

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kuaotunu Fire Brigade
21 March 2019

Meeting opened: 6:01pm

Present: Brent, Kathy, Kate, Alastair, Luke, Carolyn, Keith later

Public: Niki Creed; Paul Shanks NZ Surf Break Protection Society

1. Apologies: Ian

2. Public Input: Paul gave some background on the Surf Break Protection Society. Surf breaks around the country are recognised and afforded protection under the NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2010, which obliges District and Regional Councils to avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse environmental effects on water all the way to the reef (ie, not just the stream & estuary). Kuaotunu and Otama are named as protected breaks. This policy document can be used as a tool in our water-quality-improvement campaign. SBPS is committed to working with communities to protect surf breaks. Paul suggests we specifically name the Blackjack Reef as a community asset in the Community Plan.

While bacteria in streams is an ongoing issue, a big visible issue this season (and in the past) has been red algae, which is caused by a combination of nutrient loading (mainly nitrogen and phosphorus) from farm run-off/ wastewater, and warm water temperatures. The red algae can affect the kidneys and the liver, and cause skin lesions. If it dries and is dispersed in the wind it can be inhaled.

In Whangamata successful actions have included having the local school conduct a stringent testing regime, results of which were used to put pressure on Council, and testing not just the legally-required 100ml below surface water (clean sea water) but also surface fresh water, where most of the contaminants are. This has become accepted methodology now. However testing is expensive (and Niki added that fecal-tracking testing is even more expensive). The committee thanked Paul and Niki for their time; we can call on Paul in the future if necessary for help and/or information.

Matters arising from the public input:

We could suggest MBAS extends its Whitianga estuary study to Kuaotunu.

KRRA could fund purchase (from Hills Laboratories) of test kits.

KRRA could suggest TCDC offers rates-relief for properties that undertake septic tank upgrades.

We carry on with initiatives to fence & plant stream margins and encourage local property owners to be responsible for their own systems.

3. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 21 February, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Carolyn **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes:

We clarified the matter of the epi-pen for Alastair: even though the Fire Brigade could fund this itself, the KRRA decided it was a nice gesture from us to the community.

Running through the action plan:

Brent: Mussel farms? Iwi around the country are putting in expressions of interest in aquaculture, including the Kuaotunu sub-peninsula. If this progresses, we consult the community and if necessary make submissions. Meanwhile, we keep a watching brief.

Wetland-adjacent property owner contact pending.

TCDC dump-fee waiver - email sent (see Correspondence,below).

Kathy: translating CP into a Word doc and consulting with Viv on-going.

contacting Allan Tiplady re Blackjack toilets pending.

Ian - water-quality sub-committee on hold till after AGM

Caro & Luke - pegged out the half-pipe site; see item 6.2 below

Caro - still to draft medical-register proposal to send to Keith - to clarify, this would be a purely voluntary register - and possibly add this as a brief newsletter item.

All other actions complete.

4. Correspondence:

inwards	outwards
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• from Dean Allen re dump fee waiver; he will have a conversation with the relevant people in the next week or so• invitation from Ratepayers NZ to meeting 23 March• from Isabel accepting Hall hire compromise Easter w/e• from Keith expressing his intention of not standing again at the AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to Isabel suggesting compromise of Hall hire Easter w/e

Correspondence accepted, moved: Caro **seconded:** Brent

Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence:

Kathy to reply to Ratepayers NZ: we can't make the meeting but we are interested in being a part of the federation. A nation-wide federation with similar concerns - eg water quality - could have powerful advocacy.

5. Financial Report:

Not much change. Membership + 1. \$11,509.02 in the bank, of which \$6,543.30 is held for the half-pipe. No payables.

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy **seconded:** Caro

Passed

6. Items for Discussion:

6.1 Newsletter

Kathy showed us her ideas for items for inclusion, asked for help with writing.

- The outcome of the public meeting should be the lead article. **Brent to write a summary.**
- Tribute to Paul Kelly. **Brent to write brief tribute.** Alastair suggested we also write a letter to Paul's widow, thanking him for attending so many of our meetings and being a supporter of the KRRA. Suggesting a resident of Mercury Bay North stand for Community Board elections in October should happen after the AGM.
- Destruction on the Blackjack Reserve. **Caro to write.** (NB there is a public letter of apology from the culprit in the Noticeboard.)
- AGM coming up - we had a brainstorm of new people we can talk to about standing for the KRRA: Craig Lidgard? CArrie Parker? Mat Linnecar? Danny/ Natalie Bay?
- Half-pipe - see below

6.2 Half-pipe

Kathy will include a brief update in the NL, with more information on size, construction, need for more funds, and explain that approval of the Recreation Reserve site from all the bodies involved (DoC, Iwi, TCDC) is taking longer than anticipated. The last we heard from TCDC was the Rec Reserve (domain) site was going to be too hard, take too long (because archeological investigation is necessary), so TCDC recommended some alternative sites. However Luke has had conversations with people implying that it's not *that* hard - and as the Domain site is in all respects the best site (on a recreation reserve not a green space, by toilets, farther from houses, no road crossing needed), **Luke will pursue this.** If there is a space issue with the 18m helipad area, there is a possibility we could shift the position of the petanque court. **Luke to measure.**

6.3 Constitution

The committee approved Kathy's draft email to send to financial members re voting on the Constitution changes at the AGM. **Kathy to email financial members.**

6.4 AGM voting procedure

Brent to book neutral persons for vote-counting/scrutineering. Kathy to include reminder of AGM & call for nominees & voting procedures in NL (including that there's an expectation committee members will be able to attend the majority of meetings); **follow up with posting on KT Katch-up.**

6.5 AGM Responsibilities

This discussion postponed to the next meeting - which has been moved forward one week to 11 April. Notice of AGM will be given in the Informer one week prior, as well as in the NL, Noticeboard, and email.

6.6 Noticeboard

Carolyn has taken the curatorship and will tidy it up, formalise the sections. **Caro to organise noticeboard.**

7. Any other business:

Alastair: we need more regular attendance at Community Board meetings, which are held every 6 weeks in Whitianga. He undertakes to kick this off, and suggests some sort of rotation.

Alastair to attend Comm Board meeting. (NB this is not the first time this has been agreed to by the KRRRA committee in years past- we need to follow up more rigorously.)

Brent: we need to signal to the incoming committee (1st meeting May) that there are a few things on the table to follow through with:

- encourage a candidate from MB North to stand for the Community Board elections in October
- ensure a KRRRA member attends Comm Board meetings
- aquaculture - keep active watching brief on developments
- push forward on water quality (and the CP refresh in general)

8. Meeting closed: 7:45

Next meeting: Thursday 11 April 2019 6pm Fire Station

note this meeting is 1 week earlier than usual

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● contact property owner adjacent to wetland re planting ● write summary of public meeting for newsletter ● write Paul Kelly tribute for NL, and to Mrs Kelly ● book neutral vote-counters 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● continue converting CP2009 into Word, consult with Viv to edit ● find out from AT re BBlackjack toilet ● include half-pipe update in NL ● email financial members re voting on Constitution at AGM ● include AGM matters in NL ● post on KT Katch-up re AGM matters 	
Caro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● draft medical-register proposal, send to Keith for FB ● write NL article about destruction on the reserve ● organise noticeboard 	
Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pursue the Domain site for the half-pipe with Iwi & DoC ● measure the 18m set-back area (helipad) at the Domain to see if it will fit with the half-pipe 	

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Response Plan
- aquaculture development