

Kūaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūaotunu Hall
16 September 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: Alastair (acting Chair), Kathy, Carrie, Danny, Steve, Roimata, Kevin (minutes 930-1045 am), Kate (part minutes from 1045am). Roimata and Kevin attending 930 am till 1045am

Public: Tanya Patrick – TCDC Parks and Reserves

Apologies: Brent Page

1. Public input – - Items 5.1 (10am on), 5.2 – 5.4

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting, held 22 July minor alteration to be made item on the Boat Ramp to state rock “might be” available from Whitianga Marina
Otherwise 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 22 July minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Kevin:

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

Boat Ramp – progress update – post meeting note

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 22 July)

Alastair and Bill Muir met TCDC (2 staff) 22 Sept at the boat ramp and it was agreed that TCDC would supply rock from the Tairua Quarry to reinforce the boat ramp seawall –
Wayne is ex-harbourmaster and previously worked for WRC. Looks like it'll be included in the LTP or whatever as a council asset that needs ongoing maintenance- detail and timing to be advised

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

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

Matters arising from the correspondence: see Items for Discussion below

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)

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

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve – Update

A discussion was held on identifying the preferred option by the committee prior to Tanya Patrick TCDC Parks & Reserves arrival 10am. Tanya had been emailed the options by Kathy.

Roimata provided an alternative to the palisade with a series of graphics of a proposed shelter structure for tamariki - school children awaiting the school bus in wet weather. It has a whare entrance form with colourful graphic fully covering the upright section of the pump house and involved a panel able to be removed to access the electrical box. No seat would be included to reduce the opportunity of loitering.

On the other side, the pump housing seat structure as well as the higher section back has a graphic representing themes of dolphins, whale, stingray and mutton bird (titi manu) each with a pepe (young animal) with it and Blackjack and a pa site. Agreed that this graphic to be extended to provide a rear face graphic to the triangular section of the whare and the colours to be revised to more complement the deeper colours of the graphics of the whare on the other side.

Committee agreed that this was to be presented to TCDC for initial comment. Committee did not endorse the design involving a wrap around mural on the pump structure that has been received from Rebecca Pearson. Tanya had joined the meeting at 10am.

Tanya had briefly reviewed options – was negative re palisade (on a Health and Safety basis). Committee noted its preferred solution was Roimata's whare shelter. Roimata introduced himself and the korero associated with the purpose, the design and its linkage of the manu design to Wharekaho site and also noting Ngati Hei (Joe Davis) support of the design and its local linkage. Tanya in favour of the concept and noted need for Building Code Compliance as it was a shelter. Detail discussion on next steps followed – actions noted below

Alastair queried the reason for the height of the upstand and why the power board needed to be there at all – better connected at power source on the power pole opposite Lukes – Tanya stated that she thought height due flood (possibly set at eye level) similar to a residential building and cost of relocation - but would check on each

Action:

- **Roimata** to revise design to show rear of whare triangular area more compatible with the pump stand design and circulate to the Committee
- **Roimata** to provide a summary of the design elements and the korero and an estimate of funding costs – to be forwarded to Tanya (**Kathy and Roimata**).
- **Tanya** to discuss next steps with Heather Bruce (TCDC) including funding and also Ngati Huarere, Ngati Hei, Tama te Ra and DOC for their approval.
- **KRRA** to publish the design and it's korero in the Newsletter for local feedback

5.2 Blackjack Reserve Toilet Block / Water Testing results

Tanya reported that the toilet block was closed 15 Sept as the bore had pumped dry. Plumber inspection underway – temporary portals if not fixed. (water supply resolved as at 7 October) May need a deeper bore Water testing results now available– very high iron content and not drinkable but potentially ok for shower water from the pump and possibly revert to original water supply from spring on Blackjack reserve escarpment behind the toilet (although prone to blockage by slips)

Noted from previous minutes is the potential drinking fountain / water bottle filling tap funded by TCDC at a location maybe away from Pump House. **Kathy** to followup with Tanya

5.3 Pohutukawa siting and road formation on Blackjack Reserve – Tanya Patrick noted quantity up to 12 no. expected from TCDC but subject to availability and suitable size. Some now set aside at W.A.N.T awaiting full tree availability and suitable planting season – Action: Tanya to follow-up

Potholes on access road – Tanya noted she was trying to have remedial work scheduled prior to Labour weekend and certainly before summer – Update as at 7 Oct – metalling completed. Action: **Tanya** to followup

5.4 Resurfacing of Domain Courts - Progress Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 27 May / 22 July)

Progress since last meeting:

- 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.

