Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association Minutes of extraordinary Committee Meeting held at Kua Kawhe 27 August 2020

Meeting opened: 6 pm

Present: Brent Page, Kathy Speirs, Kate Nielsen, Luke Reilly, Carrie Parker, Carolyn Gibbs, Alastair Brickell, Bruce Pilkington, Courtney Linnecar, Danny Bay

The main purpose of this meeting is to convene the new committee for the first time after the online voting, and to elect the Officers.

Welcome:

Brent welcomed the two new members to the committee, and praised the rich balance of age, skills, and geography.

Election of Officers:

The Committee is happy for the previous Officers to stand on.Moved: Bruceseconded: Danny

passed

The Officers of the 2020/2021 Committee are thus:

- Chair: Brent Page
- Treasurer: Kathy Speirs
- Secretary Minutes: Kate Nielsen
- Secretary Correspondence: Carrie Parker

Induction:

<u>Dropbox</u> The KRRA's documents - minutes, financial reports, correspondence - are stored on Dropbox; Kathy will invite Courtney and Danny to the KRRA dropbox.

<u>Minutes & Community Plan</u> The new members should read one or two of the recent meetings' minutes, and also the Community Plan, to get an idea of where we're at.

<u>Particular mission?</u> The new members have joined to contribute to the community, and to add energy & enthusiasm to worthwhile projects. Courtney will be the liaison with the Kindy, as it's an important part of the "hub" of the village (Hall, Kindy, Fire Brigade, Shop, Luke's) and there is room to improve our communication with the kindy.

General Business:

<u>Dune planting:</u> recent rains & high tides have caused damage to the new plantings. Tanya (TCDC Reserves) has re-planted, and re-erected some fences; Carrie asks that people keep an eye on the Blackjack reserve, and let Carrie know if more remedial work needs doing.

Hall AGM is Saturday 5 September. All are welcome.

Dark Skies update

Signage: Chris Severne, Opito RA Chair, has successfully applied for a grant (approx \$2000) from Mercury Bay Community Board for signage. Would one really big sign (as on Stewart Island) at the entrance to the sub-peninsula (ie at Kuaotunu village) have more impact than several smaller signs scattered around? Do we already have small-sign pollution? Perhaps a big mural on the side of the cafe?

Video: Luke has spoken to Josh Kennedy; he can produce something that is perfect for social media, including time-lapse photography, comparative photos of dark-skies/non-dark-skies, scenic drone footage, an interview with Alastair, for \$700 + GST. Alternatively he could do a short-and-sharp 60-second piece for \$500.

Pamphlets: Endeavour print can do x300 single-sided A4, for \$169 incl GST, or x300 double-sided for \$270 incl GST. Ideally all three Ratepayers' (KT, Otama, Opito) will share the cost, but if not, is KRRA willing to shoulder the whole? No decisions regarding pamphlets will be made by the Dark Skies committee without prior consultation with the KRRA.

Resolution: that the KRRA funds the printing of pamphlets, and tries to recoup a portion of the cost from Otama and Opito Ratepayers.

moved: Carolyn	seconded: Bruce	passed
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Carrie, Kathy, and Alastair will take this meeting's input to the upcoming Dark Skies committee meeting.

<u>Newsletter</u>

Kathy would like to send the next newsletter on Saturday 5 September. Ideas for items therein:

- water-quality testing update Brent to get an action photo of James Muir.
- new AED on Noticeboard
- Dune update on the initial planting working bee, and also a notice to keep an eye on storm damage, to ensure maximum survival of plants. Carrie to draft.
- traffic-calming update indicate that we are hoping to pilot calming measures through the village over the summer, but without specifics. Relay the information that NZTA has highlighted Kuaotunu as a stretch of SH25 that needs focussed review.
 - TCDC have denied our request for temporary rubber speed bumps (they will do a traffic count over the summer; apparently "Kuaotunu has enough traffic-calming measures"). Brent has told them this is unacceptable.
 - Kuaotunu Kindy has been advocating for a pedestrian crossing; we can pool our lobbying power with improved communication with them.
- Ring's Beach kiwi photo
- Dark Skies project is gathering momentum watch this space!

- Kuaotunu Emergency Response Team a short piece on how to navigate fluctuating Alert Levels in the future Carolyn to write a draft.
- Food Forest update lots of new energy there! And a communal to-do list in the shed. Courtney to draft.

Meeting closed: 6:45 Next meeting: Thursday 24 September, 6 pm, Kua Kawhe

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Kathy	 invite Courtney & Danny to join dropbox 	
Courtney	 bring any relevant/overlapping kindy issues to KRRA meetings draft food-forest update for NL 	
Brent	 get a photo of James Muir in action 	
Carrie	draft Dune Care item for NL	
Carolyn	 draft short piece on KERT-how-to-navigate-levels for NL 	
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Watching brief:

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