

Kūāotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūāotunu Hall
14 December 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, Kim, Marguerite Muellers and Kevin (minutes)

Public: no attendance

Apologies: Roimata and Bella

1. Minutes:

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

moved: Kim **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

2. Matters arising from the minutes:

Running through the Action Plan included in the 12 October minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Alastair

Follow-up Heather Bruce checking boat ramp rock can be sourced locally.

No response received from TCDC re speed environment submission.

Tennis Court Crack infill – Alastair to talk to Ian Goodall re Domain Board proposed action.

Roimata – Pumphouse mural painting has been progressed with Tanya TCDC having seen panels and positive – install delayed by Roimata and his wife's illness.

Brent

- Gateway graphic ideas – Brent has corresponded to Ed Varley – reply awaited.
- SH25 road safety — see Item 5.6 re temporary speed to 50km / hr. only part done.
- Heather Bruce request for tennis court overlay – added via LTP drop-in session.
- EDS Donation – refer Item 5.10

Kevin

- RFS Kūāotunu Stream bridge on SH25 at the junction – pending.
- Follow up again with Waka Kotahi re delay to Kūāotunu Hill repair refer Item 5.5

Kim & Kevin

- Actions re Significance & Engagement Policy completed and TCDC issued policy - refer Item 5.2

Kathy

- Incorporated Society Regulation – refer Item 5.12
- Other actions completed – Newsletter in progress for issue pre-Xmas.

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in Dropbox.

- Donation request for Football Nets at Domain - refer Item 5.11
- Destination Coromandel App with QR received – add to Noticeboard.

- Email from Rob Boston – Whangamata RRA Chair re requesting KRRA view on reigniting TCDC to address Community Democracy with all RRA with Mayor and councilors together – refer Item 5.3

4. Financial Report

Account balances \$12,347.58

Income: no new membership fees received and Interest \$91.92

Outgoings: nil

no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors.

Membership: 192 paid for current Financial Year

Financial report accepted, moved: Kathy seconded: Kim Passed

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 TCDC Long Term Plan 23-24 Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 18 April, 8 June, 20 July 2023 and 12 October minutes) Recent events:

Kevin attended the overall TCDC briefing on line 27 October by the Mayor and Bruce Hinson (few attendees c15 incl Council staff) The following notes record the key themes – (these were not discussed in detail at this Committee meeting):

- TCDC are taking a 30 yr. horizon over key infrastructure issues of Rooding, Solid waste and 3 Waters and shoreline management plan proposals.
- Several unknowns and timings because of the Election Coalition outcome need to be factored in – repeal of 3 Waters results in local direction and management but future funding issues. 2 drinking water upgrades yet to do of 11 treatment plants (c\$35m) included in LTP budget.
- Submissions by Local Government on the need for a 4-year term and desire for a regional approach of the 11 Councils in this area to Government re funding
- Medium growth projection used for the LTP with Whangamata and Whitianga are the two growth areas- others constrained (e.g. Thames) by available land.
- Cyclone Gabrielle effects – c \$30m on local roads alone – Blackjack, 309 and Tapu Coroglen key focus and contracts let and pre-Xmas completion projected.
- Noted Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) additional top -up by 10-20% from Central Government for Cyclone damage is for rebuild to the previous condition – not build back better and TCDC wish to build in better resilience and this results in a funding shortfall.
- Application made to Waka Kotahi RSR funding part of a \$6bn package nationwide – understood this was unlikely to be removed by incoming government - involved resilience infrastructure work over next 10-15 yr. horizon - Item 5.2 12 October Minutes

Kevin reported he also attended in person the detailed 28 Oct meeting and wrote KRRA shortlist on A3 sheets provided in conjunction with Dean Allen / Deli Connell (part) - this is added as a .pdf into Correspondence. Kevin noted to Dean also that the 2018/2028 LTP had footpaths

included Waitaia to the Village and Bluff to Quarry Point – and that this should be refreshed in our LTP requests.

Agreed a summary to be presented by Kevin at the 7 January Public Meeting. Public feedback will be sought March / April 2024, LTP formal public submission hearings 1 & 2 May – then potential changes, then to TCDC full council 29 & 30 May and adoption 1 July 2024.

Earlier minutes 20 July re LTP submissions by KRRRA: review of the Mercury Bay North Community Plan 2020-2030 (page 14) objectives for the Kūāotunu area already submitted. Refer to email dated 14 July 23 – in the correspondence file for detail. Refer 20 July minutes for items KRRRA requested changes in Kūāotunu objectives and LTP items.

