

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association  
Minutes of Committee Meeting  
held at Kuaotunu Hall  
3 February 2022

*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:** just after 6pm

**Present:** Brent, Carrie, Kathy, Kate, Danny, Erica, Alastair

**Public:** --

**Apologies:** Courtney

**1. Public input** --

**2. Minutes:** Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 9 December 2021, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Alastair **seconded:** Erica **Passed**

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

Brent: went with Terry to put up Surveillance Cameras signs on the KT hill layby, to find that the TCDC (through Reserves Management) has blocked both entrances, but *not* removed the rubbish (fridge, etc) down the bank. KRRA had floated the idea of blocking the layby to stop fly-tipping with the council many months ago; Council said they couldn't as it was Waka Kotahi jurisdiction. We had since changed our minds as many in the community do not want the layby closed, and decided to try the signs as a deterrent.

Related:

Paula Williams reports a drop in fly-tipping at that spot.

There has been fly-tipping opposite Firefly Design on the KT hill; TCDC has removed only *half* of the rubbish.

Some Bluff Road residents tip garden waste on the reserve over the road.

Dumping green (and other) waste at the Matarangi transfer station is prohibitively expensive.

KRRA next steps: **Brent to email Council:** Please remove the rest of the rubbish; please move the north blockage further into the layby, to allow stopping but hindering drive-through dumping; please consider making dump fees in Matarangi accessible as we believe there is a correlation between the fees and the illegal dumping.

Brent: photos of stock grazing in Heron Trust wetlands still **to do**.

Brent: printed hi-viz vests for roadside clean-up from Oceana Medical cost \$16.50 apiece. **Erica to investigate** cost of Warehouse vests printed locally (Endeavour Print? Coastal Signs?)

Danny: query to Dugald re recreation-court re-surfacing material pending. **Danny to follow up**. Also (from a previous meeting's action plan), Danny reports he has been unable to contact Burt re mountain-bike access to forestry.

Related:

Ed Varley (TCDC) told Brent that forestry companies have signed Memorandum of Understanding with various bike clubs re forestry access - **Erica to contact Noel Hewlett (Whitianga Bike Park) to follow this**.

Alastair: newsletter item re court resurfacing still pending. **Alastair to get written confirmation from Domain Board that this work is underway; and write NL item; also forward this draft to Danny so he can write his Hoop item.** See also Item 5.1 below for the related issue of the basketball hoop.

Courtney - hoop - see Item 5.1 below

### **3. Correspondence:**

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

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

**Passed**

#### **Matters arising from the correspondence:**

✦ Jude Wicks' query re the cell tower has been answered by Carrie: Spark, Vodafone, and 2 Degrees will be sharing use of the tower on *Council* land (not Garrick's) and it should be underway mid-February. (Related issue: Telcos pay \$10,000- \$20,000 annually to lease land; should TCDC be questioned where that money is going? IE is it coming back to *our* community?)

✦ A suggestion was made via the website form-submission that George Simpson be one of the locals profiled on the website; **Carrie will contact Barb Meredith re writing this.**

✦ Lots of correspondence re traffic calming: see item 5.4 below.

✦ KEA correspondence: an email from KEA to KRRRA and others pointed at Project Kiwi as using residual poisons in its operations. It was followed by emails from Project Kiwi, declaring that only non-residual poisons are used, and the Rings Beach Wetlands Group, in support of Project Kiwi and asserting that one of the signatures on the map that accompanied the KEA letter was used inaccurately. KRRRA has decided not to respond to the KEA letter as it is misleading and inaccurate.

### **4. Financial Report:**

**Financial report accepted and expenditure approved, moved:** Kathy **seconded:** Carrie  
**Passed**

Account balances basically unchanged: \$9,224.22

No outstanding creditors

Outgoings in the period: \$240.00 for 2x Epipens for FENZ

Membership unchanged: 188

No expenditure needing approval.

**Matters arising from the financial report:--**

### **5. Items for Discussion:**

#### **5.1 Airtime basketball hoop**

Courtney has been working with Peace to get information about upgrading the hoop on the recreation court at the Domain. The recommendation is an Airtime hoop, with regulation-size backboard, and adjustable height, (which will best serve as wide a range of users as possible). The cost is \$3,400.00.

*Installation:* Written permission from TCDC and the Domain Board will need to be sought - Alastair to get permission in writing from DB and request KRRRA is consulted on the timing of this work. What are the logistics of court re-surfacing/hoop installation? Danny to find out, and write a brief Newsletter item after seeing Alastair's on the court resurfacing.

*Funding:* we suggest a 3-way split between KRRRA, Domain Board, and community donations (eg Luke's could be a sponsor). If the DB's funds, after the resurfacing is paid for, won't run to a third share, we go 50-50. This will fulfil our intention of spending some of our funds, and leave some to contribute to traffic-calming.

## 5.2 Next Newsletter

Kathy passed round the draft she's been working on, to be published the weekend after Waitangi (IE 12/13 Feb). Items to be added to that draft:

- court re-surfacing (Alastair)
- hoop intentions & fundraising (Danny)
- pre-notice that we are at this stage planning to *not* hold an AGM (see Item 5.3 below); a separate email will follow towards the end of March (Kathy)
- Bluff Road Closure: KRRRA agree that after the recent rockfall the Bluff Road is dangerous and should not be used; however we are working with the Matarangi Residents and Ratepayers on a long-term solution that will secure recreational access to this popular community asset, that is in line with TCDC's and central government's commitment to maintain walking and cycling connectivity in communities. (Kathy)

## 5.3 AGM?

The AGM would normally be held on Easter Sunday (17 April 2022). However it is not practical to hold such a meeting under the Red covid setting: the Hall requires 1-metre distancing which would limit numbers to 50, and we need a quorum of 66 members to elect a committee and pass a resolution on membership fees.

