

Kūaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūaotunu Hall
18 April 2023

Committee members: Brent Page, Chair; Kathy Speirs, Treasurer; Kevin Crawford, Minutes Secretary; Carrie Parker, Correspondence Secretary, Alastair Brickell, Roimata Taimana, Marguerite Muellers, Kim Crosland, Bella Pierce and Nicci Kerr

Meeting opened: 6:01pm

Present: Brent (Chair), Kathy, Carrie, Roimata, Marguerite, Kim and Nicci and Kevin (minutes)

Public: no attendees

Apologies: Alastair Brickell, Bella Pierce

1. Public input – Nil

2. New Committee Members and Election of Officers

New Committee members Marguerite, Kim, Nicci and Bella (apologies received) were welcomed.

Election of Officers – Brent asked for responses if any amendment to existing roles or objection to current officers. No changes proposed and no objection

Brent read Alastair's email apology and noted Alastair happy that if existing officers wished to continue, he would support.

Change re Action Plan for each meeting – Carrie to read and Kevin to minute to ease the task

moved: Carrie **seconded:** Roimata **Passed**

3. Minutes: Minutes of the previous committee meeting accepted as a true and accurate record.

moved: Carrie **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

Matters arising from the minutes:

Running through the Action Plan included in the 7 March minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Alastair

Heather Bruce checking boat ramp rock can be sourced locally

No response received from TCDC re speed environment submission

Roimata - Refer Item 5.9

Brent

Gateway graphic ideas – Brent has corresponded to Ed Varley – reply awaited

Traffic Calming – speed roundels now delayed till May/ June see TCDC email in correspondence

SH25 road safety – contact Liam Ryan or Cara Lauder to be actioned

Engine braking signs currently exist - no action

Tennis Court Overlay & Suspension Bridge updates – see Items 5.7 and 5.6 respectively

Brent / Carrie

Carrie contacted a proposed nominee to Committee – suggest now approach next year. Brent to follow up with Bella on non-attendance of Bella at AGM and this first meeting

Kathy

Newsletter did not include item and accompanying photos on SH25 safety issues boat ramp to Bluff Road in latest newsletter due to other items taking precedence – delay until Waka Kotahi/ TCDC recovery actions more in place.

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox.

Carrie noted scallop moratorium now two further years and extended area and noted Correspondence re roading post cyclone issues sent by both Whangamata and Tairua RRAs

4. Financial Report

Account balances \$10,432

no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors.

Income nil plus \$58.32 (interest) / Outgoings: \$240 epi-pens to FENZ and \$18.43 ad in the Informer re AGM

Membership: 204

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy seconded: Carrie Passed

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 AGM Review

Discussion on best time to have AGM given attendance was just enough to get a quorum and that 30% of membership are absentee and may not necessarily come at Easter as renting.

Kathy noted that AGM needed to be held within 30 days of end of the FY - i.e end April and that Labour weekend public meeting not well attended.

Kathy noted her work to get the procedures for the AGM and for Treasurer etc. written up for her next successor

Kim suggested relabel the meeting as a Public Meeting with an AGM for members as part

5.2 TCDC Annual Plan 23-24 – KRRRA submission

Kevin and Alastair collated and submitted by the deadline - circulated to new Committee

Alastair made a personal submission focused on kerbside waste and Waste to Energy and will present in person 26 April at Thames

Kevin to present KRRRA submission 5 mins on Teams

Subject matter agreed as:

- Roading and Road safety –
 - no specific listing or costing of recent Cyclone recovery projects
 - completion of SH25 Boat ramp to Bluff for walking and cycling in 2018-2028 LTP but deleted and not noted – increased safety issues with higher traffic from SH25A closure
- No capital Mercury Bay North projects included especially neither the Bluff Road Suspension bridge- Business Case or Capex
- Lack of community consultation in kerbside rubbish collection contract changes or prior notification of cost ratepayers were being committed to

Next Actions:

Kevin to check with Mark Bedford content of MRAl presentation to be complementary

Brent to check if Opito RRA made a submission

5.3 Recent Interaction with TCDC / Waka Kotahi

Brent met TCDC Councillors Rekha Giri-Percival (Deli Connell on bereavement leave) and discussed the following:

- Culture change needed within Council's staff that includes consultation with the Community and input into frontline planning and decision
- Rekha confirming MCB funding for the tennis court resurfacing – either carrying it forward or spent on nets, equipment if staff are unable to get a start on actual work before June 30

Brent also contacted Liam Ryan – Waka Kotahi regarding Road Safety 20 April

Brent also corresponded with Heather Bruce / Tanya Patrick re Tennis Court overlay.