Action / Next steps – outlined by Kevin:

- Minor changes to the Inforce mix design / methodology and drawing required by Inforce to make applicable to this particular site application – **Kevin** to action with Inforce then to **Danny** to broker agreement with Domain Board (Ian Goodall)
- **Danny / Alastair (Kevin)** - Revised Inforce specification to TCDC (via Heather Bruce) for TCDC / consultant approval and confirmation that TCDC accept appropriate quote and agree to supervise construction to assure compliance with the specification and maintain on completion.
- **Tanya** noted further discussion with Heather Bruce re DOC involvement
- **Tanya** noted that the project required to use TCDC approved Contractors – Wilsoncrete / Concreteworx Peninsula Concrete Laying – list to be confirmed
- **Danny** - Obtain Concrete and overall work scope revised quotes to the Specification
- **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

5.5 Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement - progress update

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 27 May / 22 July)

Progress since last meeting:

Post meeting note – on 16 Sept Ed Varley TCDC report for upcoming MBCB 22 Sept meeting was spotted posted as an agenda item by Alastair – not pre-circulated to either KRRA or MRRA. The report provides 6 Options and detail in an Appendix.

<https://tcdc.civicclerk.com.au/web/Player.aspx?id=459&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0>

TCDC Recommendation is for remedial action Option 3 on the rockfall (making it passable but life 1-10 yrs) at an estimated cost \$320k and two bridge options (Waka Kotahi Option 4 and DOC compliant Option 5) both requiring remedial action Option 3 added and a proposal for Community funding and handover to TCDC. Ed appears to leave 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

Since the alert by Alastair, Brent and Mark Bedford as Chairs of RRAs have both made it clear to MBCB Heather Bruce and elected members via emails their views on the lack of prior consultation on the report and that the only acceptable resolution outcome for MBCB is Option 5 without the cost of remedial action (Option 3) added and that it was not acceptable for it to be entirely community funded. Refer Correspondence.

Kevin has had discussions with Frame Consultants, a specialist on DOC suspension bridges (Timbertrail and many other locations) on the scope / span and options prior to the MCBC meeting presentation providing confirmation of a number of aspects.

MBCB meeting 22 Sept

The meeting presentation was made by Alastair and Kevin and also Mark Bedford MRRA (on zoom) for Option 5 and was supported by MBCB members, Mayor Sandra Goudie, Deputy Mayor Murray Maclean and former Mayor Glenn Leach. It resulted in the outgoing MBCB making an Option 5 only resolution (confirmed by subsequent Council Meeting) as follows:

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. *Receives the 'Out of Cycle Budget Request - Bluff Road Closure Options' report dated 22 August 2022.*
2. *Recommends that the Council request the Chief Executive to undertake discussions with the Kūaotunu and Matarangi residents & ratepayers to explore the construction of a bridge across the bay area*
 - a. *A business case to be created in conjunction with Kūaotunu and Matarangi residents and ratepayers.*

Next Actions:

- **Kevin** to followup on post meeting discussion with Ed Varley and also contact Frame consultants of their interest in an Offer of Services to TCDC for a feasibility study of the technical aspects of the bridge and other consultant's inputs into a Business Case

- **Kevin** to scope the Business case elements to get TCDC approval and the facilitate the Offers of Services
- **Alastair** has contacted Mark Bedford confirming MRRA agreement for above actions
- **Kevin** contact John Anson and John Gaukrodger (ex DOC) to attend 19 Oct meeting with DOC Tech advisors meeting
- **Kevin** to research which entity holds the Bluff Road Rockfall Reserve designation.

5.6 Kūaotunu Peninsula Dark Sky – Update – post meeting note

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 22 July)

Alastair reported 23 Sept success with funding of a Private Plan Change to TCDC for a Dark Sky Designation to be carried out by Kahu Consultants – a funding application for \$50,000 has been approved by MBIE via application made by Destination Hauraki Coromandel. This project consistently branded as a Kūaotunu Peninsula Biosphere Working Group (KPBWG) initiative, and this will be reflected in the PR that they are working on, for release at the end of next week (after review by all involved). To date also Opito RRA funding \$ 5,000 and KRRRA has funded US\$250 preapplication for Dark Sky certification. The Committee has stated it was open to receiving a future application for funding by Alastair.

