

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kuaotunu Hall
17 January 2020

Committee members Brent Page, Chair; Kathy Speirs, Treasurer; Kate Nielsen, Secretary; Luke Reilly, Craig Lidgard, Carrie Parker, Carolyn Gibbs, Alastair Brickell, Bruce Pilkington

Meeting opened: 6:05pm

Present: Brent, Kathy, Carrie, Kate, Bruce, Alastair

Public: --

1. Apologies: Carolyn, Craig, Luke Apologies accepted Moved: Brent seconded: Alastair

2. Public Input: --

3. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 21/11/19, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Carrie **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes: Running through the action plan:

Kathy & Carrie's actions completed

Brent: had an informal chat with Victor re Ngati Tamatera wananga/Domain/**half-pipe**. The Kuaotunu Domain is a political football low on NT's priorities list, and they are not supporting any changes to assets which may be part of their final settlement, so there is not a lot of point in a wananga. Other options for the half-pipe: Luke spoke to Hirini re suitability of old tennis court site: no good; flooding issues. The idea of siting the Te Rerenga ramp on private property over the summer came to nought. **Brent to follow up with Luke re the status of the purchase of the Te Rerenga ramp.** At the next meeting we will make a decision whether to continue to pursue the half-pipe, or to return the donated funds held in escrow.

Brent/Luke: the disappearance of the **penguin signs** needs following up.

Brent/Craig: **Fire Station erosion** - KRRRA was asked to support the Fire Brigade pursuing the restitution of the river bank & jetty following September's storm damage. The Fire Brigade now has this in hand. NB it is the Coastal & Inland Waters division of WRC that deals with this, not Hirini. EQC are not interested in supporting this.

Everyone: **capital expenditures ideas** - Brent suggests requesting footpath funding (boat ramp west) be brought forward.

Kathy/Caro: **emergency response info** for newsletter - done. Related: Kathy & Brent reviewed December's **newsletter** and made an executive decision to publish; the committee is retrospectively happy with this.

4. Correspondence:

Thanks to Carrie for taking on the role of Correspondence Wrangler. Committee members have reviewed the correspondence in Dropbox.

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

Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence:

Confirming the process of correspondence: the committee is happy for Kathy and Carrie to exercise their discretion over what is entered into the Dropbox and tabled at meetings.

Non-operational correspondence, eg membership enquiries, requests from the public re transportation options to summer concert, don't need to be brought to meetings. Complaints should be, eg gravel at the boat ramp, to maintain a paper trail. If we have an answer to give, Carrie will; otherwise a standard "Thanks for your input; what do *you* suggest is a good solution?" can be given.

Noticeboard: management is fluid between Carolyn and Isabel Gilbert Palmer. The keys are currently either in the shop or with IGP. The committee supports IGP managing the noticeboard but agrees that someone from the committee (**Carolyn**) should maintain oversight of it - and a spare set of keys. The request-for-service re the Noticeboard in the correspondence was about a bowed front; it has been fixed.

5. Financial Report:

Membership + 1 Not many changes \$5857 in the bank excluding half-pipe funds

Before the AGM in March we should think about how to spend some of this. Kathy suggests we borrow a couple of ideas from the Paihia Ratepayers: they have some good words about why to join, as well as a policy of choosing a local group to make a donation to at the end of each financial year. **Everyone to consider local groups for the next meeting**, to put to a vote at the AGM. Also we need to decide how much we need to keep in reserve.

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy seconded: Carrie

Passed

6. Items for Discussion:

6.1 Spat Farm Hearing Update

Steve Brown Douglas, via Brent, reports that WRC have removed their support from the spat farm. (Documents reflecting this are not in our correspondence yet.) Alastair attended the hearing and reports that the commissioners were thorough and fair. Aquaculture remains on our watching brief.

6.2 Special Zone Status for the Kuaotunu Sub-peninsula

This is an agenda item on the upcoming North Mercury Bay Chairs meeting, championed by Chris Severne, Opito Bay. This meeting (and subsequently our committee and our community) will consider the possibility of establishing a special "biosphere": "a terrestrial and coastal ecosystem promoting solutions to reconcile the conservation of biodiversity with sustainable use". This differs from conservation land, which bars *any* human involvement; biospheres aim to integrate human and environmental needs. The main points:

- dark skies
- free of invasive flora and fauna
- clean water systems
- mandated and protected by central government
- strictly controlled residential and commercial development

The 2009 CP and the 2019 refresh of that plan suggest the community is supportive of these ideas *locally*; our job will be to see if Kuaotunu will support a wider implementation of them, given all the implications. There may be push-back on the idea of control-of-development (even though this was high on the list of CP refresh responses; and it has long been in the TCDC's long-term plan to focus future development around Matarangi).