- see Post Meeting Notes Item 5.4 and 5.7

Detail of all in Correspondence Drop Box 30 May 2023

Next actions

Brent to follow up with Rekha re Tennis Court overlay funding

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

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 2022 Minutes and 24 Jan, 7 Mar 23)

Various committee members reflected that now more important than ever due to young families, increased traffic and limited budgets and the committee needs to keep up the advocacy.

Recent Progress:

The Committee agreed that a **staged approach** important to lobby Waka Kotahi– to get at least some action – and that speed change to Cemetery Road and Hilldale coinciding with community gateways and reducing the speed limit to 50km/hr throughout should be a **first priority** - Simple fix legislation in place May / June 2023

The Committee agreed that the **second stage** was that the focus of safety representations to Waka Kotahi / TCDC be completion of safe walking and cycling from the Boat ramp to Bluff Road junction with SH25. Agreed that it is a lobbying submission to get priority for the Boat ramp to Bluff Road and as a **third focus** also the wider SH 25 Waitaia / Cemetery Road to SH25 Bluff Road, Hilldale Junctions into the LTP.

Speed cameras TCDC to be deferred to watching brief – **Kevin** check Len Salt statement at 8 Jan meeting. Technology rapidly changing.

Kevin noted that potential hold on these initiatives by Govt as part of reset of cyclone recovery priorities but noting that 1% most dangerous roads and those with full community support would go ahead.

Kevin noted the Safety initiative of Becks Vasey in getting the school bus pickup at SH25 / Bluff Road junction relocated to Cuvier / Bluff for the next term for school children safety and this should be noted to Waka Kotahi in the call to Waka Kotahi

Marguerite – noted previous work by Courtney Linnecar on road safety and with KRRRA representing this cause to the various agencies with Brent during the TCDC LTP 21-31 consultation. Brent noted those frustrations are ongoing and Courtney not likely interested in further KRRRA role, and the history is in the files in KRRRA dropbox.

Next Actions:

- **Brent** – to contact Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi Waikato as to best person to approach (Likely Cara Lauder – System Manager (Waikato) Waka Kotahi) – **Kevin** to source contact no. 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.

Suggest a **staged** approach of reducing the speed limit to 50km/hr throughout Cemetery Road to Hilldale Crescent – now more important given the increasing traffic on this section of SH25 due to road closures elsewhere on the SH25 Coromandel network.

Post meeting Note Brent has since contacted Liam Ryan – Waka Kotahi regarding Road Safety 20 April. Correspondence Drop Box 30 May 2023. Requested temporary speed limits Cemetery to Hilldale, including high profile electronic signage or similar

- **Committee agreed** to await Liam Ryan / Cara Lauder approach by Brent to Waka Kotahi and recovery actions were more in place and possibly redraft a Request 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 SH25
- **Alastair** to contact TCDC as still no response received on the submission that Alastair has made to TCDC Reshaping Streets 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.

5.5 Village Traffic Calming – Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 2022 Minutes and 24 Jan, 7 Mar 23)

Recent Progress:

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. Speed roundels 30km/hr. **now delayed** till May/ June see TCDC email in correspondence. No response on the 60 km/hr. unsealed road from the village to Opito over Blackjack Road.

Nicci noted a number of minor accidents or near misses happen outside of the shop and TCDC need to be made aware.

Next Actions:

Brent to have watching brief with Ed Varley as to timeframes for gazetting the 30km/hr. and Blackjack 60 km/hr. and noting the level of support within the community to address potential deferral. Gateway Graphics similarly keep in view.

5.6 Bluff Road rockfall / connection reinstatement – Suspension Bridge - Cyclone Damage - progress update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 Minutes and 24 Jan, 7 March 23 minutes)

Recent Progress:

- Mark Bedford has received a response 17 April from Aileen Lawrie TCDC CEO - Aileen still looking to appoint a Project Lead internally within TCDC and has got additional briefing document “coming shortly” from “external support” – unclear if this replicates the material from Ed Varley detailed below. CEO still looking to make a presentation to MBCB and Council but now delayed because of cyclone recovery response. Clear that Aileen sees this “committed as a LTP budget” not as a line item in the new Annual Plan 23-24 ... so this is unfortunately not likely to see action this year unless there is concerted advocacy and community funding.
- Kevin has drafted a response Draft project brief / design report from Pinnacles Civil and subconsultants received from Ed Varley 1 Feb – and updated to reflect the emergency access criteria and has been sent to Mark Bedford and Brent Page. Mark is happy with it. This requested the communities’ view of the role the restoration of the link plays in connectivity as a precursor to a workshop with residents and ratepayers and Community Board members. This could involve discussion on a ‘bespoke bridge’ with cultural iconography.
- Mark Bedford wishes to add the interest of the MRAI community fund raising and wished to understand KRRRA appetite for such co-funding – to be based on full involvement in design and approvals.
- **Committee agreed** to this in principle but noted TCDC was to take some of the funding burden and that KRRRA potential to contribute to co-fund as more limited but no amount to be stated.

