

Kūāotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūāotunu Hall
8 June 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: 6:05pm

Present: Brent (Chair), Kathy, Carrie (to 730pm), Alastair, Marguerite, Bella, Nicci and Kevin (minutes)

Public: Ian Goodall (Kūāotunu Domain Board)

Apologies: Roimata Taimana, Kim Crosland

Public input – Ian Goodall

Tennis Court Refurbishment – also refer Item 5.7 of the minutes below.

Ian advised that an invoice to release the MCB grant has been sent by the Domain Board for \$11k to TCDC and monies have been paid into the Domain Board account. Evidence is required to be sent to TCDC in the form of invoices and payments to that amount made prior to 30 June.

The grant is to be spent for refurbishment and equipment. Focus to be on equipment and line marking as both are achievable in the short term. Equipment – two new basketball and netball hoops (interchangeable by rotating) including transport and installation, one new tennis net and line marking were discussed as amounting close to the \$11k grant.

Kevin advised that Tanya had confirmed that the perimeter fencing renewal and the 4 gates was part of the depreciation schedule for next year's expenditure.

Next Actions –

- **Kevin** to contact Tanya Patrick to get supplier name for line marking of one tennis court and the other basketball and netball combined. **Post meeting Note:** Arrow Line marking contact sent to Ian Goodall and Invoice has been received.
- **Ian and Danny** to work to get the equipment invoice from Mayfield Sports for equipment like Te Rerenga School. **Post meeting Note:** Contact made and Invoice received.
- **Ian** to work with Domain Board bank account signatories to get invoices paid (Wed 21 June at bank) and payment evidence supplied to Heather Bruce TCDC.

The overlay and fencing refurbishment quote proposed at c82k is not currently able to be funded by TCDC and an interim refurbishment infill of cracks and holes is a better objective but additional to \$11k grant and still needs definition. Danny proposed a parent's working bee to waterblast the tennis court surface in preparation for crack and hole infill.

- **Kevin** – to contact Tanya and get Concrete infill contractor name (done – Concreteworx) and get in contact with them on detail of the \$ 30k verbal quote provided to Tanya and the infill product proposed (**Post meeting Note:** in progress)
- **Other actions in near term – refer Item 5.7**

Post Meeting Note: Opportunity to additionally mark out one court for pickleball – meeting with Grant Chambers and Anne & Kevin Walmsley (Matarangi and Kūāotunu Pickleball respectively) and Brent Page, Kevin Crawford and Ian Goodall held 1230pm Tuesday 20 June and agreed it can be done on the tennis court area with two courts one each side of the existing net. Best markings are done at the same time as other markings and KRRRA prepared to fund (awaiting price from Arrow Line Marking via Domain Board)

1. Minutes:

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

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

2. Matters arising from the minutes:

Running through the Action Plan included in the 18 April minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Alastair

Followup Heather Bruce checking boat ramp rock can be sourced locally.

No response received from TCDC re speed environment submission.

Roimata – has approval from TCDC for the design and has the materials Refer Item 5.9

Brent

- Gateway graphic ideas – Brent has corresponded to Ed Varley – reply awaited.
- Traffic Calming – followup by Brent to confirm gazetting – see Item 5.5 below.
- SH25 road safety – contacted Liam Ryan – no reply and followup needed by Brent to Liam noting KRRRA aware the SH25 road safety inspection was recently done by Waka Kotahi and asking that temporary digital signs reducing speed limits Hilldale to Cemetery be included in their recommended actions – see Item 5.4 below.

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in the Dropbox. No additional items reported.

4. Financial Report

3 signatories required for the KRRRA Kiwibank bank account. Kate Nielsen now no longer a Committee member so it was agreed that Carrie would replace Kate and that signatories are now Alastair, Kathy and Carrie.

Account balances \$11,425.75

Income: new membership fees received \$920 and Interest \$72.87 (interest)

Outgoings: \$18.63 (advertising)

no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors.

Membership: 208 – 27 % haven't renewed yet but usual situation and final reminder goes out end June

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

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Proposed Poll Topics

Committee discussed several ideas provided by some members via email. Kathy suggested using the Work Programme items from the 2019 Community Plan as the topics, but the committee felt that these were too detailed.

Agreed to keep questions wider to “advocate for: Rather than detail a “how” within the poll question and to ask rating on 1-5 basis tick box – “Very important” through to “Not important” rather than 1-10 rating and to ask people to list what other issues concerned them that KRRRA could assist in their advocacy.

Brent noted that the last poll received c 200 replies from Kūāotunu Residents v 350 for the whole peninsula when TCDC did a similar exercise. Agreed to have Committee members lobby friends and neighbours to get a similar high response rate.

Brent to approach Luke to provide a \$100 meal voucher at Lukes Kitchen as an incentive to complete the survey (with people to agree to their names being submitted). Voucher to be awarded through a draw of random response. **Post Meeting Note:** Luke approached and has agreed and this incentive has been added to survey.

Questions: detail discussion based on Brent's initial 24 May email of 8 No questions. There was some discussion around the wording of the poll questions and it was agreed that Kathy would work these into a format suitable for the poll and send a draft to the Committee for their approval. Agreed that items 1-8 in Brent's email were the basis for Kathy wordsmithing.

