

Kūāotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūāotunu Hall
13 December 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: 608 pm

Present: Brent (Chair), Alastair, Kathy, Carrie, Steve, Kate, Kevin (minutes)

Public: no attendees

Apologies: Danny Bay

Luke Reilly, Roimata Taimana (not present)

1. Public input – Nil

2. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting 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 28 October minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Alastair

Boat Ramp Rock seawall – progress update

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 22 July, 28 Oct)

Alastair with Bill Muir to maintain contact with TCDC on timing of rock seawall reconfiguration-detail and timing to be advised as no further information on availability/ date for rock received

Kevin:

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

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

Carrie noted Correspondence

- re Dog Restrictions bylaw TCDC public consultation and Heather Bruce TCDC clarification – agreed that it didn't affect Brent submission on behalf of KRRA against the closure of Kuaotunu east section of the beach and requesting keeping the status quo given the data on dotterel population showing growth and thus evidence to support no change
- email from Opito RRA on assistance on funding to Legasea re a scallop survey at Opito

Matters arising from the correspondence: see Item 5.11 for Discussion re Scallop survey

4. Financial Report

Account balances \$10,814.46

no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors.

Income nil plus \$44.48(interest) / Outgoings \$353.62 - Domain name renewal for 5yrs payment

Membership 196

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

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Pump House Beautification on the Blackjack Reserve & Blackjack Reserve Toilet Block – Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 16 Sept, 28 Oct)

Brent advised results of his meeting with Tanya

- TCDC the pump had been dropped down further and now operating so that now there is clean water for the shower at the toilet block – not drinkable
- Power cannot be relocated on the power pole opposite Lukes as the power pole is on private land and requires an easement as well as cost to relay cables etc

Roimata to provide the rear of the whare design, a summary of the design elements and the korero and an estimate of funding costs to be sent to Tanya Patrick.

Brent to followup with Roimata and hopefully have graphics available for the public meeting

5.2 Pohutukawa siting on Blackjack Reserve – Tanya Patrick noted quantity of 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 – Brent followed-up with Tanya and confirmed stored at W.A.N.T and planting likely Autumn 2023

5.3 Resurfacing of Domain Courts - Progress Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer Minutes 27 May / 22 July / 16 Sept / 28 Oct)

Unfortunately, little progress since last meeting: **Action / Next steps** – refreshed as follows:

- Minor changes to the Inforce mix design / methodology and drawing required by Inforce to make applicable to this particular site application – **Kevin** to have a further try with Inforce in the New Year then to **Danny** to broker agreement with Domain Board (Ian Goodall) and **Brent** to send a joint email to TCDC with Ian Goodall (Domain Board)
- **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.
- Brent noted Tanya TCDC looking for confirmation of agreement KRRA / Domain Board
- **Tanya** has noted the project required to use TCDC approved Contractors – Wilsoncrete / Concreteworx Peninsula Concrete Laying – **list to be confirmed by Tanya**
- **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

5.4 Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement – Suspension Bridge - progress update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer Minutes 16 Sept and post meeting notes related to 22 Sept MBCB meeting outcome and 28 October minutes)

Recent Progress:

- Meeting with the TCDC Mayor and CEO 30 Nov

A meeting with TCDC CEO Aileen Lawrie and Len Salt (Mayor) was held with Brent Page and Mark Bedford (KRRRA / MRAI Chairs) confirmed strong interest in expediting the suspension bridge and establishing there was a political will to advance the issue to keep the Bluff Rd open for Walking and Cycling.

Aileen Lawrie looking to appoint a Project Lead internally within TCDC and possibly with external support to ensure a dedicated focus. Also noted some of the elements for a feasibility/business case assessment underway, and some of TCDC economic development team already engaged. CEO looking to make a presentation to MBCB and Council in the New Year

- CEO since confirmed in a followup by Mark Bedford that a Project Lead appointment likely in the New Year
- Response from Ed Varley TCDC Roading Manager confirming receipt of our Business Case brief comments and noting that the Community will be consulted on receipt of the Business Case costing

Next Actions:

KRRRA Committee agreed that Mark Bedford be the point of contact with Aileen Lawrie and then the Project Lead when identified by TCDC CEO

A project team between MRAI and KRRRA be established to respond to the Business Case content and any requests from TCDC

5.5 Rubbish Compactor removal from Boat Ramp

Brent was part of a Teams call with Heather Bruce TCDC and the operator where the new location options to resite the compactor from the Kuaotunu boat ramp were discussed. The compactor resiting is needed as a result of the Contractor having access problems when there is a number of boat trailers. Rats infestation of the boat ramp area and salt spray effect on equipment operability are the other issues.