Next Actions:

- **Kevin** - Get response to Ed Varley Design Report draft sent via Mark Bedford regardless of “additional briefing document coming” and request that this briefing document incorporate this response to avoid redoing of response effort. Also, to agree to incorporate as part of cover email KRRRA interest to support MRAI funding proposal with limitations above.
- **Kevin** via Mark Bedford – to continue to ask Aileen Lawrie progress on the Business Case – costing received from Pinnacles Civil and if there is a TCDC budget funding source for the Business Case
- A project team between MRAI and KRRRA be established to respond to the Business Case content and any requests from TCDC – Kevin suggested a committee of two from

each RRA and he was keen to be involved for technical and project inputs. This to be reviewed until after TCDC position and Project Leader appointment clearer.

5.7 Resurfacing of Domain Tennis Courts - Progress Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer 2022 Minutes and 24 Jan and 7 March 2023)

Recent Progress since last meeting:

- Brent has followed up with Heather Bruce and found that Tanya Patrick has been asked to get revised quotes from TCDC approved contractors.
- Heather Bruce TCDC after the AGM noted that the grant \$11k was still available and needs spent before 30 June, that DOC ownership of land meant they were to be consulted and that balance of monies over the \$43k from TCDC was not confirmed. Kevin asked her that the \$11k be ringfenced and used for new equipment and held in storage until the overlay completed.
- Note 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 by TCDC.

Next Actions– refreshed as follows:

- **Brent** – to follow up with Heather Bruce to understand timeframes 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** – to follow up with Heather / Tanya on balance of infrastructure design noted above and its funding and the need for both to be agreed by KRRA and Domain Board as co-funders before release of our joint monies

Post meeting Note: **Brent** also corresponded with Tanya Patrick re Tennis Court overlay and reply from Tanya noted her availability and Heather Bruce TCDC on the morning of Fri 28 April for an onsite visit to discuss progress / next steps. Alastair, Danny, and Kevin available to attend.

5.8 Pump House Beautification Update and Reserve Access Road State

Background summary – (for full detail refer 2022 Minutes and 24 Jan and 7 March 2023)

Recent Progress since last meeting:

Roimata advised

- Design of rear of pump house sent to Tanya response awaited
- Access to pump house and Roimata proposal to fully clad with ply to enhance graphics confirmation awaited by TCDC operations
- TCDC Koha to be followed up

Kevin noted the Reserve Access Road State – compared it to other beach communities that have sealed access and that at the Jan 8 public meeting there was a public proposal to try to get the Reserve access road sealed by TCDC rather than constant pothole filling.

Roimata and others noted that many in the community like the unsealed section and that with potholes it was a speed limitation.

Committee agreed that it would not be a project to be supported by KRRR unless the proposed poll noted below that it was a concern of the members

5.9 Proposal for a Poll of Members to update KRRR Community aspirations

Brent noted there was a KRRR Community Plan 2019 refresh (online) which could be revisited / updated via April via Newsletter / Facebook poll that would give a scale rating 1 to 10 as to priorities for KRRR to focus on with a survey backup so that we do not pre-empt our issues over the current community issues.

Topics discussed – and list of 5 or 6 suggested with the opportunity of members and all community (via Newsletter) and list additional items. Carrie noted presentation is key and on road safety sentiment may have changed due to more young families and cannot do all at once.

4 Topics agreed:

SH25 Road safety priority focused Questions (3No.) important to demonstrate Community solidarity to access funding

- Cemetery Rd to the Village walking and cycling infrastructure
- Village to Bluff Rd / Hilldale Crescent walking and cycling infrastructure
- Implementation of Speed reduction 70km/hr. to 50km/hr. Cemetery Road to Hilldale Cres

and similarly for funding from TCDC

- Bluff Cove Connection reinstatement with Suspension Bridge

Others such as backyard trapping – predator free status, fly tipping, sealing of Reserve Access to be left for public suggestion. Not include Village traffic calming, Dark Sky as underway.

