

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kuaotunu Hall
19 February 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: 6:03pm

Present: Brent Kathy Carrie Alastair Craig Carolyn Bruce Luke Kate

Public: --

1. Apologies: --

2. Public Input: --

3. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 17 January 2020, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Carrie **seconded:** Alastair **Passed**

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

All actions completed except **Brent, to organise draft 2 of the shared traffic zone**, and noticeboard management. **Alastair to take this over, and get keys from the shop, and have another set of keys cut.**

4. Correspondence: stored in the Dropbox folder; the committee have read it prior to the meeting

- **from Carrie, dune care update**
- **from AT acknowledging LTP expenditure suggestions**
- **from Hannah Wood NZTA, re footpath progress**
- **from Steve Rice, forwarding Spat Farm Opposition progress**

Correspondence accepted, moved: Kathy **seconded:** Craig

Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence: --

5. Financial Report: full details are in the dropbox

Account balances: \$6543.30 held in escrow for the half-pipe \$5879.71 KRRR funds

No new members

\$10.00 income from website advertising

Expenses requiring approval:

- return half-pipe donations : update on the situation:
 - A suggestion has been made that the Te Rerenga half-pipe be put on private land (eg Rebecca Simpson's @ Waitaia Road); however the principal donor has concerns over using public money on private land; there are also liability issues.
 - Luke has been to see the Te Rerenga half-pipe and reports that it's in pretty bad condition, and would require further expenditure to make it fit for purpose.
 - Luke knows someone who has built a private half-pipe in Pauanui; Luke is considering having one built on his own property and opening it to local kids on a regular basis.
 - In summary, after a long time trying, KRRA has been unable to secure agreement for any local public land to site a half-pipe; also, despite two generous donations, general community fundraising/donations have been lacking. Therefore the decision has been taken to suspend efforts on the half-pipe project.
 - KRRA will return Luke's donation of \$2000; the other main donor has suggested his donation be used towards another youth activity project within the village, or failing that a public sculpture of some kind. **Luke to contact Paula Williams with apologies that we are not able to purchase the Te Rerenga half-pipe.**
 - "What to do with the funds" will be asked at the AGM.
- toilet mural - the final invoice was for \$2500, up from the initial quote of \$1500. The excess was because the work took an extra day, as care was taken to incorporate the community's creative input; extra material - graffiti-guard - was required. The committee agrees that the final cost is reasonable for the quality of the work.
- map design for website - Kathy has found someone to design a local map, including dog-exercise areas, freedom-camping area, defibrillator locations, for the website. The cost will be \$201.25

Financial report accepted, and expenditure approved as outlined (return of Luke's half-pipe donation, reimbursement to BP for mural; payment for map design)

moved: Alastair

seconded: Carolyn

Passed

6.Items for Discussion:

6.1 Report on Mercury Bay North Chairs' Meeting

Brent to send his notes/minutes to info@kuaotunu.nz.

Opito is getting protective over the dotterels; also lobbying for a 40kph speed limit through Opito. Matarangi is strongly supportive of TCDC bringing forward LTP spending on Kuaotunu boat-ramp-west footpath. Alastair has been formally asked by MB Community Board to prepare a proposal and action plan towards Dark Skies accreditation. **Alastair to prepare proposal for 8 April CB meeting, and speak at a TCDC meeting.**

Special zone status - everyone at the Chairs' meeting thinks it's a lovely idea, but there will most likely be pushback from the current mayor, especially regarding private property rights.

However we might have more success if it is broken down into component parts: clean water, dark skies, invasive flora- & fauna-free. Brent suggests meeting with Chris Severne, Scott

Simpson (MP), possibly even Nick Smith, who has been Minister for the Environment, to get them on board and actually do something concrete.

We can build our special zone piece by piece, not losing sight of the overall vision, but also not tying the parts together too tightly, until there is enough momentum to carry the whole forward.

Brent to organise this meeting.

6.2 Flotation devices

Opito has acquired flotation devices, funded by opfloat.co.nz. The committee agrees if we can do the same, we should. **Brent to follow up.**

6.3 Defibrillator for KT library

Carol Blair has suggested a second defibrillator in Kuaotunu, and has offered to co-ordinate fundraising. There is currently one in the Fire Station, and Craig & Bruce say that the Fire Brigade is usually called out for medical events, and they have officers trained in CPR. Brent reports that St John is planning to place a defibrillator in Nina's Shop (a person would call 111, give location, then a code to the locked box would be given). **Kathy to let Carol know this development.**

6.4 Reserve Concessions

TCDC has put out a general call for submissions, but with no indication of local consultation.

Brent to write to Nick Kelly, Alan Tiplady, and formally request consultation before any concessions for commercial use are granted by any agency (TCDC, DoC...) in Kuaotunu or Rings Beach.

Related note: the bollards preventing parking in the Blackjack reserve will be replaced in winter.

