

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kuaotunu Hall
28 April 2022

Committee members: Brent Page, Chair; Kathy Speirs, Treasurer; Kevin Crawford, Minutes Secretary; Carrie Parker, Correspondence Secretary, Alastair Brickell, Kate Nielsen, Luke Reilly, Danny Bay, Steve McKenzie, Roimata Taimana

Meeting opened: 6pm

Present: Brent, Kathy, Kate, Alastair, Carrie, Kevin, Steve, Roimata

Public: no attendees

Apologies: Luke Reilly, Danny Bay

1. Public input - no attendees

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 17 March, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Brent **seconded:** Alastair **Passed**

Proposal – Carrie continue as Correspondence Secretary and Kathy as Treasurer – agreed unanimously by members of the Committee

Welcome to the new committee members – Steve, Roimata and Kevin

Proposal to appoint Kevin Crawford as Minutes Secretary – **moved** Brent and **seconded** Alastair

Chair - Brent Page – Brent away overseas approx 4 months from 28 May – proposal for co-Chair – decided not to formalize this role but in the event that Brent was unable to Zoom in whilst away, an attendee would be selected for that meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes: Running through the action plan included in the 17 March minutes:

Erica: Forestry access for Mountain Biking – It was understood Danny Bay was covering the Forestry Access dialogue with Summit Forests (new owner of Earnslaw One holding) **Kate to follow up with Danny Bay** for a report back next meeting

Brent: Court Resurfacing refer item below, **Pump-Box Enhancement** refer item below, **Layby planting plan** – no response from Higgins to 2 emails / concern re planting season upcoming propose recontact via phone number hopefully obtained by Jenny Crawford from Tanya Patrick TCDC or Kevin Crawford contacts, if no response KRRRA do planting – refer detail in item below,

Freedom Camping Bylaw – refer email correspondence with TCDC, Bylaw has been revoked by TCDC as procedurally incorrect but it was not however replaced – this resulting in no enforcement over summer. Brent expressed KRRRA concern to TCDC that polite requests by enforcement officers to relocate non-self contained vans and noting max 2 nights to those that were self contained were ineffective. TCDC proposing a new compliant bylaw to include no freedom camping at all in Kuaotunu area. Noted that the roadside park for 3 vehicles between the boat ramp and Bluff Road and boat ramp carpark (this being maintained by TCDC) were

under Waka Kotahi jurisdiction. They were available for free camping but only the latter had toilet facilities

Kate: **George Simpson Profile** - **Kate to ask Paulette Simpson** re George Simpson Profile

Kathy: **AGM** action complete, **Newsletter local body election** included in the 7 May newsletter

Courtney: **Artspace** - **Kate to email IGP** on Courtney's behalf re an article for the newsletter

Carrie: **Dave Simpson Newsletter article** - Rebecca Simpson has been approached – **Carrie** proposed that it is easier that she attends the upcoming Memorial Service for Dave at the Fire Station and write notes as basis of the article to pass past Rebecca for review

All: ideas for pumpbox beautification – refer notes below

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

Correspondence accepted, moved: Carrie seconded: Alastair Passed

Matters arising from the correspondence: see Items for Discussion below

4. Financial Report:

Dropbox & included in material circulated for the AGM also summarised at the AGM

Total bank balance: \$10,257.62

Outgoing: \$23 for more hi-vis vests for Kuaotunu Kleenup day, \$163.88 for 5 yr renewal of kuaotunu.co.nz domain, \$21.29 for Zoom

Expenses requiring approval: None

Financial report accepted

moved: Kathy Speirs **seconded:** Brent Page

Passed

Matters arising from the Financial Report:

Kathy noted that KRRRA has 211 members of which 64 % are paid up (1/3 for 5 years)

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Noticeboard Refresh

Correspondence received from Isabel Gilbert-Palmer (IGP) and followed by presentation from AGM floor by her– for a refresh of the content and appearance of the Noticeboard. The Committee discussed the approach and email content and unanimously applauded Alastair Brickell's weekly maintenance of the items displayed and the content of the board and requested he continues this task for another year.

