

Kūaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūaotunu Hall
22 July 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: Kathy, Kate, Alastair, Carrie (online), Danny, Luke, Kevin, Steve, Roimata

Public: no attendees

Apologies: Brent Page

1. Public input - nil

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 27 May, accepted as a true and accurate record. **moved:** Alastair **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes:

Running through the Action Plan included in the 27 May minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Brent:

Bluff Road Cuvier to Rings Beach maintenance – email to Ed Varley sent response awaited

Traffic Calming – TCDC Public Consultation draft not yet received from TCDC (was due end June) – Kevin to follow up with Ed Varley

Danny:

Forestry access / Whitianga Mountain Bike Club - information added July KRRRA newsletter

Kūaotunu Photobook – pending – Danny to lead / Alastair assisting

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

Vegetation trim has been further actioned by Waka Kotahi under traffic management in a second trim. RFS requested (now reactivated) regarding broken barrier on the bridge which requires further traffic management - **Kevin** to contact Waka Kotahi

Road Designation Rockfall area - Bluff Road – **Kevin** to research TCDC GIS

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

Carrie: **Dave Simpson Newsletter article** - **Carrie** advised still 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.

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

Correspondence accepted, moved: Kathy **seconded:** Roimata **Passed**

Matters arising from the correspondence: see Items for Discussion below

4. Financial Report:

included in Dropbox material

Total bank balance: \$11,223.04 (added \$820 in membership fees since last report)

Outgoing: nil in month

Expenses requiring approval: None

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy **seconded:** Alastair **Passed**

Matters arising from the Financial Report:

Kathy noted that KRRA has 194 members of which 116 are paid up / financial to 31.3.2023 remainder have also prepaid forward for various periods to 31.3.2027.

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Boat Ramp – Presentation made to MBCB 15 June meeting

Alastair reported he attended the MBCB 15 June meeting and presented a plan (refer 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.

MBCB Minutes 15 June Item 1.2 states it received Alastair's presentation and his request for inclusion of the upgrade to Boat Ramp as part of the next Long Term Plan. Alastair noted that rocks from Whitianga Marina construction that were requested had been assigned to the waterways project and thus might not be available for immediate work to our boat ramp

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

TCDC Harbour master (new to role) approached by Luke to confirm TCDC role for the ramp itself – Luke noted the status of TCDC role unclear to Harbour master

Action:

- TCDC (Ed Varley) to be approached as to the integrity of the solution proposed by Alastair & Bill Muir and likely timeframes to contribute rock from other projects and TCDC plant for rock to be placed to achieve the slope and confirm involved parties for approval. **Kevin / Alastair**
- Confirm TCDC role for the ramp itself – **Kevin** to check status with Ed Varley

5.2 Resurfacing of Domain Courts

Background summary – (for full detail also refer Minutes 27 May)

- KRRA 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. KRRA recognises that the best outcome is a community consensus of all funding parties on the resurfacing material.

- KRRA proposal is for a 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 – this position advised to TCDC
- Our \$7,000 contribution is contingent on a concrete overlay that has an assurance of performance for a warranty period similar to TigerTurf.
- The “concession” proposal by TCDC for a multi recreational solution involving concrete laid around the petanque court and toward the library has not eventuated

Progress since last meeting:

- The Domain Board (DB) has \$27k to contribute to the resurfacing – DB now prepared to agree with a concrete resurface pending an Engineer approval of the specification and Ian Goodall sighting / accepting it.
- The Community Board has \$11k to contribute if it is expended prior to 30 June 2022 but whilst the type of resurfacing was negotiated an extension of time is to be requested. Alastair requested the extension of time at the MCB meeting 15 June and it was agreed to extend this for one year – retention of unspent 2021/2022 Community Board Grant of \$11k - refer MCBC 15.6.22 minutes Item 2.3 included in Correspondence.
- Kevin noted he had received a concrete specification and methodology from Inforce which detailed a 20mm thick sand overlay/ damp proof course then 100mm 25 MPa concrete overlay that was fibre reinforced as part of the mix design – with no physical connection to the existing slab. Construction Joints at 6 m centres – corresponds largely to the existing slab joints so cracking if it occurs likely will be along pre-set construction joint lines.
- Danny had spoken to Concreteworx / Kevin to Peninsula Concrete Laying both were open to receiving a specification and requote. Luke advised of another contractor – (Nathan?) to provide detail to Danny
- Danny and Kevin noted the existing perimeter fencing with mesh vertically oriented to the ground has made the interface with the additional overlay upstanding above the existing slab difficult and an allowance for the fence replacement needs to be made

