

KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE KUAOTUNU FIRE BRIGADE

1 February 2018

Meeting Opened: 6:35pm

Present: Committee members Gordon McRobbie, Keith Goodall, Dugald Hoyland, Kathy Speirs, Bill Muir, Evans Young, Kate Neilsen, Bruce Pilkington, Chris Twemlow, and Alastair Brickell. Also attending were members of the public Ian Preece and Shirley Willey

Public Input Session

Ian Preece spoke about the results of the KAMAG survey held by KRRRA last year. As yet only the preliminary results had been presented in our newsletters. He wished to have the final results published as well.

This request was discussed briefly by the committee after which Gordon assured Ian that the final results would in fact be published.

At this point the two members of the public thanked us and left the meeting.

Apologies: Mel Asquith

Moved: Gordon **Seconded:** Bill

Minutes

Minutes of the previous committee meeting of December 21, 2017 were read by the secretary. It was moved that these be accepted.

Moved: Dugald **Seconded:** Evans

Matters Arising From Minutes

It was decided that the secretary should write to TCDC to encourage them to dump spoil from future roadworks on the block of Domain Board land on the old tennis courts as and when possible. This would enable this land to be built up so it might be considered as a site for campervan parking in the future. A culvert for the small stream would also be beneficial.

Correspondence

1. Outwards – Rob Williams, TCDC CEO, thanking TCDC for works completed over last year.
2. Inwards – Isabel Gilbert Palmer tendering her resignation from the committee.
3. Inwards – Brent Page enquiring about AGM voting procedure and details of committee members.
4. Outwards – Brent Page advising that committee member details were available on the website and also the community noticeboard and that AGM procedure yet to be finalised.

5. Inwards – Ian Preece requesting publication of final KAMAG survey results.
6. Outwards – Ian Preece confirming we will discuss this at our next meeting.
7. Outwards – Allan Tiplady advising of poor condition of Blackjack boatramp and enquiring as to its maintenance schedule.
8. Inwards – Allan Tiplady advising that Heather Bruce, MB community Manager, would attend the public meeting and giving his apology.
9. Inwards - Scott Summerfield TCDC notifying of 2018-2028 LTP consultation process from mid-March to mid-April and enquiring if we had any public meetings he could attend during that period.
10. Outwards – Scott Summerfield inviting him to our AGM on April 1.

Correspondence Accepted:

Moved: Alastair

Seconded: Evans

Matters Arising From Correspondence

1. The Secretary will write to Isabel thanking her for her contribution to the committee.

Financial Report

Kathy reported that the bank balance was \$340.08 in our Now account and \$2631.93 in the On Call account with petty cash of \$11.70 giving a total of \$2983.71.

We gained 8 individual members at the public meeting and now have 138 individual members. There were 38% of financial members attending the meeting.

This report was accepted.

Moved : Kathy

Seconded: Bill

Subcommittee Reports

1. Boatramp

There has been further storm damage with Telecom cables now hanging very low.

Alastair will write to NZTA / Broadspectrum about this, the exposed gabion baskets and road erosion with a copy to Sandra Goudie.

Bill commented that the 200m buoys seem to be working and more would be useful to the west of the boatramp. Chris noted that are being moved by storms and maybe need more weight. It was noted by Bill and Dugald that Hahei and Whitianga have buoys with a similar anchorage system to us.

2. Reserves

Campervans - Keith offered to write a summary of the three possible sites being considered for campervans with a bit of background to the issue for the newsletter and a possible future survey of members.

Library – The Domain Board has agreed to fund this up to \$30,000 if DOC is in agreement with the concept but TCDC is still waiting on a building permit.

Petanque Court – The court is now ready for use and was funded by the Domain Board. Alastair will write to thank them.

General Business

1. Upcoming Meetings

The minutes of the public meeting could be published and circulated as “draft minutes” with their official approval being done at the next public meeting. These had already been circulated to the committee. There had been some frank correspondence between Chris and the Secretary regarding the minutes. Keith noted and Gordon agreed that committee members need to be respectful to each other in their correspondence and comments.

Voting procedure at the upcoming AGM was discussed. The number of members attending is what will be important. We currently have 138 paid up members and will need about 98 for voting and /or proxies.

The idea of accepting household memberships is now seen as a mistake but we might have to accept this for the meeting.

Kathy suggested that our next committee meeting should be devoted to changing the constitution and she will circulate draft modifications. Gordon agreed that most of the next meeting should be dedicated to this but we also need to discuss voting procedures. The quorum is 65% of membership with one vote per member and we will discuss the issue of proxies at the committee meeting. Evans suggested that we assume or define each household as having two adult members equating to two votes.

Kathy tabled a document with some suggested changes to our constitution and rules using concepts gathered from other ratepayer groups around the country for committee members to consider before our next meeting.

2. Mel's Illness

Kate updated us on her progress and Alastair suggested we give Kate permission to spend up to \$100 on flowers. A card was circulated for members to sign.

3. Public Attendance at Committee Meetings

Kate wanted clarification of our position on this issue. Evans felt that members of the public should probably be allowed to stay and observe and this sentiment was shared by most members. Alastair thought they should probably not be allowed to comment after the public input session as this was the procedure at TCDC council and Community Board meetings. Dugald noted that the public was not allowed to attend committee meetings at the MB Club of which he was a long standing member. Gordon felt that KAMAG had been using our meetings to promote their agenda when they should actually be doing this themselves.

4. Bike Rack

Kathy noted that it was not getting much use, probably as there appeared to be two bikes permanently parked there. She will speak to Luke about this.

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm **Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 15 at 6:30pm

Signed: Alastair Brickell February 9, 2018