

**Kūaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association**  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
held at Kūaotunu Hall  
20 July 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:** 6:10pm

**Present:** Brent (Chair), Kathy, Carrie, Alastair, Roimata, Kim, Bella, and Kevin (minutes)

**Public:** no attendance

**Apologies:** Marguerite Muellers / Nicci Kerr not in attendance

**1. Minutes:**

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

**moved:** Brent    **seconded:** Alastair    **Passed**

**2. Matters arising from the minutes:**

Running through the Action Plan included in the 8 June 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 been delayed by weather curing paint – target by end September for completion

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 5.6 below.
- SH25 road safety – contacted Liam Ryan – see Item 5.5 re temporary digital signs reducing speed limits Hilldale to Cemetery be included in their recommended actions

**3. Correspondence:**

Correspondence is in the Dropbox. No additional items reported

**4. Financial Report**

Account balances \$12,069.96

Income: new membership fees received \$810 and Interest \$114.08

Outgoings: \$ 270 (Kuaotunu.nz website)

no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors.

Membership: 192 - 3-month grace period expired 30 June

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

## **5. Items for Discussion:**

### **5.1 Interim Poll Results Review**

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 8 June 23 minutes)

Kathy had collated results – ranked scores and listing of comments by category with clean waterways the highest aggregated score. Several new subjects and comments were summarised.

To date 99 responses had been received from a catchment of 400. Brent noted that the last poll received c 200 replies from Kūaotunu Residents v 350 for the whole peninsula when TCDC did a similar exercise. Agreed useful to get higher numbers extend to the end of the month with a reminder to send via Kuaotunu Ketchup with a link to the survey added.

### **5.2 TCDC LTP Annual Plan 23-24 Update**

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 18 April and 8 June 23 minutes)

Kevin and Brent provided a response on behalf of KRRRA to Helena Stratford TCDC request for KRRRA to review the Mercury Bay North Community Plan 2020-2030 (page 14) objectives for the Kuaotunu area. Refer to email dated 14 July 23 – in the correspondence file for detail.

KRRRA requested changes in Kuaotunu objectives including deleting the skatepark, revising the safe walking and cycling item by combining three locations to be read as Cemetery to Hilldale and requesting that the boat ramp rock revetment be upgraded and the Night Sky item be read as “Dark Sky Community”. Post Email Note SH25 - 94 should be extended to 108 opposite Kingfisher Way.

Request was included that rate funds received by TCDC from the area for water supply and sewage treatment costs (i.e utility services not received) are TCDC reallocated to upgrading walking and cycling paths.

Additions were requested to have capital works line items added to the LTP that related to Mercury Bay North under Roads and Footpaths – including Kuaotunu to Matarangi Connectivity restoration and Community spaces and development – and under the Harbour Facilities category – the boat ramp rock revetment and under Parks and Reserves – the tennis court overlay.

Thanks to Kevin for preparation of response detail proposed by Alastair and seconded Roimata. Noted that these opportunities to advocate for issues to TCDC need to have all Committee members input no matter how brief the point maybe, so that there is a unified response.

### **5.3 Interaction with TCDC - Mercury Bay North Ratepayers Chairs Meeting –**

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 8 June 23 minutes)

Chairs meeting Notes dated 28 June were received 20 July from TCDC and included in Correspondence received. Brent attended with Opito, Otama, Matarangi Ratepayers Associations and each reported on detail concerns for their areas.

Kuaotunu items included a request for the visibility on cyclone recovery budget allocation and priorities. Other items included temporary speed management on SH25 due to increased traffic volumes, pampas spraying on Blackjack and the poor Dog Bylaw review process conducted by TCDC.

TCDC provided an update on the recovery projects and other actions were listed. Noted that staff are currently reviewing how projects are initiated – aiming at staged completion in phases and a Project Request Form which will include a Community Engagement Risk Assessment – Kevin / Brent noted that it was not clear if this is positive or intended as a block to such engagement.

TCDC confirmed that the inputs to the LTP Community Plans were needed by 14 July and further inputs to the LTP are requested by RRAs. This is important for the Aug – Dec 23 period to develop the LTP update and formal public consultation is March – April 2024 with adoption June 2024.

**Action – Brent** to followup the temporary speed management opportunity noted in the Chairs meeting by TCDC as well as gazetting / approval by Waka Kotahi of local speed reduction with Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi – see also Item 5.5 below.

#### **5.4 Resurfacing of Domain Tennis Courts - Progress Update**

Background summary – (full detail refer 2022 Minutes, 24 Jan, 7 March, April 18 and June 8 2023)

**Recent Progress since last meeting:** The opportunity to additionally mark out one court for pickleball – meeting with Grant Chambers and Anne Walmsley (Matarangi and Kūaotunu Pickleball respectively) Brent Page, Ian Goodall and Danny Bay held 1230pm Tuesday 20 June

Meeting agreed that 2 pickleball courts could be marked out on the remaining tennis court – either side of the net with the pickleball group using their own nets (stored in the sports/ toy equipment room). The dimensions just worked with the back of court space within the outer fencing.