Instead we will ask the membership's approval to roll over the current committee, as we did last year, with a couple of other nominees to fill possible vacancies.

Related: Alastair, Danny, Kate have not committed to standing again; we don't know the intentions of Courtney, Bruce, Luke (all absent at this meeting).

Possible nominees: people connected to other strong community groups, like FENZ, Kuaotunu Katchup.

Perhaps we should also, in the AGM-info email, request feedback on what's going well, what issues are bothersome, any other comments - as we feel we've been acting in somewhat of a vacuum during these covid times. An online poll? -


It is noted that this will make work for Carrie, going through responses.


## 5.4 Traffic-calming

An anonymous rogue-action zebra crossing painted in front of Luke's has had *almost* universal support from the community (Brent to touch base with Garrick - FENZ - re concerns); garnered some negative correspondence from the Council and some great publicity in local media; and resulted in some temporary 30km/hr signs erected by Council, which have been seen to have a noticeable effect in slowing traffic.

Correspondence with Ed Varley on this issue is in the dropbox; however another, more positive, email arrived this morning which Brent read to us. In summary: Shared traffic zones are normally only allowed in areas that are permanently 30km/hr; TCDC does not have authority to arbitrarily change speed limits; the area is a through-road so needs to support heavy traffic to Otama and Opito subdivisions. However a 30km/hr through Kuaotunu village *is* possible; is being promoted by TCDC; a proposal to Parliament has been delayed by covid. The only legal way for the community to participate is a Licence to Occupy. **Brent to reply to Ed:**

 we request a permanent 30km/hr zone

 we agree to white “gateways” at the Blackjack Road turn-off and at the bottom of the Blackjack hill, with big blue & white Shared Zone signs (as at Rings Beach)

 we would like painted bands (more effective than the current ones) & ideally bumps (although we recognise main road and noise contraindications for bumps)

 include letters of support from Matarangi, Otama, Opito R&Rs

### 5.6 Footpath

Over the summer, residents have noticed increased foot traffic along SH25 between Waitaia Road and the village, highlighting the need for a safer walkway.

### 5.7 Shoreline Management Plan

Carrie updated us on the panel’s progress: risks have been identified and modelling done for the Kuaotunu and Kuaotunu West areas. Work is underway to define triggers and to set actions. Another Open Day in the near future will be held to share the latest information. It is noted that these risks and triggers are not immediate; no timeline is being predicted; these are *if..then* calculations. KRRR applauds Carrie and the other members of the panel for the time and effort that they are putting into long-term strategic planning, the benefits of which they might not even see in their lifetimes.

### 5.8 Recent Bluff Road rockfall

An engineer’s report commissioned by TCDC has declared Bluff Road extremely dangerous, and has closed it to through traffic of any kind (NB Alastair believes the risk to be moderate only). The TCDC is considering the recreational value of the road for pedestrians and cyclists, and proposes, as one option, a bridge which would bypass the unstable cliff area completely. (The netting previously used was expensive and ineffective; any other attempts to stabilise the rock would be temporary and on-going.) KRRR fully agrees with retaining the road as a cycle/footpath. Mark Bedford, Chair of Matarangi R&R, is supportive also and has written to Ed Varley on the issue. KRRR agrees that MB leads the correspondence and is the single point of contact with council; **Brent to reply to EV concurring with MB’s email.**

**Brent will also convene a meeting** with Mark, Alastair, Kevin Crawford (a Technical Director at Beca, an engineering firm), John Gaukrodger (who has expertise in building suspension bridges for rail-trails) on-site to discuss a proposal for a point-to-point suspension bridge, to put to council.

**Kathy will write a brief NL item: KRRR supports TCDC recommendation to not use the road past the rockfall, but we’re working on a long-term solution etc etc.**

**6. Any other business:**

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**Watching brief:**

- Aquaculture development plan
- annual Labour-weekend road-side clean-up (see 2021 April minutes for details)

**Meeting closed:** 7:48 pm    **Next meeting:** 17 March 2022

## ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● email TCDC re layby: remove rubbish, move blockage, reduce dump fees</li> <li>● photograph stock grazing in Heron wetland</li> <li>● reply to EV re traffic calming</li> <li>● get traffic-calming support letters from Matarangi Otama Opito re traffic calming</li> <li>● touch base with Garrick re FENZ concerns with traffic calming</li> <li>● reply to Ed V concurring with Mark's rockfall email</li> <li>● organise meeting re rockfall/suspension bridge</li> </ul>	
Erica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● investigate cost of Warehouse hi-viz vests printed locally</li> <li>● contact Noel Hewlett re forestry access for bike clubs</li> </ul>	
Danny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● contact Dugald re court re-surfacing material</li> <li>● write brief NL item on KRRRA's intentions re hoop upgrade (in conjunction with Alastair's court item)</li> </ul>	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● get confirmation in writing from DB that court resurfacing is underway</li> <li>● write NL item outlining plans for court resurfacing; forward to Danny for reference in his hoop item</li> <li>● get written permission from DB to upgrade the basketball hoop</li> </ul>	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ask Barb M re George Simpson profile</li> </ul>	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● write NL item concurring with TCDC re closure of Bluff Rd @ rockfall</li> </ul>	
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