

# KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION INC.

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING Held at KUA KAWHE, Black Jack Road Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

*Committee members: Brent Page, Chair; Kathy Speirs, Treasurer; Kate Nielsen, Minutes Secretary; Carrie Parker, Correspondence; Luke Reilly, Carolyn Gibbs, Alastair Brickell, Bruce Pilkington, Courtney Linnecar, Danny Bay*

**MEETING OPENED:** 6.00pm

**PRESENT:** Brent, Kathy, Carrie, Luke, Carolyn, Alastair, Bruce, Courtney

**APOLOGIES:** Danny Bay, Kate Nielsen

### 1. **PUBLIC INPUT:**

None

2. **MINUTES:** Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 24 September 2020, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Brent **seconded:** Carolyn **Passed**

#### 2.1. **Matters Arising**

**Bruce:** No one was allocated for follow up on the Epipens for the local volunteer fire brigade. **Bruce will follow this up. Kathy will put this contribution to the community from KRRR in the newsletter.** Also to be included is an article on the fire brigade changes, including the new yellow engine.

**Alastair:** The noticeboard has had a KMAG notice up for a month which has now been removed. Discussion held on the displaying of an anti-spat farm notice. Committee agreed if this was a notice with an action or meeting (rather than just expressing a view), then we would post it on the noticeboard. Generally notices will only be posted for upcoming events, and if there is any ambiguity on this then the notice will be referred to the committee for agreement on a case by case basis.

#### 2.2 **Action Summary update**

**Carolyn:** Has accepted Nigel Latta invitation.

**Brent:** Has followed up with NZTA, and around the traffic calming initiatives. Discussion will be held later in this agenda, however it was expressed that as a committee we do need to be prepared to discuss this as a topic at the upcoming AGM.

**Carolyn:** **Still need to send photos to Carrie** identifying signpost places for dunes in reserve opposite the Sports Domain.

**Brent:** **Is still to follow up with Ange Gregory** (to cover this later in minutes).

### 3. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence is in the Dropbox. KRRR Correspondence accepted:

**moved:** Carrie **seconded:** Alastair

**Passed**

**Matters arising from the correspondence:**

**Jacqui Noble email regarding Freedom Campers.** TCDC did issue a number of \$200 fines resulting from violation of bylaw rules around freedom camping. This will be discussed later on the agenda.

**Biosphere.** To be discussed further in agenda.

**Bluff Road Slip.** Advice that this is under archaeological investigation per email from Heather Bruce TCDC.

**Mercury Bay Reserve Management Plan Update.** Carrie encouraged input on the draft MB Reserve Management Plan. **Carrie has undertaken to read this and flag any specific concerns** via email to committee members – especially as regards concessions granted on reserves as we have previously asked for consultation around these.

**Whitianga Ratepayers Newsletter.**

#### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Kathy tabled the financial report. Current balance \$7680 (down \$3,000 due to the refund of a previous half pipe donation). \$1,500 of the current funds are also held for payment of the penguin signs replacement.

There are currently 171 financial members.

Kathy asked for approval of renewal of the current domain name and email hosting which will cost \$70. Kathy has also requested that the committee consider a payment of \$25 for a QR code specifically to direct people to the Kuaotunu website. **Kathy will renew domain name and pursue QR code.**

Financial report accepted and expenditure approved:

**moved:** Carolyn **seconded:** Alastair

**Passed**

#### **5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

##### **5.1 Discuss fireworks ban (Jill's letter)**

Letter read from Jill. General committee discussion around fire bans including fireworks. It is understood that there is a legal ban on fireworks in our area only when there is a total fire ban in place. **Bruce Pilkington to check this out and clarify. Once this is done he will communicate to Kathy for an article in the newsletter, and the committee will also report back to Jill.**

##### **5.2 Photobook progress (Carrie)**

Carrie advised that the Simpson family have provided photos, and Carolyn also has a couple to contribute to Ian. Ian is moving to Tauranga and this is an expensive and reasonably time consuming exercise so we do need someone local to pick this project up, and to work with Ian – particularly on the aspect of archive protection. This does not need to be a KRRRA committee member necessarily, but could be anyone from the community interested in the preservation of our local history. Options for printing compilations and photobooks are many and varied, and Brent suggested tabling this at the upcoming Public Meeting to seek a person to step into this important role. **Carrie will get back to Ian Patrick on this.**

##### **5.3 BP activity report – Following meetings with TCDC, Chris Saverne, Warwick Wilson (Biosphere) etc.**

##### **TCDC:**

Brent met with Alan Tiplady on 19<sup>th</sup> October. He advised that the damaged picnic table on the reserve is being replaced, and that the Bluff Road slip is being investigated as an archaeological site of interest. He also advised that there are new Roving Managers at TCDC who have

currently received our request for traffic calming measures in the Kuaotunu Village. They are to come back to us but there has been no response to date. Of note two new speed restriction signs were placed on the entry to Black Jack Road, and discussion held around the inadequacy of this in terms of impacting traffic speed. **Brent will follow up with TCDC if there is no word from them by the end of next week.**

### **Biosphere:**

Brent met with Chris Saverne, Paul Cook, Warwick Wilson – representatives from Opito, Otama (and Waitaia representation). There is support in principal to move forward with a common voice on this platform. Discussion in these meetings looked at trusts and incorporated societies, however the best option is seeming to be a working group comprising the three chairs of the representative ratepayers groups, plus one further member from each ratepayers committee. Along with this the working group should also include a representative from DOC, and a representative from local iwi Ngati Hei. Brent provided an explanation of the ‘Biosphere’ concept and the underpinning pillars of this to the new members of the committee. These pillars comprise: invasive flora and fauna free, clean water systems, retention of the integrity and cultures of our three coastal communities, international dark skies sanctuary, marine protection and regeneration, central government recognition.