Actions:

- **Kevin** to obtain a second opinion of adequacy of Inforce mix design / methodology and then if ok provide Inforce specification to Domain Board (DB) (Ian Goodall)
- **Kevin / Danny** to then get specification and methodology on concrete overlay to the concrete contractors for agreement on the specification / requote.
- **Danny and Alastair** to email a joint KRRA / DB position to TCDC and state KRRA commitment to multi-recreational concrete overlay and hopefully with DB in agreement and then meet TCDC (Sue / Heather) to present proposal and request TCDC have their consultant confirm adequacy / accept appropriate quote and agree to supervise construction to assure compliance with the specification.

5.3 Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement progress update

John Anson has taken over from Matarangi Chair, Mark Bedford.

There has been an email from Lisa Church that Ed Varley TCDC report to MBCB 15 June meeting was not ready and issue has now initiated a closer development of overall strategy. Committee observed that whilst it maybe be presented to the 17 August meeting this is not at all certain. Committee agreed we need a circuit breaker to get action

Ed appears open to the repositioning of the issue as restoration of a recreational asset as part of a walking and cycling Coromandel asset – a Tracks and Trails Initiative. Refer Correspondence.

Actions:

- **Kevin** to contact John Anson and John Gaukrodger (ex DOC) to understand extent of discussions with Ed Varley and obtain what plans of a 55m span structure John G has available.
- **Kevin** to get into contact with Ed Varley on subject and try to obtain some prior detail
- **Kevin** to research Bluff Road Rockfall Reserve designation.

5.4 Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve – Update

Roimata provided an update on the pallisade concept – incorporates the existing bollards on roadside verge and proposed the addition of a shelter structure for school children awaiting the school bus in wet weather – Committee agreed

Committee agreed the design involving a wrap around mural on the pump structure that has been received from Rebecca Pearson be kept as a possible future addition.

Action:

- **Roimata** to add the shelter to the pallisade design and circulate to the Committee
- Agreed that only the revised pallisade design after Committee agreement then be sent to Tanya Patrick at TCDC Parks & Reserves **Kathy 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.

5.5 Destination Coromandel Management Plan (DMP) Meeting Outcome

Kate / Steve / Luke attended the 2 June meeting of Destination Coromandel to confirm KRRR position that the two projects for inclusion in the plan 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.
- Kūāotunu Peninsula Biosphere programme including the Dark Sky proposal.

Steve and Kate noted the meeting included KRRR, Opito RRA (Matarangi were consulted separately). Both RRA requested that the current look and feel of the beach communities be

kept and that seasons would dictate visitor numbers. Interest was stated in enhancing employment opportunities in ecotourism and environment areas to keep local young people in the community

5.6 Kūaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky – Update

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 – a funding application has been made to Destination Hauraki Coromandel. Opito RRA funding \$ 5,000 and KRRRA has funded US\$250 preapplication for Dark Sky certification. The Committee stated it was open to receiving a future application for funding by Alastair.

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. The concept was further presented to MBCB by Alastair and Paul Cook (Kūaotunu Peninsula Biosphere Working Group (KPBWG)) – Refer Item 2.1 of the MCBC 15 June minutes.

Alastair noted the European Space Agency was looking for a site on the Kūaotunu Peninsula for locating a telescope to observe space junk and asteroids. This would complement other sites in Australia and enhance the prospects of a the Kūaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky application. Location likely in Opito due to better internet coverage there.

5.7 Traffic Calming – Update

TCDC have advised they propose to go out to Public Consultation on speed limits in Community environments in June. Email received from TCDC (Ed Varley) 2 June – consultation to be issued late June / early July (update is that it has not been received as yet)

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. Once public consultation is complete then TCDC will draw up plans for community for KRRRA approval.

Action: **Kevin** to request confirmation of TCDC consultation document draft and its detail from Ed Varley and a request that there is community input into any proposal.

5.8 Boat Ramp Rats

Kathy had requested TCDC lay baits to deal with a significant infestation at the boat ramp. The rat population put nesting penguins at risk. The advice regarding risk to dogs issued via Kūaotunu Ketchup and bait laid and there has been a successful outcome.

5.9 Electronic Speed Sign on SH25 Repair

The Electronic speed sign just west of the Domain had been damaged and repair appears to no longer show the speed. **Kathy** to send a Request for Service RFS to TCDC.