5.2 Request for Service RFS re vegetation overhang on SH25 - at Blackjack turnoff

The road safety issue of visibility heading west after the SH25 bridge due to overhanging vegetation discussed. Brent advised aiming at this trim being included with other cutting of vegetation at the corner.

5.3 Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement

Brent has taken the suggestion at the AGM of Fleming Rasmussen up with Matarangi RR Chair that an incorporated society be setup to advocate for the proposed suspension bridge and

receive external funding. Matarangi Chair, Mark Bedford not keen to add another Inc Society as both Residents and Ratepayers Associations (RRA) were already Inc Societies. Raising funds was considered as premature as TCDC has still not responded with any view on their stance regarding the suspension bridge despite the efforts to contact Bruce Hinson by both KRRRA and MRRA Chairs.

Noted that MRRA takes the lead on approaches to TCDC with KRRRA in support.

5.4 TCDC Annual Plan feedback response from KRRRA

TCDC's request for input re the Annual Plan wasn't received in time for KRRRA to prepare a formal response. A request for feedback from the community at large was widely publicised.

5.5 Request for KRRRA input into All about Whitianga

Agreed other forums / publications including our own Newsletter served Kuaotunu sufficiently.

5.6 Request from Coromandel Ratepayers Alliance for KRRRA to join

Len Salt of CRRRA request for KRRRA membership and participation and joint actions with the Alliance was discussed. Noted there already was a meeting with TCDC 4x year of Whangapoua, Opito, Otama and Kuaotunu RRA and this was seen as adequate to represent KRRRA interests. **Brent Page to have coffee with Len Salt** enquire further of proposed activity and express KRRRA view above.

5.7 TCDC maintenance of Bluff Road connection Cuvier to Rings Beach

AGM item from floor by Diane Barron (Rings Beach resident) on TCDC plans to improve / maintain Cuvier to Rings Beach – Brent has sent an email to Ed Varley TCDC and yet to receive a reply.

5.8 Resurfacing of Domain Courts

The Domain Board (DB) has \$27k to contribute to the resurfacing, Danny and Sue Costello (TCDC) met Dugald (our contact with DB) and Dugald notes he will not release funds for concrete resurfacing – refer correspondence.

The Community Board has \$11k to contribute if it is expended prior to 30 June 2022

There are quotes for concrete resurfacing from Peninsula Concrete and synthetic turf from Tiger Turf (revised with amended layout – refer 28 April email) and Team Turf.

KRRRA wants a multi-use facility available to tennis, basketball with hoops added and skaters and skateboarders. Noted that TigerTurf over the full area does not serve that multipurpose function. KRRRA recognises that the best outcome is a community consensus of all funding parties on the resurfacing material.

Kevin noted important that any concrete resurfacing is done to appropriate standards and further detail needs to be requested from Peninsula Concrete as to the specification in their quote and Sue Costello TCDC informed of this.

Action: **Alastair to approach Dugald** to explain KRRRA's position and need to have a multipurpose outcome and ideally confirm DB funding contribution to concrete resurfacing.

Resolution: Committee agrees to allocate KRRRA funds as a contribution to a multipurpose recreational resurfacing of the existing slab to a value of up to \$7k based on KRRRA recommendation to Sue Costello (TCDC) – email 20 April 2022 **moved:** Brent **seconded:** Carrie.

5.9 SH25 Layby on Kuaotunu Hill

Committee agreed to reapproach Higgins (Ben Buttimore) for a planting layout plan and programme for the now bare land at the layby– **Brent to re-approach Higgins by email and phone** and failing that inform Tanya Patrick and get advice on planting type. **Jenny Crawford** to obtain Ben's ph number from Tanya or **Kevin** via Higgins contact and send to Brent.

5.10 Siting of additional Pohutukawas from TCDC

Responsibility for siting the 4 pohutukawas on the Reserve that are owed from TCDC agreed to be **Jenny Crawford and Tanya Patrick** (TCDC) – should be 3 more replacing those lost in floods or have died -refer Tanya email 28 April. Proposed Location: replacement of two washed away from streambank opposite store and also along perimeter of estuary to north. Tanya comments that adjacent the road is not practical (conflicts with services) and prefers side of estuary offset from bank so that not vulnerable to further flood erosion.

