

# **KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

**16 November, 2017**

**Meeting Opened:** 6:35pm

**Present:** Committee members Gordon McRobbie, Kate Neilsen, Dugald Hoyland, Kathy Speirs, Mel Asquith, Isabel Gilbert Palmer, Chris Twemlow, Bill Muir and Alastair Brickell. Also attending were residents Jannine Verner, Gael Coleman, and Martin Smith

**Apologies:** Evans Young, Keith Goodall, Bruce Pilkington

**Moved:** Gordon      **Seconded:** Dugald

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of October 19 were read. It was moved that those and the amended ones from September 20, 2017 as circulated be accepted.

**Moved:** Alastair      **Seconded:** Kathy

### **Matters Arising From Minutes**

The need for an SGM or AGM to amend our constitution to enact the changes required by IRD and other matters was discussed. Correspondence from IRD on November 9 stating that they would allow us to wait until our AGM in April to enact their required changes meant that there was now no need to have an earlier SGM to change the constitution.

Kate and Isabel brought up the idea again of having a brief profile of committee members available and Isabel will work on some questions for the next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

1. Inwards - Gael Coleman and Martin Smith objecting to alcohol being available at committee meetings and stating that if this policy was to continue they would convey their concerns to MB Community Board and the TCDC.
2. Inwards – Ian Preece expressing concern about proposals for access lanes for jet skis and small watercraft and requesting that the community have a say in this matter.
3. Inwards - Steve Brown Douglas by phone to Alastair and by email on behalf of himself and another resident suggesting that we should not be encouraging campervans to park overnight within the village boundary. These people should be encouraged to stay at the motorcamp or B&Bs instead.
4. Inwards – IRD requesting confirmation that we would address their requested constitution changes at our next AGM.
5. Outwards – Gael Coleman responding to her email of October 16 on refreshments at committee meetings with a copy of the minutes where this issue had been discussed.

6. Outwards – Allan Tiplady, TCDC requesting updates on Bluff Road and the proposed compactor enquiring if a “no camping’ bylaw will be enforced at the boatramp this summer.

Correspondence Accepted:

Moved: Alastair

Seconded: Bill

### **Matters Arising From Correspondence**

Kate brought up the issue of an appropriate venue for our committee meetings and noted that the hall was a community facility.

This availability of alcohol at committee meetings was discussed at length. It was noted once again that we were grateful to the Fire Brigade for being able to use their premises for meetings and some members felt that the purchase of refreshments from the bar could be one way of expressing our thanks to the brigade although this was entirely optional for members. Some members also commented that they were attending the meetings as volunteers after they had finished their working day and felt that members of the public should not be telling them whether or not they were allowed to have a drink.

It was noted that those members using the bar facilities only had one drink during meetings; some of which were alcoholic beverages and some not. Other committee members thought that some members may have had a drink before attending some meetings and that having an extra drink may have contributed to issues at a prior meeting. Would drinks be permitted if meetings were held in the hall? It was decided that there would be no change to the present policy.

### **Financial Report**

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$260.08 in our Now account and \$2623.06 in the On Call account.

We now have an additional 5 new members and she commented that, with our recently increased membership, getting the required 65% of members to attend and approve constitution changes could be more difficult as this was now 83 members. Chris noted that the quorum for general meetings was 20% of membership. Kathy suggested that since our constitution allowed proxy voting this might be a possible solution. Gordon suggested that discussion on this be deferred to a later meeting.

Since IRDs requested constitution changes would need approval from the AGM Kathy moved that:

*“We raise IRDs constitution changes at the next AGM”*

This was seconded by Gordon and passed.

Alastair will write to IRD with the confirmation they had requested.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **1. Boatramp**

There seems to have been some confusion in the community and possibly with some committee members as to what buoys or markings were proposed. Due to delays in our approving of their installation there was now only funding for the Harbourmaster, Peter Head, to install 3 of the 6 originally planned buoys. They will be positioned this summer as a trial 200m offshore towards the middle of Kuaotunu Beach, east of the boatramp and can be easily moved or uplifted if the community was not happy with them. The possibility of also marking access lanes for small

watercraft out to the 200m zone had caused confusion and controversy but they will not be set up this summer. Gordon advised that this proposed lane was to be at the western end of the main Kuaotunu Beach to control the movement of sea biscuits, jetskies, etc. through the near shore zone that might be in use by swimmers.

Bill commented that the small boatramp at the eastern end of Kuaotunu Beach was the original and, for many years, only boatramp. It was quite difficult to use at present due to the steepness of the access to the waterline. Chris and Kathy thought that this issue needed to be discussed in the community and would perhaps be a good subject for the newsletter. Kate will organise some questions for our public meeting in January.

## 2. Library

Isabel distributed some TCDC pamphlets on Council's Library Survey and confirmed that she was no longer on the Library Committee. The general feeling was that library matters did not need input from a particular committee member at present and maybe the library group could just report back to us when necessary and at public meetings.

## 3. Reserves

Chris has spoken to Scott Farrell about trees for planting. These will be purchased from WANT for next year and the community can have a say in which species are purchased. Yuccas and Agapanthis were still a problem on the reserves.

Several committee members indicated that they had not been very impressed with the electrocution method of weed control that had been demonstrated in the area recently.

## 4. Campervans

The issue of ownership and management of the boatramp reserve had been a problem in the past but Gordon had received a letter from NZTA in July stating clearly that TCDC had a "Licence to Occupy" for the boatramp that enabled Council to control parking if necessary. Alastair will write to Allan Tiplady with a copy of this letter requesting that council install "no camping" and "no campervans" signs at the boatramp.

The idea of restricting campervans to motor camps or B&Bs was discussed and it was noted that allowing them to camp in the Kuaotunu area was opposed by some members of the community. However it was thought that travellers had a legal right to stop, at least on state highway reserves, overnight for safety reasons.

## 5. Skateboard Ramp

While there was general support for the project it was noted that no official approach had yet been made to the Domain board about the use of the land that they manage at the sportsfield for this. It was felt by Mel it would be a useful facility as children were using Irishtown Road for skateboarding at present. Jannine Verner offered to assist with the project for general development of this area and the skateboard.

## 6. Petanque Court

Isabel was getting costings for this for next year. It was noted that siting this facility on Domain Board land at the soccer field might mean that some funding could come from the Domain Board.

## 7. Website

Kathy noted that we now had the use of the “kuaotunu.nz” domain name. Work on the “Hub” project had been delayed but no further funding would be required until next year.

### **Public Excluded Session**

Gordon requested that the meeting move into “public excluded” session for the remainder of the meeting. Mel, Isabel and Kate requested that their opposition be minuted.

The public excluded session began at 8:10pm.

Some members felt that having the public attend the entirety of our meetings recently had resulted in excessive time being spent on some issues at the expense of time being available for other possibly more important matters. Other members felt that the public should be allowed to attend regardless in order to promote transparency.

Chris proposed and Mel seconded the motion that:

*The public can continue to attend KRRRA committee meetings in their entirety unless there is a need to go “in committee”.*

After considerable discussion and comments from all committee members a vote was taken and this motion did not pass.

**Meeting Closed: 8:40pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, December 21 at 6:30pm**

Signed: Alastair Brickell November 25, 2017