5.10 KRRR Facebook Page

The Committee agreed to setup a KRRR Facebook page similar to Matarangi RRA in order to link into Kūaotunu Katchup and KRRR website. Need to add “Messages will not be replied to” and direction given to the KRRR website for contact numbers. **Danny and Kathy** to advance this

5.11 KRRR Connections to Local Government agencies

It was identified a difficulty in maintaining initiatives due to lack of responses from TCDC,,Environment Waikato and Waka Kotahi.

Agreed to identify the point persons within each agency and establish an owner within KRRR for each and a standard email setup where a refresh of the top issues was sent prior to each KRRR meeting requesting updates.

Actions – **Kevin** to identify Waka Kotahi / Higgins contacts

TCDC Heather Bruce – **KRRR Contact TBC** Environment Waikato - **KRRR Contact TBC**

5.12 Upcoming Meeting Attendance

at MBCB North RRA Chair meeting 3 August – Alastair & MBCB 17 August – Alastair

5.13 WRC Coastal Plan Review Consultation

WRC Coastal Plan renewal is out to consultation – the plan applies from the hightide mark to 12mile limit and WRC jurisdiction to dredging, dumping and operations off the beach. (MPI / DOC has jurisdiction over Marine Reserves and fishing).

Consultation on 4 Options and KRRR was requested to respond on the behalf of the Kūaotunu Community. Luke reported a telecom with WRC consultant staff which confirmed our understanding that there was community confusion as to the objectives and scope of the options presented for public feedback on forms and the interactive map. The Committee agreed to respond requesting an extension of time and clarification of objectives and WRC jurisdiction.

In part the response included:

With regards to "Proposed rule options prohibiting disturbance activities or the taking of plants and animals, including fish and kaimoana/shellfish", we cannot endorse options 2 - 4. This is primarily due to the lack of detail surrounding the definitions, current jurisdictions of various Government and regional government agencies and implementation of these options.

At this time we are forced to support Option 1 "Leave to other legislation (no new rules)". We see this as regrettable as the KRRR does see a need to improve the management of our sea and coastline in general, and we strongly support the immediate restoration of our coastal water quality and the replenishment of marine biodiversity. We encourage WRC to advise widely, an extension of the consultation period and as part of that, provide clearer detail of the basis and definition of the extent of the zoning lines on the interactive map which has to date caused significant community confusion.

Post meeting Note 29 July - WRC's website has been updated with revision to the feedback forms.

6. Any other business:

6.1 Kūaotunu Dune Care - Funding applications now submitted to Environment Waikato – Environment Initiatives funding. Letter of support requested and received from KRRA

6.2 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. Update: Still awaiting W.A.N.T tree availability – Action: Tanya / **Jenny Crawford** to follow-up

6.3 Wild pig problem in the area

Roimata identified the increase in wild pig activity in the area. Noted a significant issue of poverty in Whitianga with people and children sleeping rough with inadequate food.

Roimata suggested that if a property could be identified for an electric fenced area and with a central location for the community and business food scraps – then the pigs could be controlled, fed and ultimately butchered for food for the community in real hardship.

The Committee recognised the issue and was positive about the idea but identified that a number of components needed to come together and ongoing management would be needed. **Roimata** to explore the logistics further and report back.

6.4 July Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas - suggestions included:

Dark Sky & Matariki Public event / Drone view of Coast & Matariki Planting – Kūaotunu Dune Care / Waitaia Track Status update – notice from DOC/ Whitianga Mountain Bike Club & Forestry Access / Hall Committee update including the new door / TCDC Current Consultations – Freedom Camping - Soft Plastics Recycling item and item about the local body elections and

Post meeting Note: WRC District Plan / Fishing article now for next newsletter as a result of recent changes to consultation

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).

5.4 Photobook

Danny noted the photobook is morphing from the original brief (digitise photos from Hall, compile into book format with captions, find on-demand publishing & affordable payment options; which Danny did shortly after taking on the task) into something more like *This Is Kūāotunu ii*, with more detail, context, stories. Danny is happy to continue to give technical help but isn't best suited to curate this bigger project. It was suggested that KRRA, having served the purpose of the earlier brief, hands on the project to another group (Alastair, Harriette, Jill Goodall are already involved), in the same way the Hall Committee originally handed it on to the KRRA. KRRA can continue to support in terms of requesting photos, publicising publication etc, but an experienced editor will be needed to take on the project - and will need to be paid.

