

# **KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**19 October, 2017**

**Meeting Opened:** 6:35pm

**Present:** Committee members Kathy Speirs, Mel Asquith, Keith Goodall, Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Chris Twemlow, Bill Muir and Alastair Brickell. Also attending were residents Murray Speirs, Martin Smith, and Ian Preece

**Apologies:** Evans Young, Gordon McRobbie, Kate Neilsen, Dugald Hoyland, Bruce Pilkington

**Moved:** Alastair      **Seconded:** Bill

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of September 20, 2017 were read.

### **Matters Arising From Minutes**

It was felt that some alterations were needed before these minutes could be finally approved. It was also important that the minutes accurately reflected the content of motions that had been passed by the committee.

Isabel noted that she had informed the last committee meeting of upcoming events regarding the Kuaotunu Library and Chris had asked the TCDC representatives present what provisions had been made for maintenance of Black Jack Road considering the new subdivision at Opito.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Inwards – Gael Coleman concerning comments made between committee members at the last meeting and also the serving of alcohol during meetings.
2. Inwards – Bruce Pilkington explaining action he had taken regarding conflict with another committee member at the previous meeting.
3. Inwards – Kate Neilson regarding points mentioned above and also confusion in the minutes about proposals for buoys and lanes at the boatramps.
4. Inwards – Elisabeth Resl regarding timing of replanting on beach reserve where trees have been felled.
5. Outwards – TCDC regarding results of mining survey.

**Correspondence Accepted:**

**Moved:** Alastair

**Seconded:** Bill

## **Matters Arising From Correspondence**

Alastair will respond to Gael's letter regarding alcohol being available at meetings. He explained that in the past there had been three options for holding committee meetings – members own homes on a rotating basis at which refreshments had sometimes been served, the hall which was often cold in the winter and the fire brigade. There had been a request for payment by way of donation to the fire brigade made in the past but this had been considered excessive by the committee. However, many members felt that purchasing alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks from the bar did help to support the fire brigade somewhat. It was entirely voluntary but required a bar manager from the fire brigade to be present and that was Dugald. Gael's comparison of our meetings to council ones was largely irrelevant as theirs were daytime meetings of paid employees whereas we were volunteers meeting in the evenings in a relatively casual manner.

Mel thought that at times some committee members had been drinking before committee meetings and having drinks available had not been helpful. She was concerned about comments made to her by another committee member at the September 20 meeting and it was agreed by all that all committee members should respect the opinions of others and personal attacks would not be tolerated.

Ian Preece from the floor expressed dissatisfaction with the letter sent to council about the mining survey but Alastair pointed out that the text had been taken exactly from what had been instructed in the previous minutes. The draft of the letter had also been circulated to all committee members and nobody had objected to any part of the wording so it had been sent.

## **Financial Report**

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$230.08 in our Now account and \$2620.82 in the On Call account.

She also reported that since the 20 July meeting, the number of individual members has increased from 76 to 124 (or from 41 households to 67).

The membership fee for this year is currently \$10/household but this might need to be changed back to \$10/person at the AGM. Only financial members would be able to vote. Kathy also suggested that the next survey should go out to members only but it was agreed to defer this decision to a later time.

IRD has indicated that we need to make several changes to our constitution to comply with their requirements for tax exemption status. There are several other considerations such as formalising the proxy voting procedures, establishing a set of rules and she suggested, and it was agreed, that our January public meeting be designated as a Special General Meeting so these changes can be implemented.

Report Accepted:

Moved: Kathy

Seconded: Alastair

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### 1. Website

Kathy noted that as Chris Tegg no longer wanted the domain name of <kuaotunu.co.nz> this was now available for us to use as was the higher level domain name of <kuaotunu.nz>. It was agreed that Kathy should pursue obtaining this latter domain name, and that we had no need for

<kuaotunu.co.nz>.

There were virtually no building costs for the website as this was being done by volunteers. There have been delays with people being overseas and Sasha Penny was now assisting with the website design although she had been away also.

Costs were estimated at \$300/year for the KRRR website and \$600/year for the Hub website although much of this should be offset by advertising on the Hub; probably at about \$50 per business/year with all ads to be the same size. Approval was given for her to spend an additional \$400 on this over the next 3 months. It was agreed that no decision should be made yet on whether to carry on with two websites (i.e. the KRRR site and the Hub site) or whether these should be combined. A presentation on the options would be made to the committee at a future meeting.

## **General Business**

### **1. Boat Ramp Buoys**

Mel felt that the Blackjack boatramp was not a suitable place for an access lane out to the 200m buoys and this generated considerable discussion and there appears to be some confusion of what is proposed and the purpose of the marking buoys. Bill gave a summary of what was being proposed and the reasons why some form of control over jetskis and other water craft was needed. In the past he had sent photographs of water craft operating too close to the beach to the Harbourmaster and it was felt that having the buoys would help to control them.

It was moved by Isabel and seconded by Bill that:

“Bill will contact the Harbourmaster about the installation of 6 buoys for marking the 200m limit in two areas.”

### **2. Newsletter**

Kathy summarised what was planned for the upcoming newsletter and she will include an update on the buoys.

### **3. New Committee Members**

Isabel thought that in the future it would be useful to have new committee members explain their background when they joined the committee.

### **4. TCDC Communication**

We have had no communication from TCDC since MBCB members attended one of our recent meetings. Alastair will write to Allan Tiplady to enquire about progress on the reopening of Bluff Road and whether there will be a no camping bylaw enforced at the boatramp.

Chris commented that we need a contact person to liase with council so issues such as the replanting on the reserve could be addressed.

### **5. Kuaotunu Library**

Isabel gave an update on the library situation. The siting of the building was still uncertain with the following options having been considered:

- adjacent to the hall
- near the soccer field
- near the old schoolmaster's house at the Waitaia Road junction

The hall site seemed to be the favoured option and Keith reminded us that there was a probability that some funding could be available thanks to the generosity of the Matarangi Book Exchange which was largely run by Richardsons Real Estate.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:40pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, November 16 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell October 25, 2017