Brent advised other locations had been canvassed over years and none met the requirements of the Kuaotunu community. The compactor has already been relocated. The suggestion was locate it at Matarangi tip – a more recognised location for its use.

Brent - Agreed that this be included as an update by Brent at the Jan 8 public meeting

5.6 Fly tipping within the community & post meeting note

Brent's meeting with Tanya TCDC noted an increased amount of fly tipping in the community and possibly may increase with removal of the compactor – SH25 Kuaotunu Hill and other local roads. Kevin and Carrie noted that currently occurring into the back dunes along Bluff Road / Grays Beach involving particularly grass clippings that spreads exotics like kikuyu.

Kevin noted that signage noting no fly tipping had been put up at the base of Gray Ave area identifying the bylaw and \$300 fine – one sign had already removed by persons unknown. Attempts had been made to get TCDC Parks & Open Spaces to do a letter drop to Bluff Road residences since Sep 2021 – delay the result of signoffs and need for signage to be in place a statutory period before enforcements.

Post meeting Note -This letter drop was finally was done by TCDC 22 December to letterboxes and in some cases handed personally to residents - hopefully results in better / full compliance

5.7 Traffic Calming – Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer Minutes 16 Sept, 28 Oct)

Response received from TCDC on KRRRA Public Consultation response (mid August) refer Correspondence. This requested a speed limit of 30km/hr in the village. No response on the 60 km/hr unsealed road from the village to Opito over Blackjack Road

Brent's email to Len Salt and TCDC CEO cc Ed Varley and requesting update on progress of consultation outcome and request the detail of traffic calming specific to the village resulted in TCDC in early Dec installing new 4m wide red courtesy crossing markings at Lukes, up the slope of Blackjack Road and a refresh paint of the existing entrance to the village as well as new flush median markings narrowing lanes through the village.

TCDC note that these are not designated pedestrian crossings – “look both ways” – is the text added. Noted however that there has been a number of instances that traffic has given way to pedestrians crossing. A great outcome for safety in the village before the summer season.

TCDC has advised that in meantime the road is still designated 50km/hr and any action on marking of 30km/hr roundels and gateway needs to await WRC / Waka Kotahi approval expected March 2023. It's also noted that the digital sign appears to trigger at 30km/hr which assists traffic calming

Committee agreed that **Brent** approach Rebecca Pearson to develop up a graphic that could be added to the Gateway signage that provides a distinctive Kuaotunu signature. The idea is to have the graphic show an elderly person with a child and a penguin or dog. Discussion included the need to not conflict with the existing standard Waka Kotahi peds crossing sign or possibly relocate it to avoid too much signage.

5.8 Road Safety - SH 25 Waitaia / Cemetery Road to SH25 Bluff Road, Hilldale Junctions Waka Kotahi re-shaping public streets submission

No response received on the submission that Alastair has made to Waka Kotahi 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.

The Committee agreed that the focus of safety representations to Waka Kotahi be completion of safe walking and cycling from the Boat ramp to Bluff Road junction with SH25

Kevin – yet to draft a Request for Service RFS to Waka Kotahi restating the safety issues / emphasising with photos the dangerous situations for pedestrians and cyclists on this recent Labour weekend with boat trailers parked on the SH.

Kevin showed proposed photos – Labour weekend 2022 and also March 2016 photos of pram and traffic provided by Alastair to show the ongoing nature of the safety issue. Request for a similar walkway to that Boat ramp eastward toward Kingfisher Way be funded and constructed asap – and asking what level of priority this had been given Waka Kotahi Road to Zero Policy

5.9 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.

Oct Actions to be remain live– **Kevin** to identify Waka Kotahi / Higgins contacts

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

5.10 Waitaia Track Upgrade

Carrie advised that the bridges were completed and that the DOC website stated the track was open. The additional leg of the track involving steep sections on private land still needs to be compacted and the carpark at the top of Waitaia Road needs yet to be done and put in the programme for early January.