5.11 Drone Footage of coastline for Kuaotunu Dune Care restoration planning

Keith Goodall utilised Richardson's Real Estate drone to capture the area from Cuvier to the Blackjack Reserve in zones for an inventory of the condition of the dunes and for planning of restoration. Agreed to record KRRRA thanks to Keith for undertaking this and Kevin proposed a typical aerial to be added as an item to the next Newsletter.

5.12 Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve

Discussed that the outcome to be a woodwork artistic treatment of the existing bench and ugly vertical portion – possibly enable it to be a seat with stair or step to climb up / view shaft west whilst still accessing power box on the rear side (this also could be artistically treated as an opening door for example). KRRRA interested to make contribution to artist to agreed Woodwork concept – **Roimata to advance this.**

Water testing is underway results shortly – if drinkable there is potential drinking fountain / water bottle filling tap funded by TCDC.

5.13 Traffic Calming

TCDC have a number of options and as yet not shared with KRRRA – Brent to request from Ed Varley and / or Bruce Hinson so that there is community input into any proposal **Brent to continue to advocate** for road markings and speed limit lowering with Bruce Hinson and with TCDC Councillor nominees in Local Body elections.

6. Any other business:

6.1 Chair's Report at AGM

Noted that the tribute made by Brent Page at AGM to Dave Simpson for Dave's truly significant 25 years' service to KRRRA

6.2 Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas - suggestions included:

New Committee members/ AGM/ Library article /New Shop Owners/ Drone view of Coast/ Local Body Elections.

6.3 Alteration of Committee Meeting Times

To facilitate an easier time for those working especially in evenings – agreed 9:30 am Fridays.

6.4 Liaison people

With Bruce Pilkington and Courtney no longer standing on the Committee - direct links to FENZ. and preschool are not represented – keep as a watching brief - Alastair to cover FENZ.

Watching brief:

- Aquaculture development plan
- Annual Labour-weekend road-side clean-up (see 2021 April minutes for details)
- Liaison with FENZ, preschool, Domain Board and other local organisations
- Walking and cycling / road safety SH25 Cemetery Road (east) to Hillside (west) – recognition that expenditure of funds for next FY being decided at present by TCDC – re part share - completion of Bluff Rd to boat ramp opportunity – contact Deli Connell for detail (result of AGM discussion)

Meeting closed: 8pm Next meeting: 9:30 am Friday 27 May at the Hall

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Layby planting contact Higgins by email again and by ph on receipt of ph number from Jenny / Kevin Crawford 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRR Alliance – meet Len Salt re background of request and state KRRRA view 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS - trees / visibility at Blackjack turnoff 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Followup with Ed Varley TCDC re Bluff Road – Cuvier to Rings Beach maintenance / improvements proposed 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bluff Rd Rockfall suspension Bridge contact Bruce Hinson jointly with MRRRA Chair on TCDC position on proposal. Followup with Deli Connell (AGM action) 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic calming – request of TCDC Ed Varley for options and followup with Bruce Hinson 	
Brent / Danny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts resurfacing - Coordinate with Sue Costello re KRRRA funding and DB outcome from Alastair / request detail of concrete resurfacing from Peninsula Concrete 	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts Resurfacing - Alastair to approach Dugald to explain KRRRA position and need to have a multipurpose outcome and ideally confirm Domain Board funding contribution to concrete resurfacing 	
Kate /Danny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Danny re advancing Forestry access for Mountain Biking with Summit Forests 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> re-ask Paulette Simpson re George Simpson Profile 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> email Isabel Gilbert Palmer re Artspace article for NL 	
Kevin/Jenny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layby planting - Source Higgins Ben Buttimore phone number from Tanya Patrick and provide to Brent 	
Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve – advance concept with other artists incl IGP 	
Roimata / Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layby Planting layout 	
Jenny Crawford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pohutukawa siting on Blackjack Reserve /Tanya Patrick 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Dave Simpson memorial service and develop notes for a NL article 	

