

Kuaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kuaotunu Hall
27 May 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: 930am

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

Public: Bill Muir, Ian Goodall

Apologies: nil

1. Public input - Bill Muir / Ian Goodall – Boat Ramp and Ian Goodall with Alastair Brickell – Resurfacing of Domain Courts – refer Section 5.1 & 5.2 - Items for Discussion

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 28 April, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Kathy **seconded:** Roimata **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes: Running through the Action Plan included in the 28 April minutes: (various items in Meeting detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Danny: Forestry Access for Mountain Biking – Danny Bay contacted Summit Forests re Forestry Access dialogue with Bert Klein from Summit Forests (new owner of Earnslaw One holding) his position is that Summit will not sanction free access to the forest. Summit are already working with Whitianga Mountain Bike Club (an Inc Society) – **Danny & Kathy** agreed to research further and add this information to the newsletter - and Luke noted a project at the entrance to Opito underway.

Brent:

Layby planting plan– Tanya Patrick TCDC had discussions with Brent and Ben Buttimore (Higgins) re constraints of volunteers working in the road reserve and the cost of traffic management.

CRR Alliance - Len Salt met by Brent and advised him that KRRA did not see advantage in CRR participation.

Bluff Road – Cuvier to Rings Beach maintenance – email to Ed Varley sent response awaited – noted that traffic counter was installed on Bluff Rd near campground entrance (now relocated)

RFS vegetation overhang on SH25 / bridge barrier repair- at Blackjack turnoff

Vegetation trim has been actioned by Waka Kotahi under traffic management but Committee members agreed it was not as effective as it could have been. Kevin noted he had in a separate RFS requested (now reactivated) regarding broken barrier on the bridge and re-erection vertically of signage which requires further traffic management - **Kevin** to contact Waka Kotahi

Kate: George Simpson Profile – pending - **Kate** to ask Paulette Simpson re George Simpson.

Carrie: Dave Simpson Newsletter article - **Carrie** advised no date set for the upcoming Memorial Service for Dave at the Fire Station and when known she will attend and write notes as basis of the article to pass past Rebecca Simpson to review.

Jenny Crawford – **Pohutukawa siting on Blackjack Reserve** – Tanya Patrick has been met and location decided - quantity 5-7 no. expected from TCDC but subject to availability and suitable size.

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

Correspondence accepted, moved: Steve seconded: Kate 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: \$10,383

Outgoing: nil in month

Expenses requiring approval: None

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy seconded: Brent Page Passed

Matters arising from the Financial Report:

Kathy noted that KRRRA has 214 members of which 60 % are paid up.

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Boat Ramp – Presentation by Bill Muir / Ian Goodall

Boat ramp operations in the area were discussed and Bill noted that in easterly wind regimes – Matarangi and Whangapoua boat ramp users revert to Kuaotunu ramp because of safety issues on the Whangapoua bar and Whitianga boaties use Kuaotunu ramp to access Mercury Islands as it saves considerable time and fuel. Noted high investment by TCDC into the other ramps for limited use in easterlies in summer and autumn.

Recent boat ramp annual charges notified by TCDC to all of the region's boat ramps (except Kuaotunu as it is not under TCDC jurisdiction) will only exacerbate the existing situation and extend peak period problems at our ramp – parking and SH25 swale parking particularly affecting this community's access to the ramp and SH25 walking and cycling safety in the vicinity.

Bill tabled a plan (in correspondence dated 15 May) showing a proposal to broaden the slope of the rock seawall to a 2025 cross section to dissipate wave energy and to maintain the concept of flushing the sand and weed buildup of the ramp by the low section of the seawall (in effect a groyne) near the base of the concrete ramp. This will ultimately reduce the need for maintenance. Luke noted the groyne could be higher to protect boats being buffeted at high tides – **Bill and Ian** to discuss further and then with Alastair seek TCDC view.

This proposal provides a longer term reduced maintenance plan and involves minimal TCDC input. Kuaotunu boat ramp protection built by locals with KRRRA contribution. TCDC / iwi and Environment Waikato (EW) involved in last work in 2000 and any proposal is likely to need such approval for maintenance proposal.

Noted that the Parking area is in a Waka Kotahi Road Reserve and ramp itself not a Council asset.

Committee agreed that TCDC needs to take a proactive role and view it as a key Mercury Bay asset particularly given the demands the new policy of ramp charging will have on our ramp.

