

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kua Kawhe
21 May 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: 6:08 pm

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

Public: --

1. Apologies: Craig

2. Public Input: --

3. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 19 February 2020*, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Carolyn **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

**the committee meeting in March and the AGM in April were cancelled because of the Covid-19 lockdown*

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

Brent: the shared-traffic-zone artwork is still pending; Chris Saverne, Scott Simpson, etc keen to meet re biosphere special zone - the aim is to meet next time Scott is here; flotation devices, see below item 4; new residents photo done; still awaiting quote re penguin/kiwi signs

Alastair: has assumed management of the noticeboard and will get another set of keys cut; **Alastair will send round the "policy" before the next meeting** for review, so we all have a clear idea of what's appropriate and what's not; the Dark Skies proposal for MB Community Board is pending, once meetings recommence

Luke has spoken to Paula W re non-purchase of half-pipe; James Muir's devices are still gathering water-quality data in creek at Luke's; **Luke to ask JM for interim report on data collected so far**

Kathy has contacted Carol B re St John defibrillator; bulk-text-message app investigation still pending; AGM items moot

Carrie: NL items done; AGM item moot

Carolyn: Emergency response item for NL done

4. Correspondence:

Carrie summarised correspondence from the March meeting:

- invitation to join Federation of Ratepayers Associations of NZ Inc; the committee's decision is to wait and see if they develop a broader representation (they seem primarily to be focussing on fundraising for Mangawhai Heads)
- Tim Hayde's letter re commercial yoga operation concessions on reserve - Brent has emailed Alan tiplady, reminding the TCDC that we request to be consulted before any concessions are granted on Kuaotunu reserves. **Carrie to relay this to Tim.**

Facebook was a fantastic platform for Covid-19 information; maildrops, signs in the shop and the notice-board, and the website were also used to keep in touch with the community. Kathy notes that website traffic has increased noticeably over the last couple of months.

Lessons learned: check expenditure with TCDC beforehand; Courtney Linnekar won't be reimbursed for the home deliveries, because Te Korowhai in Whitianga *could* have done it, but we decided on a local response. Also, KCERT's role needs to be clearly-defined and well-known: they are providing information on the rules, not policing them. (They copped a bit of flak about the restricted-access signage, but it was felt that the needs of the elderly and vulnerable residents of isolated communities, as well as lots of empty baches, needed protecting. And there was quite a bit of day-tripping going on.)

Brent, on behalf of the committee and the community, extends a formal vote of thanks to Carolyn and the KCERT team.

6.2 AGM, committee elections

We have an online mandate to carry on as we are, but we need to make plans for an AGM sometime this year, when restrictions on large gatherings are removed. The Chair's Report and the Treasurer's Report have been published online, but the annual financial statement needs to be submitted to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies by 30 September. **Kathy will email Incorporated Soc and inquire about an extension.** We will aim for an AGM in late September/early October, and will finalise time, day, and format (wine & cheese!?!?) later.

6.3 Coast Care Planting

Dune Care Group The newsletter item asking for expressions of interest in forming a dune care group had extremely limited response, and all from people who are already heavily committed. Tania from TCDC suggests we focus on one area at a time, put a planting plan together, (preceded by a spray programme), set a date, and tell people to come. Carrie recommends the dunes at the Blackjack Reserve to start with. Once underway, this area can be used as a "flagship" to attract public enthusiasm for more permanent ongoing maintenance. The Dune Care Group needs a dynamic committed passionate person to lead it. **Luke to ask Mark Bunyan to talk to Carrie about this.** Paula Williams says Te Rerenga students are available to help. Adopt-a-dune schemes are a good way to get families involved, generate emotional & lasting connections with the work. **Carrie to contact Tania to move this forward.**

Coastal Panel The TCDC is setting up advisory groups to manage coastal management planning, composed of representatives from community organisations, iwi, citizens, businesses. KRRRA should nominate someone; TCDC selects from the nominations. Carrie offered to be nominated, but is already very committed to other projects. James Muir? Graeme Osborne? **Carrie and Brent to proceed with the nomination.**

6.4 Floatation Devices

We had been under the impression that opfloat.co.nz would fund floatation devices; however they charge for the rings and the boxes (which holds other things, for example jellyfish-sting remedies?), we provide the post, and they simply install them. This would come to \$370 per site, + post. Could we re-paint the board at Kawhero Drive and put a new ring on it instead?

(Opfloat charges \$220 for a ring, they are much cheaper at marine supply shops.) - But do we really need them? There have been very very few incidents requiring rescue at Kuaotunu beaches; it requires strong swimming and some skill to use lifesaving rings; in conditions where rescue might be needed - big surf - there are more than likely loads of surfers out to help. Any decision will be shelved for the winter.

6.5 Council Annual Plan, Capital Expenditure

We reaffirmed our commitment to continue lobbying for the footpath west of the boat ramp to be brought forward to this year.

6.6 Newsletter

Kathy is seeking ideas for the next newsletter:

- KCERT reflection - **Carolyn (+ Carolyn Wadey-Barron) to do this**
- AGM pre-notice: *probably* early October
- photo gallery of isolation activities: Goodall family beach art, Ian Preece -**Kate to post on KT Ketchup**
- Hall committee update on photo-book
- dune-care call-to-action - only if the planting date is set up in time

7. Any other business:

Alastair had a small note re a stranger from a Manaia iwi proprietarily surveying the School of Mines Lane roadworks/bridge repair during lockdown. This is probably not an issue we need to be overly concerned about at this stage.

A WRC representative - Robert - has been observing stock in the stream in the wetlands (Heron Trust?) and asking about fencing, so we may see some movement on that issue.

What are the rocks at the boat ramp for? Nobody knows - possibly as part of the Fire Station repair?

Should we have 4- or 6-weekly meetings? The committee is unanimously in favour of 6-weekly.

8.Meeting closed: 7:45 **Next meeting:** Thursday 2 July 6 pm, Kua Kawhe

Thanks everybody - nice to see you all again!

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● send round noticeboard guidelines ● prepare & submit to MB Comm Board re Dark Skies 	
Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ask JM for an interim report on water-quality data ● introduce Mark bunyan to Carrie, re Dune Care Group 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● reply to Tim H re yoga concessions ● + Brent, do Coastal Panel nomination 	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● reply to KEA letter ● + Carrie, do Coastal Panel nomination 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ask Incorp Soc re extension 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● post on KT Ketchup asking for isolation activity photos 	

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Aquaculture development plan
- Council's Long Term Plan capital expenditure