of the road verge, was pointed out. A response/ maintenance plan is awaited.

WRC - Proposed Regional Community Facilities Fund

Following discussion it was agreed to take no further action other than to draw attention to the background document contained on WRC website

<https://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/assets/WRC/Community/Council-Meetings-and-Agendas/AGENDA-Strategy-and-Policy-Committee-8-August-2017.pdf> pages 24-42

Kuaotunu Noticeboard

Following discussion it was agreed that the new Kuaotunu noticeboard would accept placement of commercial business cards but not commercial flyers/posters.

Public Participation in Committee Meetings

Following discussion on the draft protocols suggested by Kathy, it was decided to have members further consider the need for formal guidelines and debate further in future.

That the KRRRA have an open forum at the start of its monthly meetings where members of the public can address committee members on any item of public interest or concern. Kate/Isobel Carried

That copies of future agendas be posted on the KRRRA website prior to the meeting to ensure public awareness of business. Keith/Mel Carried

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.08pm