

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Carrie Parker's
9 December 2021

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

Meeting opened: 5:40 pm

Present: Brent, Carrie, Kate, Erica, Danny, Alastair, Courtney

Public: --

Apologies: Kathy, Bruce, Luke

1. Public input --

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 4 November 2021, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Erica **seconded:** Carrie **Passed**

****See post-meeting addendum, in AOB below**

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

Carrie has had no response yet from Matt Flynn re the Waitaia Track update.

Erica showed us two options for signs for the Kuaotunu Hill layby. The group agreed on the small yellow ones, \$2.00 each from Pinky's. **Brent** and Terry will mount them on board and nail them to two appropriate trees, one facing in each direction.

Danny : Dugald was *moderately receptive* to the idea of local kids giving input to the painting of the recreation court surface but says the project is in the Council's hands now, and that Alastair will be the Domain Board's liaison with KRRRA. Danny raised the question of the actual material surface and whether it would be suitable for skateboards and scooters. **Danny will ask Dugald.** Brent reiterated the need for the DB to be transparent and consult with the community. **Alastair will write a brief article for the next NL:** what's happening, what it will look like, how it's being funded, to let people know *before* work starts.

Brent is making progress with the 5th pillar definition but still needs to **get photos of stock grazing** on the Heron wetlands and send to WRC with RFS. **Brent is still to get info on hi-viz vest printing.**

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

Correspondence accepted, moved: Carrie **seconded:** Kate

Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence:

Epipens

Motion: that the KRRRA funds two new epipens for FENZ, total \$240 incl GST.
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moved: Brent **seconded:** Alastair all in favour

Passed

Basketball hoop: **Courtney is still following up.**

Food waste survey - the link to the survey is in the dropbox file; the survey is still live. It's an important initiative.

Water bore on the Blackjack Reserve - Alastair has suggested a box cover high enough to be a bench seat. Artistic flair can be added later; functional is expedient for now. **Alastair to confirm with Tanya**. The bore will serve the shower at the toilet block, and if the water is of suitable quality KRRRA could fund the installation of a drinking fountain.

e-waste drive 18/19 December in Whitianga. **Courtney to post on KT Ketchup**. We discussed a cage-trailer collection point in Kuaotunu to make it as easy as possible for people to participate - but it would get too complicated with fees for large items.

Traffic calming - Ed Varely has written; see item 5.1 below.

4.Financial Report:

We have not received a report from Kathy, who's in transit in Australia. There were no major financial issues pending.

5.Items for Discussion:

5.1 Mercury Bay North Chairs Meeting report (Brent)

Opito are concerned about the removal of the Mollusk (large rubbish bin, similar to those outside the Matarangi dump. The Whangapoua mollusk has also been removed; KRRRA has some concern that Kuaotunu, in the middle, might get the overflow and TCDC might want to put another Molok compactor here. No thank you. Opito Ratepayers' are also concerned there has been no action on the pohutukawa vandalism at Otama.

Matarangi reports that the restoration of the spit walkway has been signed off and the work will be done.

Otama registered concern over the Blackjack Road slip, and reported that a new cellphone tower will go up on the ridge on Garrick Simpson's land to be shared by Vodafone, Spark, and possibly 2 Degrees.

Kuaotunu Brent expressed his strong dissatisfaction at Ed Varley's latest correspondence re traffic calming measures. Yet again, slick bureaucratic avoidance techniques have sidestepped our community's real fears over pedestrian safety. Brent also notes that Waka Kotahi have halved their allocated funding for the next two years, and footpaths are likely to be cut from plans.

5.2 Water Bore Cover

See correspondence, above.

5.3 Shoreline Management Plan update (Carrie)

The recent public consultation meetings were disappointingly-attended.

Current progress: For each area, risks from inundation and erosion have been identified, and preferred pathways defined to deal with the risks.

The next stage is looking at trigger points: when planning and then work needs to start to ameliorate inundation & erosion damage. The panel has begun with the Whitianga area, which is proving very difficult. When the Kuaotunu area is under consideration, Carrie and Jamie Hutt (also on the Panel) will request some time at a KRRRA meeting to report findings.

6. Any other business:

Carrie reports two disturbing instances of vandalism: 1. A car at the top of the KT hill had been left there in good order and was subsequently smashed up. 2. Last Monday night the toilet block at the Domain, and the barbecue, the canopy, the field, were vandalised and graffitied. Danny saw it happening and drove his truck onto the field, and the people left. TCDC was notified and a council contractor spent a whole day repairing the damage. It is believed at least one of the taggers has also been vandalising in Whitianga and Thames. Tanya (TCDC) is following up with police. There is no action for KRRA to take - but keep on having pride in our place.

Kate reminds us we need a decision re our usual Public Meeting in January. It is possible to meet in the Kuaotunu Hall under Amber, with maximum 50 people 1m apart, with masks. However it was felt that, because there is a lot of uncertainty and anxiety about the next few weeks (Auckland border opening 15 December) it is premature to schedule a meeting. We will issue a statement along the lines of

Due to ongoing uncertainty re Covid, at this stage we are not planning to have our usual January Public Meeting. The committee is still active, however, and we welcome your input, so please feel free to contact any of us. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for 27 January 2022.

****Post -meeting addendum:** missing from November's minutes is the item about the January public meeting. Even after Kathy pointed it out, Kate forgot to add it in. Apologies from Kate!

Kathy to put in Newsletter.

Watching brief:

- helicopter landing pad
- Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan
- Aquaculture development plan
- annual Labour-weekend road-side clean-up (see 2021 April minutes for details)

Kate to remove helicopter landing pad from watching brief: the issue seems to have disappeared; and Civil Defence Community Defense Response Plan also, as KCERT is now handling this brilliantly.

Meeting closed: 6:45 Next meeting: Thursday 27 January 2022, at Kuaotunu Hall



Merry Christmas



ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • put signs up at layby • get photos of stock grazing in Heron wetlands, forward to WRC • get hi-viz vest info 	
Danny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask Dugald re recreation court surface material (or contracting company) 	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draft brief newsletter item on recreation court resurfacing: what's happening, what it will look like, how it's being funded • confirm with Tanya re bench-box over water bore 	
Courtney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • follow on with basketball hoop info • put e-waste drive poster on KT Katchup 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • put notice in NL re no January public meeting 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove heli landing pad & Civil Defense ERP from watching brief 	
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