Action:

- TCDC (Bruce Hinson) to be approached as to the integrity of the solution proposed by Bill Muir and to contribute rock from other projects and plant for rock to be placed to achieve the slope and confirm involved parties for approval. **Alastair with Bill Muir**
- TCDC Harbour master to confirm TCDC role for the ramp itself – **Luke** to check status with Harbour master

5.2 Resurfacing of Domain Courts

Background:

- 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 and a concrete overlay would. KRRRA recognises that the best outcome is a community consensus of all funding parties on the resurfacing material.
- The Domain Board (DB) has \$27k to contribute to the resurfacing. - Dugald notes he will not release funds for concrete resurfacing – preferring TigerTurf for the two courts.

The meeting noted that Alastair and Ian Goodall are both members of the Domain Board and want a multi recreational facility – a concrete overlay solution as long as suitable bond to the existing concrete can be assured. Both had viewed a variety of tennis courts in the local area.

Danny noted many in the community with young children wish to see a concrete multi-recreational surface. Brent and Danny had met Sue Costello and Heather Bruce and confirmed KRRRA proposal of concrete overlay with two halves – one tennis court and the other half with various activity markings for basketball etc and area for skating and bikes.

Dave (DB) and Heather Bruce and Sue Costello (TCDC) had met again and Brent was rung and was advised there was a “concession” proposal by TCDC for a multi recreational solution for skaters, bikes etc involving concrete laid around the petanque court and toward the library - refer correspondence. Brent responded it needed KRRRA Committee approval with a layout diagram and costings. Nothing has been received and there is a concern KRRRA need to make a clear call.

There is uncertainty about the extent of this “concession” added concrete and its interface with the library and whether TCDC have consulted with iwi – Noted this adds further cost. Ian Goodall conferred with Dave outside the meeting but it appears there remains uncertainty about

how far the concrete extends and whether the size would serve the KRRRA multi-recreational function seeks.

Roimata noted his experience that scarifying the existing surface could achieve bond. Kevin agreed but requested that KRRRA get better detail from Peninsula Concrete Laying and other concrete contractors such as Concreteworx who can demonstrate track record of other successful overlays and provide a detail specification in including methodology – preparation and a concrete mix design that reduces cracking.

The Committee reinforces its view that:

- A multi – recreational surface concrete overlay or repair existing surface better serves the community than TigerTurf.
- Our \$7,000 contribution is contingent on a concrete overlay that has an assurance of performance for a warranty period similar to TigerTurf.
- Two different surfaces : one a synthetic turf for tennis / the other as concrete for basketball / skaters / bikes is preferred but has serious issues (low fence or nib is a danger to tennis players and it is difficult to keep skaters / bikes off the turf).
- The Community Board has \$11k to contribute if it is expended prior to 30 June 2022 and this could be directed at equipment basketball hoops etc whilst the type of resurfacing was negotiated or an extension of time requested.
- Detail of the “concession” proposal of concrete outside the tennis court to be requested from TCDC.

Actions:

- **Brent or Alastair** to get the proposed additional concrete area defined by TCDC including funding and iwi approval status.
- **Danny** to obtain additional detail including successful examples / specification and methodology on concrete overlay from several concrete contractors.
- **Alastair, Ian and Danny** to meet the Domain Board to explain KRRRA’s position and need to have a multipurpose outcome and ideally confirm DB funding contribution to concrete resurfacing then **Danny** to draft and **Danny and Alastair** to email a joint KRRRA / DB position to TCDC and state KRRRA commitment to multi-recreational concrete overlay and hopefully with DB in agreement and then meet TCDC (Sue / Heather) to present proposal.

5.3 Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement

John Anson has taken over from Matarangi Chair, Mark Bedford and there has been another meeting with Lisa Church / Ed Varley TCDC and Hadley of Destination Coromandel – and agreement to reposition the issue as restoration of a recreational asset as part of a walking and cycling Coromandel asset – a Tracks and Trails Initiative. Refer Correspondence Committee agreed to make it a key project as KRRRA input at the Destination Coromandel meeting for a 10 Year Vision.

Actions:

- **Kate / Steve / Luke**- Attendance at Destination Coromandel meeting at Pipers.

- **Luke** to forward plans he has obtained to Kevin.
- **Kevin** to research Bluff Road Rockfall Reserve designation.

5.4 Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve

A design involving a wrap around mural on the pump structure has been received from Rebecca Pearson via Tanya Patrick of TCDC Parks & Reserves – It was aimed at complementing the mural on the toilet block. It was circulated for Committee review.

Roimata described meeting other artists and a manuka pallisade concept around the Pump House and will produce a graphic - Noted that Joe Davis Ngati Hei was positive that local artistic works be used. TCDC can fund either from their budget.