5.7 Traffic Calming – Update

TCDC Public Consultation finally received from TCDC and response drafted and sent by Alastair late August with review and input by various Committee Members – refer Correspondence. We noted speed limit of 30km/hr in the village and 60 km/hr unsealed road from the village to Opito over Blackjack Road.

Draft proposal for the village from Ed Varley showing proposed layouts centre road and pedestrian crossing and “threshold style treatments at the change in speed limit locations on Blackjack Road” was received by Alastair 17 August. Once public consultation is complete then TCDC will draw up plans for community for KRRRA approval. Emails between Ed and Alastair and Brent are included in Correspondence

5.8 Waka Kotahi re-shaping public streets submission

The committee agreed with the submission that Alastair has made via the online form primarily requesting in new Govt regulations that RRA be included as required prior consultation parties by Councils and requesting that KRRRA is consulted as much as possible where changes are proposed.

5.9 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 Kūaotunu 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 KRRRA, 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 KRRRA. KRRRA 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

5.11 KRRR Facebook Page

This now exists - **Danny** will do a test post - and will allow messages to be posted from KRRR, 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). Parameters: 1950 onwards, of community significance. **Danny** will make this post.

5.12 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.

5.13 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**.

5.14 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**

5.15 Recent and Upcoming Meeting Attendance

MB North Chairs' meeting 3 Aug

Alastair attended in person Chairs from Matarangi, Opito and Whangapoua on Zoom. 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 advised the idea not a viable option with a feasible suspension bridge option the preferable outcome

MBCB meeting 17 August– Alastair attended in person – Dark sky and Bluff Road presented.

Note Ed Varley did not present Bluff Road report and did not attend

Upcoming MBCB meeting 21 September – **Alastair & Kevin** have speaking slots regarding Bluff Road Suspension bridge

Upcoming Meeting DOC Technical advisers – Invite to KRRRA and Matarangi RRA via Dave Fitzgerald 19 October 10am Rings Beach reserve re Rings Beach. DOC interest in Bluff Rd link restoration and a ring route with newly upgraded ridge track to Vodafone Tower. Kevin to forward invite to Mark Bedford / John Anson and John Gaukrodger. **Alastair and Kevin** to attend for KRRRA and Carrie for RBWG

6. Any other business:

6.1 Isabel’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 Isabel’s, so there is no direct competition.

6.2 Kūaotunu Dune Care Update - post meeting note - Successful funding application result received close to \$10,000 from Environment Waikato – Environment Initiatives funding. Pending is MBCB grant application for a similar sum.

6.3 Sept / October Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas - suggestions included:

- Bus-shelter/pump-box-beautification proposal (pending approval in principle from TCDC, expected from Tanya P)
- Rebecca Simpson’s breast-cancer calendar launch
- Hall committee AGM
- Springtime Bird Rescue report
- Blackjack Reserve Toilet Block water update
- Kuaotunu Dune Care funding application success above item 6.2

other possible items:

- Alastair’s 40-year weather data report
- Shop-alterations update

Watching brief:

- 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).

Next meeting: 9:30 am Friday 28th October at the Hall

Meeting closed: 1130am

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish list of local govt contacts as Item 5.13 	pending

Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of MBCB meetings attendance as Item 5.14 	pending
Alastair	<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/ approvals 	
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kūaotunu photobook – item 5.10 	
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 KRRA / DB email to TCDC as Item 5.4 and both meet Sue Costello and Heather Bruce 	
Danny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KRRA Facebook page setup – item 5.11 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic calming Consultation – request of TCDC Ed Varley status and detail of options for the Village 	pending
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"> • Item 5.5 Bluff Road Reconnection suspension bridge 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair 	pending
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts resurfacing – Confirm Concrete overlay specification to Danny /Call Ed Varley re Specification / TCDC consultant input /Get specification to concrete overlay contractors for agreement / requote 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • re-ask Paulette Simpson re George Simpson Profile 	pending
Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump House Beautification -Further develop shelter & circulate concept to Committee refer Item 5.1 & onsend rev design concept to TCDC • Pig problem plan 	
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabel’s Artspace Hui invitation • On-send revised pump house shelter concept to TCDC after review by committee • Dropbox Protocols re access – item 5.13 with Carrie 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Dave Simpson service /develop notes for NL 	pending
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropbox Protocols re access – item 5.13 	