It was agreed that any extra over cost in line marking would be covered by KRRRA (Brent Page / Kevin Crawford on site decision). Kevin noted no amount has been requested to date by the Domain Board.

Payment receipts matching Invoices to show expenditure up to the MBCB grant has been sent by the Domain Board for \$11k to TCDC prior to the 30 June deadline.

The grant is now spent for refurbishment and equipment 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 are now underway.

The line marking including the pickleball marking was actually carried out in early July as Arrow Marking were in the Mercury Bay North area. The patching and hole infill has unfortunately not been done and may cause issues if the crack crosses lines for example.

Kevin has contacted Concreteworx about scoping of a limited amount of crack and hole infill – Noted they were hesitant and initial products they had stated were not appropriate. Kevin has researched others and discussed with them. Agreed to meet on site in mid-September when Kevin and Ian Goodall were both back in Kuaotunu.

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 – further discussion required now that the line marking has been done.

KRRA funding of cracks and hole infilling noted or the full overlay as above and its funding - the need for strategy to be agreed by KRRA and Domain Board as co-funders before release of our joint \$25k plus \$7k monies.

#### **Next Actions –**

- **Kevin** to contact Carla of Concreteworx in September for infill of cracks and holes.
- **Alastair** to followup with Ian and Danny re the timeframes for equipment from Mayfield Sports and its installation
- **Brent** – Given the issues of no funding in Annual Plan 23-24 for the \$82K full overlay to we have added it into our LTP request 14 July. Brent 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.

#### **5.5 Road Safety - SH 25 Waitaia / Cemetery Road to SH25 Bluff Road, Hilldale Junctions** Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 Minutes, 24 Jan, 7 Mar, 18 April and 8 June 23 Minutes)

**Brent** followed up 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.

#### **Post meeting update**

Waka Kotahi announced late July temporary speed reductions – map of the Coromandel included. 50km/hr Village to Hilldale shown but unfortunately not Cemetery to Village

Brent has already contacted Liam querying this and asking that this be included based on the extended residential area and questioned whether gazetting was in place for village traffic calming

## **5.6 Village Traffic Calming – Update**

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 Mar, 18 Apr. 8 Jun 23 Minutes)

### **Recent Progress:**

TCDC Ed Varley has advised in an email 9 June to KRRA that the speed limit changes will be processed in June by an additional Council Resource from Pinnacles Civil and be presented to TCDC Council September meeting. However, he noted that there was minimal funding for physical works / installation and so it is deferred and to be included in the Long-Term budget 2024-2034 and to further be included in LTP Consultation next year.

The Committee noted this installation delay unacceptable given the minimal items involved in roundels and signage and gateway and why it was necessary to use Waka Kotahi lack of funding as a further reason. There was no mention of gazetting in the email or 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 why there was a need for a further LTP consultation round, and why installation already agreed could not be done within TCDC funds given minimal items involved.

Question timeframes for gazetting the 30km/hr in the village and Blackjack 60 km/hr and next action by TCDC. Reiterate the level of support within the community avoid a potential deferral and that Gateway graphics also need to be actioned at the same time.

## **5.7 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)

### **Recent Progress:**

- 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
- Mark Bedford invited to this MBCB meeting where the report was to be presented (primarily as a briefing to new MBCB members) but no items. Agreed best to wait for this overview meeting and then to receive the detailed report and comment / ask for a meeting.
- 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 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.

**5.8 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 – delay due to poor weather affecting paint curing.
- Agreed with Roimata the target for completion- end of September.
- TCDC Koha to be followed up.

**5.9 Community Artspace**

Kevin briefed the Committee on the outcome of a meeting initiated by Isabel Gilbert-Palmer that he attended included Tamatera (Victor), Ian Preece, Ellen, and Maori Architect based in Waihi – Kyle Anaru of Tohu Architecture.

Graphics prepared by Martin Smith for a site adjacent the library shown and Tamatera approval stated as a location for statutory acknowledgement with the inclusion of 3 pou.

Discussion followed about relocation of the petanque court. Kevin noted the 2-container building should be moved east to avoid relocating the petanque court and framed between two trees on SH25. There are real issues of water ponding in weather events in that location and thus there needs to be a raised building platform and carparking provision addressed with TCDC as part of a Resource Consent application (noted the area conflicts with parking used for Saturday sports events)

Alastair noted his preference was at the base of stairs of the Blackjack Reserve and Kevin noted the location options do not appear to have had full community debate and that this site is part of Ngati Hei settlement not Tamatera.