Several finetuning aspects were discussed:

Kevin noted important he felt that we should get via a poll mandate information on road safety priorities that could be used to support advocacy with TCDC and Waka Kotahi. However, thoughts were better to get priority for road safety generally in the community mind rather than identify one area over another as that would get divided response and it was better to show solidarity on the subject and then respond to Waka Kotahi when a specific fund amount for walking and cycling along SH25 – Committee decided to keep both Items 1 and 7 and reposition Item 7 to close to Item 1.

Noted there also needs to be at least one environmental question– Alter Item 4 to: ensure our waterways are clean and functioning well.

Item 5 add ... including a suspension bridge for a Bluff Cove re-connection.

Item 6 words finetuned advocacy for: “Kūāotunu as a vibrant community with artistic and creative talent with opportunities for their output showcased”.

Marguerite keen to have a question on the role of the community in responding to the concept: Coromandel “Good for your Soul” and would try to write or review some text by **Kathy** to cover that aspect.

Alastair suggested a specific question on Dark Sky and support for the Peninsula Biosphere.

5.2 TCDC Annual Plan 23-24 – KRRR submission and TCDC Annual Plan as issued.

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 18 April 23 minutes)

Kevin outlined the 26 April Teams submission made on behalf of KRRR and noted Alastair made a personal submission focused on kerbside waste and Waste to Energy.

Noted no verbal submission made by MRAI or Opito RRA.

Kevin presented KRRR’s 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 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 the cost ratepayers were being committed to.

Kevin summarised the Annual Plan after consultation that was published 16 May.

- Damage to TCDC local road network has been re-costed from \$40m to \$30-\$33m.
- Funding from Central Govt via Waka Kotahi FAR (Funding Assistance Rate) is 91 % of that figure (as a result of 2 large storm events) so the cost to TCDC is c \$3m but this is required to be spent in FY 23-24 or this reduces to 71%. It is a real challenge for construction resources to 216 slips for example to be carried out in 1 year unless this aspect renegotiated.
- No prioritised list available for the slip repair.
- No apparent change to allocation of any Mercury Bay North projects- still Nil.
- Rate rise like that proposed in the plan.
- Option 2 kerbside rubbish collection confirmed.
- Adoption of the Annual Plan is 1 July 2023.

5.3 Recent Interaction with TCDC / Waka Kotahi Progress Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 18 April 23 minutes)

Brent contacted TCDC Councillor Rekha Giri-Percival and confirmed LTP revision will be open for comment early 2024.

Next Action:

Brent to check with Rekha when the LTP items were being assembled so that KRRR could advocate for specific issues and have them included rather than awaiting to comment when agendas were already set. Example: Tennis Court overlay being included in the LTP.

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 2022 Minutes, 24 Jan, 7 Mar and 18 April 23)

Progress update: Brent had contacted Liam Ryan – Waka Kotahi regarding Road Safety 20 April –and again Correspondence Drop Box 30 May 2023. Requested temporary speed limits Cemetery to Hilldale, including high profile electronic signage or similar - No response received.

Brent to followup with Liam and add the observation re SH25 Road safety assessment recently done is the opportunity to input digital temporary speed signs at Hilldale and to Cemetery.

5.5 Village Traffic Calming – Update

Background summary– (for full recent detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 March, 18 April 23 Minutes)

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 **now delayed** till May/ June. No response on the 60 km/hr unsealed road from the village to Opito over Blackjack Road.

Next Actions:

Brent to re-contact Ed Varley as to timeframes for gazetting the 30km/hr in the village. and Blackjack 60 km/hr and next action by TCDC - also noting the level of support within the community avoid a potential deferral and that Gateway graphics also need to be actioned at the same time.

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

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 March, 18 April 23 Minutes)

Kevin noted the frustration that the response to Ed Varley 1 Feb report has still not been sent by MRAI Chair to TCDC.

Brent to contact Mark Bedford and understand background and advocate it be sent to keep some momentum in the issue – since done.

Recent Progress: Post meeting Note

- Mark Bedford has received a response 13 June from Bruce Hinson TCDC Operations Manager – an additional report including a strategy for connection from Kūaotunu through to Matarangi is in preparation and is proposed to be submitted to the MBCB 26 July meeting. Unclear if this replicates the material from Ed Varley received already.
- Kevin’s response to the Draft project brief / design report from Pinnacles Civil and subconsultants received from Ed Varley 1 Feb – updated to reflect the emergency access criteria and this has now been sent to Bruce Hinson by Mark Bedford.

Next Actions:

- **Kevin** – review new report from TCDC ideally before MBCB 26 July meeting.
- 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, 7 March, April 18, 2023)

Recent Progress since last meeting: Alastair, Danny, and Kevin attended a meeting with Tanya and Heather Bruce TCDC on the morning of Fri 28 April for an onsite visit to discuss progress / next steps. - see Public Input in minutes above.