We should be careful not to tie our Dark Skies initiative too closely to the biosphere project, as the latter is likely to take much longer.

Brent is to make sure the Kuaotunu Community Plan is referred to at the Chairs' meeting.

6.3 Toilet Block Artwork

In spite of much time and asking, no local artist has been enthusiastic about preparing a design for the Blackjack toilet mural. Brent has been in touch with Rebekah Pearson from Tuatēawa who has submitted a first draft design; the committee reviewed it and considers it a bit too cartoony. **Brent to contact Rebekah again** with some further direction: kauri, nikau, wave, beach, kiwi, surfboard, night blending into day with crescent moon/stars; no text. We are waiting for Roimata to submit a Maori design to go on the surfboard.

The fee will be \$1500-2000, including time and materials. Brent & Lise will put Rebekah up. The Council has no funding for this; the meeting agrees that KRRRA should fund it. We agree in principle that we support commissioning Rebekah, for the fee suggested; at next month's meeting, when we discuss local groups to donate to, we will pass a formal resolution.

6.4 Items for Mercury Bay North Chairs' meeting

See above, 6.2. Also:

Summer peak-period debrief: pinch points? The boat ramp was less frantic this summer, due both to the weather and the gravel limiting parking. Long-term solutions to boat ramp issues are (still) irresolvable: parking will always be limited; and the TCDC - who manage the boat ramp (an asset created by locals) - cannot charge for it as it is on NZTA land.

Community Plan - make sure the MBN Chairs' meeting has our latest draft.

Speed restrictions - disappointing non-response from local artists for design ideas for shared traffic zone. **Brent to go back to his urban-planner friend for draft 2** of the concept we saw last year, with a more artsy beachy feel. It was noted that with the summer increase in traffic volume through the village, speed has slowed noticeably, including truckers and tradies. Brent has found an example of Mexican electronic speed bumps that sense the speed of oncoming vehicles and raise/lower accordingly. **Brent to pass this on to Matt Bush.**

6.5 Beach Care Group

Other local beach communities (eg Cooks Beach, Rings Beach) carried on with their groups when TCDC funding was withdrawn; Kuaotunu didn't. While various iterations of Reserve Management groups have since done lots of dune planting, it is felt that a resurrected Beach Care (ie Dune Care) group is necessary to maintain our dunes. This group would be primarily tasked with dune care, not reserves issues like picnic tables etc. A leader is sought within the community to drive this. Viv and Percy - who would have been ideal - are moving away. **Bruce to think about possible folks from the motor camp.** We could also contact Tania (TCDC Coastal

person) when a specific need is identified and council can help - they were pretty good & timely about erecting bollards recently. A Beach Care Group discussion will be added to the AGM agenda.

Alternatively, instead of trying to encourage long-term commitment from people, we could try ad hoc working/planting bees. This might be easier and more successful.

Brent will ask Hirini about Council's general plan for dune care.

Carrie will ask Warwick Lidgard how the Ring's Beach group runs so successfully.

7. Any other business:

7.1 Emergency-response data collection

Update from Carolyn: 21 paper responses and 55-ish online ones have been received so far. There have been many people offering diggers & generators in an emergency. AGM attendees can be reminded to fill in the form if they haven't already.

It needs to be decided who will "own" the data spreadsheet and how it will be shared between interested parties: St John, FENZ, Civil Defence, etc, need access to the information.

7.2 Website update

Progress on the new website has made it cleaner & brighter, with more intuitive links. Brent, Kathy, and Carolyn will meet next week to start filling it out with more content, after which it will be distributed among the committee for approval. It will possibly be ready to go live in February.

7.3 AGM

Only two meetings left before the 2020 AGM - Easter sunday, 28 March. Time to start thinking about standing again.

8.Meeting closed: 7:40 pm **Next meeting:** Thursday 20 February 2020, 6 pm, KT Hall

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● talk to Luke re Te re half-pipe ● attend NMB Chairs' meeting, discuss biosphere, make sure KT CP is referred to ● contact Rebekah Pearson again re mural ● organise draft 2 of the shared traffic zone design ● forward electronic speed bump idea to Matt Bush ● ask Hirini re Council's general dune care plans 	
Carolyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● maintain oversight of noticeboard management 	
Brent, Kathy, Caro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● carry on with website progress 	
Bruce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● think about possible Beach Care Group leadership among motor camp dwellers 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● talk to Warwick Lidgard re Rings Beach care group 	
Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● think of local groups we can make an end-of-year donation to, for discussion @ Feb meeting and tabling @ AGM 	

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan
- Aquaculture development plan
- Council's Long Term Plan capital expenditure
- Kuaotunu sub-peninsula biosphere