Carrie to confirm with Matt Flynn on the Jan programme work so that the Newsletter and public meeting can be updated

5.11 Scallop Survey Funding request

Approach to KRRR from Opito RRA (Chris Saverne) on assistance on funding to Legasea re a scallop survey at Opito. The cost is \$8k and Opito RRA are contributing \$3k and looking to KRRR to contribute.

Noted that the existing rahui lasts till Sept 23 and important to establish the population situation so that lobbying by Legasea has a current database. Kevin noted that immediate effect 13 Dec minister Parker has instructed MPI place a rahui on the last two areas in NZ – Little Barrier and the channel Colville to Greater Barrier

KRRR Resolution (unanimous): “that KRRR contribute \$1,000 to the Legasea interim scallop survey proposed by Legasea for Opito and Kuaotunu Bays with the proviso that Kuaotunu Bay is included in the scope”.

Brent: In the cover email advice to Opito RRA to add the request that local diving skills available in Kuaotunu is included in the survey and state that KRRR support Legasea proactive lobbying for a permanent ban on coastal dredging

5.12 Recent and Upcoming Meetings / KRRR attendance

Next MBCB meeting will be 8 Feb & 22 March @9am; KRRR attendee to be confirmed

Next full Council 26 Jan & 21 Feb @9am. KRRR attendee to be confirmed

6. Any other business:

6.1 mid December Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas - suggestions included:

- Public meeting 8 Jan – update and feedback opportunity (without specifics)
- Traffic Calming - state more to come at public meeting - **Brent**
- Roadside Cleanup - **Brent**
- Rings beach / Matarangi Track - New Sign graphic at ridge junction - **Carrie**
- Shop/ silver bullet takeaway and ice cream parlour renovation – **Kathy**
- Waitaia track upgrade Open / completion status – **Carrie** to confirm open on DOC website (done) and Matt Flynn ETA re remaining steps (steep section & carpark- Jan ?)
- Other items – Ten Artists and Hall concert

Deferred - Alastair 40 yr Weather data Report – for added content to a 2023 newsletter

6.2 Public meeting subjects / updates minuted

- Waitaia track upgrade - **Carrie**
- Suspension bridge update – **Brent / Alistair**
- Compactor status – **Brent**
- Traffic Calming – success of KRRR lobbying TCDC and next stage / timing roundels Gateway - seek input to Rebecca Pearson graphic (**Brent** to contact) or other public suggestions
- Pump house update (**Roimata** design available to show?)
- Dark Sky update – **Alastair**
- Tennis Court surfacing status – **Danny**
- Dog restrictions bylaw update – **Brent**

Timing 3pm 8 Jan and Brent requested Committee members be there at 230pm to setup the Hall.

Kevin not in Kuaotunu – some notes re suspension bridge to be provided to Brent

Kate – to take minutes at the meeting

Advertise in the Newsletter and on Facebook page – noting and update of key issues and KRRR keen to hear public input of their aspirations for the community and KRRR 2023 activity
Brent to send Invitees to Len Salt Mayor, Aileen Lawrie TCDC CEO, TCDC Councillors and MCBC members via Heather Bruce, WRC, DOC and iwi availability

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)
- Photobook
- Next Roadside cleanup

Next meeting: 6:00pm Tuesday 24 January at the Hall

Meeting closed: 740pm approx

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with Bill Muir understand timeframes for Boat Ramp Maintenance Plan and splits in responsibilities – maintenance/ capital works/ approvals 	pending
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Rebecca Pearson re gateway graphic ideas Item 5.7 ready for Jan 8 public meeting • Traffic calming Consultation – advance opportunities for the gateway configuration with TCDC and track timing for 30km/hr for roundels 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • followup with Suspension bridge with Mark Bedford - refer Item 5.4 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pumphouse followup with Roimata re whare busstop graphics and forward to TCDC Tanya – Item 5.1 • Public meeting to send Invites to various parties refer Item 6.2 • Scallop Survey Funding request reply to Opito RRA refer Item 5.11 	
Kate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes at the Jan 8 public meeting 	
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair • RFS – SH25 Boat ramp to Bluff access completion for pedestrian and cyclists 	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 - Item 5.3 	
Carrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirm with Matt Flynn on the Jan programme work so that the Newsletter and public meeting can be updated 	
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 KRRRA / DB email to TCDC as Item 5.3 and both meet Sue Costello / Tanya and Heather Bruce	
Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish list of local govt contacts as Item 5.9 	pending