This question needs further discussion so will be deferred to the next meeting.

In the meantime **Alastair will find out Carolyn Wadey-Baron's interest/availability/terms as potential editor.**

5.5 Community Board & MBNorth Chairs' meeting report

Thanks Alastair for attending these. Not much to report, except that TCDC brought up the idea of shipping containers being used as a "tunnel" to bypass the Bluff Road rockfall. Alastair (not sure how to put this politely) told them it was a pretty stupid idea.

5.6 Waka Kotahi re-shaping public streets submission

The committee agreed that **Alastair will make a submission via the online form** requesting that KRRA is consulted as much as possible where changes are proposed.

5.7 Questions for candidates

It was decided that there is too little time for collating and forwarding and receiving replies, given the Local Body Elections are 8 October. There are several public meet-the-candidate meetings scheduled and the community should be encouraged to attend these.

5.8 Facebook page

This now exists - **Danny will do a test post** - and will allow messages to be posted from KRRA, not personal named accounts. One of the first messages will be a call for photos for the photobook (regardless of what format that book will ultimately take). Perametres: 1950 onwards, of community significance. **Danny will make this post.**

5.9 Dropbox protocol

Alastair requested a way to view correspondence earlier than just before the meeting, when Carrie sends the dropbox link. While there are disadvantages to giving too many people access to a single email account (accidental deletions, confusion over who responds, etc), adding just Alastair to the email access shouldn't pose a problem. **Kathy will do this.** Also, **Carrie will investigate options for assigning rules to inbound emails in her email client** to manage this, with technical support if necessary from Kathy & Danny.

5.10 Dark Sky

Not much to report; still waiting for results of the funding application.

AOB

Newsletter topics:

- bus-shelter/pump-box-beautification proposal (pending approval in principal from TCDC, expected from Tanya P)
- Rebecca Simpson’s breast-cancer calendar launch
- Hall committee AGM
- springtime Bird Rescue report
- Alastair’s 40-year weather data report
- shop-alterations update
- Blackjack Reserve toilet block update *NB this was my idea just now, not from the meeting; will you check when you send the draft everyone’s happy to have it included?*

Isobel’s Artspace Hui invitation - **Kathy to ask Roimata if he’d be happy to represent KRRRA.** Kate noted the Art Centre being proposed for Whitianga is of a different focus and scope (purpose-built performing-arts/conference centre) to Isobel’s, so there is no direct competition.

4. Financial Report

Account balances \$11,044.85, no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors. Income \$28.81 (interest) Outgoings \$207 (rocketspark website)
 Membership 194 (no change)

Next meeting

Friday 28th October (yes that’s 7 weeks, but 21 Oct is Labour Weekend)

Meeting closed 11:30 am

Meeting closed: 1125am Next meeting: 9:30 am Friday 9 September at the Hall

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish list of local govt contacts as Item 5.11 	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of MBCB meetings attendance as Item 5.12 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with Ed Varley TCDC re Bluff Road – Cuvier to Rings Beach maintenance / improvements proposed 	TCDC response pending
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic calming Consultation – request of TCDC Ed Varley status and detail of options for the Village 	
Alastair Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact TCDC (Bruce Hinson / Ed Varley) and understand timeframes for Boat Ramp Maintenance Plan and Rock revetment proposal ask for buy-in /contribution • Contact Ed Varley re Boat ramp - what are the splits in responsibilities – maintenance/ capital works and what approvals required 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts resurfacing – Confirm Concrete overlay specification to Danny 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get specification to concrete overlay contractors for agreement / requote • Call Ed Varley re Specification / TCDC consultant input 	
Danny/ Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts resurfacing - Danny to present overlay specification to Domain Board (Ian Goodall), get acceptance and draft joint KRRR / DB email to TCDC as Item 5.2 and both meet TCDC Sue Costello and Heather Bruce 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement – contact John Anson / Lisa Church then Ed Varley on progress • Research TCDC GIS for road designation at Rockfall 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • re-ask Paulette Simpson re George Simpson Profile 	pending
Roimata Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump House Beautification -Further develop pallisade to include a shelter & circulate concept to Committee • Pig problem plan • Onsend rev pallisade concept to TCDC Tanya Patrick 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Dave Simpson service /develop notes for NL 	pending
Danny/ Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kūaotunu photobook advise options to advance project 	pending
Danny/ Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KRRR Facebook page setup – item 5.10 	