Action: Agreed that two designs be circulated to the Committee and then to Tanya Patrick at TCDC **Carrie and Roimata**.

Water testing results still not available– if drinkable there is potential drinking fountain / water bottle filling tap funded by TCDC – Location maybe away from Pump House.

5.4 Destination Coromandel Management Plan meeting

Meeting invite to KRRRA for 10am-12noon 2 June at Pipers Matarangi (refer Correspondence) - to discuss community vision for the next 10 years and identify key projects for the Kuaotunu Peninsula for input into a Development Management Plan (DMP). Funding is from TCDC and Hauraki District Council.

Committee confirmed that the two projects to be presented by KRRRA as:

- Suspension bridge restoring the walking and cycling link with Matarangi and as part of a wide tourism walking and cycling network for the Peninsula.
- Kuaotunu Peninsula Biosphere programme including the Dark Sky proposal.

Action: **Kate / Steve / Luke** to attend the meeting to confirm above KRRRA position.

5.5 Kuaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky

Alastair reported on progress with funding of a Private Plan Change to TCDC for a Dark Sky Designation to be carried out by Kahu Consultants – Opito RRA funding \$ 5,000 and applications to various pub charities underway. Significant economic tourism benefits demonstrated by other NZ regions – Noted that Wharekaho and Matarangi in second stage.

Alastair reported a change in view by TCDC (Ed Varley) as to lighting in the new Winton Beaches subdivision to now being open to well shielded 2200 or 2700K lights rather than the original 4000K blue lights proposed.

5.6 Traffic Calming

TCDC have advised they propose to go out to Public Consultation on speed limits in Community environments in June. **Post meeting note:** email received from TCDC (Ed Varley) 2 June – consultation to be issued late June / early July and consultation document is to be available to

RRAs for comment prior to release to Public Consultation document / Setting of Speed limits 2022 Land Transport Rule is effective from 19 May.

Brent understands that TCDC propose 30 km/hr in the village, a gateway at each end, a wide crosshatched centerline and a colour band on the corner as the crossing point. Once public consultation is complete then TCDC will draw up plans for community for KRRRA approval.

Action: Brent to request confirmation detail from Ed Varley and a request that there is community input into any proposal.

6. Any other business:

6.1 Shoreline Management Plan

Carrie advised that the Panel has held its last meeting for first stage with clear triggers defined. Next steps are to define the measures and implementation plan. Most implications affect Kuaotunu West - refer to TCDC website www.tcdc.govt.nz/smp
Public Meeting – 18 June at Kuaotunu Hall.

6.2 Kuaotunu Photobook - advance

Hall Committee had started a photobook based on the hall pictures plus other material from Rebecca Simpson. Agreed that it is more appropriate for KRRRA to advance this and Danny's tech skills in options with photobook format and to progress with Alastair toward broader publication – **Action:** Danny / Alastair to advise next steps.

6.3 Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas - suggestions included:

Art Exhibition – Kuaotunu artists at Driving Creek / Bluff Road Rockfall update & Destination Coromandel DMP meeting outcome / Drone view of Coast – Kuaotunu Dune Care / Whitianga Mountain Bike Club & Forestry Access / Hall Committee update including the new door.

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: 1110am Next meeting: 9:30 am Friday 8 July at the Hall

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Ed Varley TCDC re Bluff Road – Cuvier to Rings Beach maintenance / improvements proposed 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic calming – request of TCDC Ed Varley for options 	
Alastair / Bill Muir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet TCDC (Bruce Hinson) and present Boat Ramp Maintenance Plan and ask for buy-in and contribution 	
Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call Harbour master re what are the splits in responsibilities – maintenance/ capital works and what approvals required 	
Danny/ Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courts resurfacing - Alastair to approach DB to explain KRRA position and need to have a multipurpose outcome and ideally confirm Domain Board funding contribution to concrete resurfacing Obtain detail of “concession” plan from TCDC Danny to draft joint KRRA / DB email to TCDC as Item 5.2 and both meet TCDC Sue Costello and Heather Bruce 	
Kate/ Steve / Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Destination Coromandel Management Plan meeting 2 June 10-12 noon at Pipers 	
Luke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward Kevin suspension bridge plan 	
Danny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Input to NL article 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 	pending
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS – follow up re SH25 junction bridge barrier repair and include trees / visibility and sign west of Blackjack turnoff Research TCDC GIS for road designation at Rockfall 	
Roimata / Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve – circulate both pallisade & mural concepts to Committee 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsend two concepts to TCDC Tanya Patrick 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Dave Simpson memorial service and develop notes for a NL article 	pending
Danny/ Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kuaotunu photobook advise options to advance project 	