Next Actions– refreshed as follows:

- **Brent** – Given the issues of no funding in Annual Plan 23-24 for the \$82K full overlay to follow up with Heather Bruce to understand timeframes for TCDC LTP inclusion and what steps could be taken (for example: Need 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)
Also making sure the fencing and gate upgrade from FY 24 TCDC depreciation funding is in the LTP.
- **Kevin / Alastair** – to follow up with Domain Board on balance of tennis court works– either Domain Board / KRRRA funding of cracks and hole infilling noted or the full overlay as above and its funding and the need for strategy to be agreed by KRRRA and Domain Board as co-funders before release of our joint \$25k plus \$7k monies.

5.8 Pump House Beautification Update and Reserve Access Road State

Background summary – (for full detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 March 18 April 2023 minutes)

Recent Progress since last meeting:

- Roimata’s design of rear of pump house and proposal to fully clad with ply to enhance graphics approved by TCDC and materials received.
- TCDC Koha to be followed up.

5.9 Destination Hauraki Coromandel Management Plan – Draft

Kevin noted this has been received c 15 May and it states Transformational Project relevant to Kūaotunu is ‘safe walking access’ pg 8 – and this aspect is not the only aspect of “Enrich and Preserve vibrancy in our small towns” pg12.

Kevin to respond to the survey restating 2 June 22 KRRRA position regarding safe access and connectivity to Matarangi via the suspension bridge project then and emphasising the feature of this community as a vibrant artistic community and the Dark Sky status.

5.10 Post Cyclone Remedial Work – Update

Kevin noted the issue of the remedial work and priority needs to be addressed to TCDC for the following:

- Underslip at Seavill Park / Bluff Road junction has reduced Bluff Road to one lane compromising Rings Beach access over winter should it get worse as no channelling of stormwater away from the slip appears to have been done.
- Grays Beach Reserve (at Bluff Rd / Gray Ave junction) – Stormwater pipe dropout has severely eroded the dune face and cut back into the road reserve. Lack of action by

TCDC has resulted in major dropouts and beach erosion Kevin has contacted Tanya Patrick who has inspected and raised an internal RFS with TCDC stormwater to repair and used photos supplied by Kevin.

- The collapse of the upstream side of the western abutment of the Rings Beach bridge has resulted in the road now being closed to vehicle traffic.

Actions completed.

- The macrocarpa trees fallen along the main beach along with other dangerous trees have been cleared and felled.
- 4 Pohutukawa trees now planted on Blackjack Reserve

Kevin – to write an email for **Brent** to forward to Ed Varley requesting what priority these items have in TCDC slip repair listing and requesting to be informed of proposals.

5.11 Upcoming Meetings / KRRRA attendance

Next MBCB meetings will be 14 June and 26 July

TCDC Full Council meeting 27 June, 18 August

Next meeting Mercury Bay North Community Board Chairs – 28 June – Brent Page

MBCB Volunteer Day – 23 June – Kevin went

6. Any other business:

6.1 Newsletter

Kathy asked for ideas – next one due 23 June.

Subjects proposed:

- New committee members
- Poll questionnaire (state underway if not available to go with the Newsletter)
- Dog Bylaw submission outcome
- Tennis court update (grant and new equipment)
- Kūaotunu Dune Care article – next planting 24 June & Matariki Grays Beach Reserve
- Dark Sky Matariki Event mid-July.
- 6 of the Best Photos – article and pictures celebrating the arts in Kūaotunu

Watching brief:

- Point to point speed cameras request of Waka Kotahi – refer Item 5.4
- Next Roadside cleanup – propose a post Easter event.

Next meeting: Thursday 20 July at the Hall 6pm. Marguerite unavailable.

Meeting closed: 7:55pm

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Ramp rock sourcing – contact Heather Bruce checking it can be local and likely timeframe. Contact TCDC as still no response received on the submission re speed environments 	Pending
Kevin / Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow up with Domain Board on balance of tennis court works – crack and hole infill and other costs - funding splits 	
Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress installation of the artwork on the pump house 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 whare – ask Tanya re status – and if any more detail is required 	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay connected with Ed Varley re gateway graphic ideas Item 5.5 Traffic calming Consultation –write to Ed Varley as to timeframes for gazetting both the 30km/hr. and Blackjack 60 km/hr. - Item 5.5 Re Contact Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi re temporary speed digital signs Item 5.4 Follow up with Heather Bruce re Tennis Court Overlay and next steps for getting it into the LTP – refer Item 5.7 Followup with Rekha about when LTP preparation underway so KRRRA can input – refer Item 5.3 Contact Luke re \$100 voucher for poll completion refer Item 5.1 Attend Mercury Bay North Chairs meeting 28 June 	<p>Pending</p> <p>Done</p>
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write email for Brent re Post Cyclone remedial works Seavill Park Rd / Bluff Road & Gray Ave dune and reserve damage as a result of stormwater pipe drop out refer Item 5.10 RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair. Survey response to Destination Hauraki Coromandel on behalf of KRRRA 	<p>Done</p> <p>Pending</p>
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check availability of Hall for meeting on 20 July Complete Poll questions and circulate for agreement to Committee and Newsletter 	Done