Committee agreed that KRRRA was in support in principle and had earlier stated this, but the Community may not be or committed to rates money in short supply being spent on the project. Kevin noted Isabel proposed the project was to be fund raised and not based on ratepayer's funding. The intention is the Artspace is part of a ribbon of sites down the eastern coast of Coromandel as part of a series of permanent art spaces adding to the Destination Coromandel strategy.

Agreed that survey may indicate the level of support. No further action from KRRRA proposed until approached by Isabel.

### 5.10 Destination Hauraki Coromandel Draft Strategic Plan

Kevin noted this has been received c 15 May and it states Kūaotunu as significant for 'safe walking access' - which it is not.

Kevin still to respond to the survey restating 2 June 22 KRRA 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.

### 5.11 Post Cyclone Remedial Work – Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer 8 June 2023 minutes)

Kevin completed an email addressed to TCDC covering the issues of the remedial work and priority for the items below. Discussion on whether to send to TCDC after the Chairs meeting discussions on the recovery. Carrie agreed it should still be sent and all agreed with Brent's suggestion of minor rephrasing to refocus down the detailing of a solution. Locations as follows:

- 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 water 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. Tanya keen KRRA write to emphasise the issue and provide support to get action from TCDC stormwater.
- 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 - Now repaired.

#### Next Actions

Kevin to revise the email on the above items to not be prescriptive as to the solution and let TCDC Ed Varley propose a solution.

**Post Meeting Note** Kevin has written the email and Brent forwarded to Ed Varley cc Bruce Hinson and MBCB requesting what priority these items have in TCDC slip repair listing and requesting to be informed of proposals.

### 5.12 Dark Sky Update

Alastair described the Kuaotunu Dark Sky Trust has been formed including Paul Cook, Ed Scorgie. Cara Jordan (Destination Hauraki Coromandel) and Alastair Brickell.

Aiming for Kuaotunu to be the first Dark Sky Community in New Zealand within the next year. Stewart Island is a sanctuary, Tekapo is a reserve, Kuaotunu a community because of the population size. Michael Fay in support and adding Ahu Ahu (Great Mercury) to the network.

Alastair summarised a successful Matariki event 16 July – attendance 60. He noted Kahu Consultants underway with the District Plan change and IDSA (International Dark Sky Association) rewriting the criteria for signage lighting.

Kevin queried the provisions inside LTP lighting programme and whether they had Dark Sky objectives included.

### **5.13 Upcoming Meetings / KRRRA attendance**

Next MBCB meeting will be 26 July.

TCDC Full Council meeting 18 August

Next meeting Mercury Bay North Community Chairs – date TBC

## **6. Any other business:**

### **6.1 early October Newsletter**

Kathy asked for ideas – next one due early October.

Subjects proposed:

- Poll questionnaire outcome
- Tennis court update (grant and new equipment)
- Kūaotunu Dune Care article – Matariki Grays Beach Reserve
- Dark Sky Matariki Event 16 July
- Pump House Beautification completion

### **6.2 Wetland and Matarangi Community – Wild Pigs Roaming**

Carrie noted the issues of c30 wild pigs from the wetland de-afforestation being fed by a member of the public has resulted in a number roaming the Matarangi community and the Rings Beach wetland area.

**Brent** to contact Mark Bedford to discuss any actions proposed.

### **Watching brief:**

- Point to point speed cameras request of Waka Kotahi – refer Item 5.5
- Next Roadside cleanup – propose a post Easter event.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 21 September at the Hall 6pm.

**Meeting closed: 7:55pm**

## **ACTION SUMMARY**

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boat Ramp rock sourcing – Heather Bruce checking it can be local</li> <li>• Contact TCDC as still no response received on the submission re speed environments</li> </ul>	pending



Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Completion of the artwork on the pump house</li> <li>● TCDC Koha to be followed up</li> </ul>	
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stay connected with Ed Varley re gateway graphic ideas Item 5.6</li> <li>● Traffic calming Consultation –write to Ed Varley as to timeframes for gazetting both the 30km/hr. and Blackjack 60 km/hr. - Item 5.6</li> <li>● Re followup on Contact made with Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi re temporary speed digital signs and requesting Cemetery to Village be included - Post Meeting Item 5.5</li> <li>● Follow up with Heather Bruce re Tennis Court Overlay and next steps for getting it into the LTP – refer Item 5.4</li> <li>● Wild pigs at Matarangi – contact Mark Bedford re the issue and any actions proposed Item 6.2</li> </ul>	<p>pending</p> <p>Done</p>
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair.</li> <li>● Survey response to Hauraki Coromandel on behalf of KRRA</li> </ul>	<p>pending</p> <p>pending</p>
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Extend Survey deadline via Katchup</li> <li>● Compile Poll results and circulate for agreement to Committee.</li> <li>● Newsletter</li> </ul>	Done