Agreed that Committee review the Community plan circulate ideas to Kathy and Committee

Kathy to send link to the Community Plan for **all to review** and to collate and decisions on poll questions to be made at the next meeting.

5.10 Upcoming Meetings / KRRR attendance

Annual plan submissions presentations – 26 April online / in person Thames

Next MBCB meeting will be 3 May @ 9am; KRRR attendees Alastair, Marguerite also next meetings: 14 June and 26 July

TCDC Full Council meeting 16 May, 27 June, 18 August

Next meeting Mercury Bay North Community Chairs – date TBC - KRRR attendee – Alastair for Brent Page

6. Any other business:

6.1 end May / June Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas – next one due end May but could be delayed and suggestions are to be sent to group during April / May and finalised at the next meeting:

Potentially add the poll and include item held over to next issue - Dog bylaw submission

6.2 Whitianga Ferry – Super Gold Card / Beach Access Signage

Marguerite briefed the meeting as an update on her work on behalf of Grey Power and the community in advocating for Super Gold card funding for the Whitianga Ferry. Noted that MBCB was not supporting this, and the focus now is best on WRC the recipient of Central Government funds c \$ 1m for the Waikato on fairer distribution to Coromandel – at present it is nil. Noted the advocacy of the Informer articles especially Dec 22 and would like KRRRA to try to get more traction on the issue and other KRRRA issues. **Kevin** noted this was already the case that the Informer and MBP mined KRRRA Newsletter content and republished it.

View of the excessive amount of signage on the beach and accesses. Brent thought that this may be an issue coming back in the Poll.

6.3 SH and Local Road Network Closures

Nicci noted the issues of poor updates by Waka Kotahi and TCDC as to the current status of roads during and post the cyclones and better information on clearance schedule of slips made.

Meeting noted that Coromandel FM has provided the best update via its Facebook Page and that it has recently updated the format into a set of tables for most SH and local roads. Roimata suggested that it could be posted in the store for public to be directed to.

Opportunity to talk to TCDC on this issue needed as Business Owner discussed.

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.
- Point to point speed cameras request of Waka Kotahi – refer Item 5.3
- Bus Shelter and TCDC (Tanya Patrick) advancing permissions / any further details necessary from Roimata / KRRRA.
- Next Roadside cleanup – propose a post Easter event.
- Fly tipping – refer Item 5.6 of 13 Dec minutes.
- Pohutukawa siting on Blackjack Reserve – Autumn 2023 – 7 no proposed contact Tanya Patrick – Item 5.2 in the 13 Dec minutes
- Post cyclone remedial work – Gray Ave reserve drop out, Seaville Park / Bluff Road and macrocarpa tree on Kuaotunu main beach

Next meeting: Tuesday 6 June at the Hall 6pm. Kim unavailable and Kevin not available for 30 May – **Post meeting** various members were available for 6 June – proposed rescheduled date.

Meeting closed: 7:51pm

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Ramp rock sourcing – Heather Bruce checking it can be local / Maintenance Plan and splits in responsibilities – maintenance/ capital works/ approvals Contact TCDC as still no response received on the submission re speed environments 	pending
Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design of rear of pump house sent to Tanya response awaited Access to pump house and Roimata proposal to fully clad with ply to enhance graphics confirmation awaited TCDC Koha to be followed up Provide a design for the rear of the pump house to Tanya and Committee – refer Item 5.1 Watching brief – re Bus Shelter where – ask Tanya re status – any more detail required 	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay connected with Ed Varley re gateway graphic ideas Item 5.5 Traffic calming Consultation – advance opportunities for the gateway configuration with TCDC and write to Ed Varley as to timeframes for gazetting both the 30km/hr. and Blackjack 60 km/hr. - Item 5.5 Contact Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi re boat ramp to the Bluff Rd footpath and speed cameras – and write to relevant staffer in Waka Kotahi (likely Cara Lauder) Item 5.4 Follow up with Heather Bruce re Tennis Court Overlay and next steps – refer Item 5.7 	pending
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with Suspension bridge with Mark Bedford - refer Item 5.6 Coordinate with Mark Bedford to send response to TCDC re review of Draft Report on suspension bridge RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair. Get Cara Lauder- System Network Manager (Waikato) Waka Kotahi contact number 	pending
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulate Community Plan 2019 for all to review Check availability of Hall for meeting – now proposed on 6 June Facebook posting of AGM minutes after KRRRA internal circulation 	