6.5 Presentation to MBCB & TCDC on Dark Skies

- covered above in 5.1 -

6.6 Progress on Dune Care

Carrie has spoken to Rings Beach, Cooks Beach, and Opito groups. They all agree the most important thing is one enthusiastic leader who rallies people to the cause, and is the liaison with Council. Carrie volunteers to be this person until someone else can be found.

Tania, TCDC's dune dude, has a plan for the Torea reserve, where there is an infection in the spinifex and an invasion of kikuya:

- cordon off areas and limit beach access to formed pathways
- spray - discreetly - the invasive species (spraying leaves the root system in place providing a platform for new plants to grow on)
- use machinery to reshape
- re-plant

All of this can be done over the period of a month by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. This project will be an AGM agenda item. Also, **Carrie will draft an item for the Newsletter.**

6.7 Feedback on footpath balustrade

The portion of footpath east of the boat ramp has finally been completed, and KT Katchup has been running hot with comments about the fence and safety barrier. The learning from this is to make sure KRRA is consulted re: design of the next section of footpath. NB the fence is high because it's jointly accessed by cyclists as well as pedestrians, the same as the footbridge in the village.

6.8 Go-live plan for website

Kathy has been making good progress. She will send the nearly-ready version round for us to look at in the next couple of weeks; the website will be live by 14 March, in time for AGM notification. Carrie commended Kathy for her meticulous attention to detail, but counsels her to let it free into the world! The website will always be a dynamic organic working document, and will never be "finished". Huge thanks to Kathy for her huge effort! **Brent to get a "new residents" photo** (someone carrying a moving box, or similar).

6.9 Next Newsletter

The AGM is Sunday 12 April, so the next NL has to be a month before, to give public notice of the meeting. The next NL will be the first weekend in March.

Items for the NL:

- AGM notice; call for nominations
- Rings Beach Wetlands Group Incorporated Society update - **Carrie**
- Dune care initial project volunteers needed - **Carrie**
- Council has formally requested Dark Skies proposal - **Alastair**
- toilet mural colour photo
- community emergency response plan - **Carolyn**
- art escape plug, if timing works
- water-quality monitoring - Luke & James Muir have begun collecting data from the main stream and intend to expand to side streams later; **Luke/James**
- poll re preferred dates for public meeting (January or October?)
- cost of council rubbish bags - \$0.65 at Pak-n-Save; \$2.50 at Whitianga New World!!

6.10 AGM Planning

- **Kathy to investigate app for text-notices**
- sandwich board should be out at least a few days early; should be cleaned up? Easier to read? **Kathy & Carrie**
- **everyone to drum up interest for a full meeting**
- **Kathy draft agenda**, for approval at the March committee meeting
- Lise has offered to help at the AGM - thanks, Lise! Also, Lise will do the letter of review of financial records. The meeting agrees she is suitably qualified.

7. Any other business:

7.1 Cost of council rubbish bags See 6.9

7.2 Rings Beach Wettest in North Island in 2019- thanks to Warwick Lidgard's official NIWA data collection

7.3 Boat Ramp dirt & weed pile - Paul Reilly will take it away and Bruce will organise dumping behind the Campground (not NZTA's gravel, but the other weedy pile).

7.4 Standing at AGM? Craig & Luke are maybes, but we reiterated the importance of a wide range of perspectives on the committee. Also we discussed changing from monthly to 6-weekly meetings which might be more achievable.

7.5 Voids in the community: we need a Dune Care leader (see 6.6), and also someone to take on the Food Forest.

7.6 Penguin signs Brent has met with FR twice, and rather than getting the signs returned, FR has offered to pay to replace them. **Brent to get quote for signs, forward to FR.**

8. Meeting closed: 7:45 **Next meeting:** Thursday 19 March 2020, KT Hall

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● organise draft 2 of shared traffic zone design ● send MBN meeting notes to info@... ● organise special-zone meeting with Chris Severne, Scott Simpson, poss Nick Smith ● follow up flotation devices ● get a “new residents” photo for the website ● get penguin/kiwi signs quote & forward to FR 	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● take over noticeboard management ● get nb keys from shop, get another set cut ● prepare formal Dark Skies proposal for 8 April MBCB meeting; follow up with TCDC agenda item; draft NL item re same ● 	
Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● sort out ½ pipe non-purchase with Paula W ● write (+James Muir) notice that water quality monitoring has begun 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● let Carol Blair know re ST John defib ● investigate bulk text-message app for AGM notice ● sort AGM sandwich board ● draft AGM agenda 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● draft Dune Care item for NL ● draft Rings BEach Wetlands item for NL ● sort AGM sandwich board 	
Carolyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● draft Comm Emerg Resp item for NL 	
everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● drum up interest in AGM, aiming for a full meeting 	

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan
- Aquaculture development plan
- Council’s Long Term Plan capital expenditure