As a result of these meetings and subsequent discussions Brent put forward a resolution as follows:

**“The KRRRA Committee supports the establishment of a working group to explore options for the creation of a special designation for the Kuaotunu Peninsula that will further the three communities social, environmental, and economic aspirations. The group shall consist of the chairman, and one other committee member from each of the three Residents and Ratepayers groups, plus an invitee from DOC and Ngati Hei.”**

**moved:** Brent    **seconded:** Carrie    **Resolution passed unanimously (Kate absentee yes vote)**

**Brent is to discuss the offer of the community plan refresh template** to the Opito and Otama Residents and Ratepayers Associations.

### **5.4 Public Meeting planning – agenda, responsibilities**

**Brent and Kathy** feel there has been enough clarification of which issues should inform the upcoming Public Meeting Agenda. **This will be drafted by them collaboratively and circulated to the wider committee for comment.** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January is the confirmed Public Meeting date.

### **5.5 Footpath update (Courtney)**

Courtney spoke to Garrick and Gordan regarding mowing the footpath, and then to Paul Reilly regarding running over portions with his digger. There is no intention for structural alteration, just clearing a safe pathway particularly for children and families to walk to the village. It was discussed that NZTA wouldn’t allow this, and general conversation was held around common sense being overruled by legislation. This is also connected with the pursuit of a 50km zone from Cemetery Road. **Brent is going to connect with Liam Ryan** in Hamilton (Waikato Regional Council), and bring Courtney into this discussion also. **Courtney has expressed her desire to continue pursuit of this initiative via a wider community voice.**

### **5.6 Dark Skies update (Alastair)**

A survey of properties indicates there are 672 (with 1179 buildings present), however of greater concern are the percentages of resident versus non-resident as this has more implication on ‘usual’ light pollution. Per the Stewart Island model Alastair believes we should pursue an exemption for private lighting, and he has sent a letter this week to the Dark Skies designers.

He believes there is favourable comparison as we are far less dense than Stewart island in terms of population, and there is also potential to extend the geographical boundaries on this basis. Alastair advised that possible changes to council rules around new lighting rules will support this movement even further.

### 5.7 Freedom Camping (Carolyn)

Carolyn echoed Jacqui Noble's concerns (see correspondence), particular around the reserve opposite the sports domain which saw multiple occupants (three tents and five campervans) over the Labour weekend period. Rubbish was picked up around the reserve and Carolyn is concerned there are no signs prohibiting freedom camping as there are for Black Jack Reserve. This is requiring action prior to summer as it is reported that due to Covid restrictions the Coromandel area are expecting over 30% more visitor numbers over and above the usual summer influx. **Brent is going to email Alan Tiplady** on this issue and request signs for the Kuaotunu foreshore reserves.

### 5.8 Shoreline Management Plan update (Carrie)

Carrie attended a very educational meeting last week, and reported back that Kuaotunu is not considered a problem area for erosion; only inundation. Panel member Jamie Hutt (Waitaia Road resident), has agreed to come to the next meeting in early December. In terms of Dunecare, **Carrie and Mark are meeting with Tania to map out the rest of the summer working bees, and Carrie will communicate these with Kathy for insertion into the newsletter.** This will include more information (if possible), on the plans for removal of the dangerous Macrocarpa on the foreshore reserves.

## 6. AOB

None

**MEETING CLOSED:** 7.58pm

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021

### WATCHING BRIEF:

1. Helicopter pad
2. Civil Defence Community Response Plan
3. Aquaculture Plan
4. LTP Capital Expenditure

<b>ACTION SUMMARY</b>	<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>
Follow up on epipens donation to Fire Brigade	Brent
Include story covering epipen donation in Newsletter	Kathy
Photos for beach reserve dune signage to Carrie	Carolyn
Follow up with Ange Gregory	Brent
Read Mercury Bay Reserve Management Plan update and flag relevant info to committee	Carrie
Renew domain name and pursue QR code.	Kathy
Check out official rules around fireworks communicate to Kathy and wider committee.	Bruce
Include article around fireworks in newsletter	Kathy
Committee to report back to Jill's correspondence	Brent
Report back to Ian Patrick on photobook discussion	Carrie
Follow up with TCDC on traffic calming measures if there is no word from them by the end of next week.	Brent

Discuss the offer of the community plan refresh template to the Opito and Otama Residents and Ratepayers Associations.	Brent
Public Meeting Agenda to be drafted collaboratively and circulated to the wider committee for comment.	Brent & Kathy
Footpath upgrade - Brent is going to connect with Liam Ryan in Hamilton (Waikato Regional Council), and bring Courtney into this discussion also.	Brent & Courtney
Email Alan Tiplady on the issue of freedom camping and request signs for the Kuaotunu foreshore reserves for the summer peak holiday season	Brent
Carrie and Mark to meet with Tania to map out the rest of the summer working bees under the Shoreline Management initiative, and Carrie will communicate these with Kathy for insertion into the newsletter.	Carrie and Kathy