5.2 TCDC Significance and Engagement Policy – KRRRA Feedback

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 12 October 2023 minutes)

TCDC's new policy has been published. KRRRA feedback submitted 18 October. The committee discussed aspects including Section 8 "When TCDC would not engage" for example. has now been removed but unfortunately noted that Ratepayers Associations are still not nominated as a party to be consulted with in the Appendices.

Brent met 8 Nov with Len Salt, Mayor, Deli Connell, and Rekha Giri-Percival Councilors with Chris Severne – Opito RRA Chair requesting better prior-consultation of TCDC actions amongst other issues.

5.3 Proposal for Combined RRA advocacy in reigniting Community Democracy

Rob Boston – Whangamata RRA chair email requesting KRRRA view on reigniting TCDC to address Community Democracy with all RRA with Mayor and councilors together was discussed. Aim is to get RRA combined into a stronger voice and "reignite Community Democracy" and aiming at better achieving the Community consultation objectives of the mayor on election and having Council staff more accountable to the Community and to avoid unsatisfactory consultation and process decisions such as the recent Waste Management Contract award.

Agreed that Committee supported the initiative if it always sought to address TCDC peninsula wide issues and TCDC governance and process of engagement with Communities and that the Quarterly Regional Chairs meeting was maintained for local issues. Agreed that this needs a strong Chair to maintain this more global perspective.

Brent to write to Rob Boston confirming KRRRA support on the above basis.

5.4 Waka Kotahi SH Recovery Plan meeting

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 12 October 2023 minutes)

Kevin provided feedback 25 September to Waka Kotahi requesting a detailed programme and suggesting given climate resilience issues the expenditure needed to be front loaded into the

next 5 years. The timing of Kuaotunu Hill works was requested. Speed management request was made for 50km/hr. from Cemetery to Kuaotunu Village and referred to Liam Ryan.

Waka Kotahi response to the KRRA feedback was received 16 October and included a 1-year programme that did not include Kūaotunu Hill (apparently under another category of project) and noted Dalmeny Corner would not be added as it was deemed a TCDC local road. **Kevin** to follow-up with a reply to Waka Kotahi requesting more specifics on the Kūaotunu Hill programme – understands that tenders were received but being assessed and award and work delayed to Q1 / Q2 2024. Slip north of Wharekaho Retaining wall underway and to be two laned pre Xmas.

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, 8 June, 20 July and 12 October 2023 Minutes)

Waka Kotahi announced late July temporary speed reductions because of traffic intensification on SH25 because of SH25A closure – map of the Coromandel included. 50km/hr Village to Hilldale shown but unfortunately not Cemetery Road to the Village

Committee members noted some slowing of traffic and that branded trucks that are not complying in some cases Community members have contacted the Operations managers of the relevant company to get compliance

New government repeal of lowering speed restrictions may put the current reductions at risk especially now that SH25A is now open.

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. **Brent** to further follow up with Liam Ryan. Kevin requested via the Waka Kotahi meeting and the request had been forwarded.

5.6 Village Traffic Calming – Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 Mar, 18 Apr. 8 Jun, 20 July, and 12 October 2023 Minutes)

Recent Progress:

TCDC at their last Council meeting made the decision to implement 30 km/hr. in the village and 70km/hr. on Blackjack Road through to Opito and to install the changes before 22 December – a full report on the 3 options was included in Council's staff recommendations.

Post meeting Notes – this has been done but without the pavement roundels and the temporary signage added (as in TCDC approved decision Option 3) and note that the Blackjack Road is not the 60km/hr. earlier recommended by Council consultants.

No action done with respect to gateway signage requested of Ed Varley or decluttering of signage. Brent to recontact Ed Varley January regarding this issue and roundels and temporary aspect noted in the Council decision – requesting a permanent installation of all features.

5.7 Matarangi – Kūāotunu Connectivity - Bluff Road Suspension Bridge progress update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 March, 18 April, 20 July and 12 October 2023 Minutes)

Recent Progress:

- A project team between MRAI and KRRRA was established to respond to the Business Case content and any requests from TCDC – A committee of two from each RRA (Mark Bedford / Alastair MacCormick (Matarangi Community Trust (MCT) from MRAI and Brent and Kevin from KRRRA)
- The team met 27 October and agreed Alastair MacCormick to meet Bruce Hinson after Bruce met Urban Solutions Lorenzo Canal to understand costing progress. Alastair to follow up early December on his return from the USA. with a meeting with Bruce Hinson and Aileen Lawrie CEO TCDC but Bruce Hinson has since resigned from TCDC unfortunately – (mid Dec update) and successor not clear.
- Letter written to Bruce Hinson by Mark Bedford as a result was sent 28 October requesting update on progress and inclusion of the Business Case and staged construction costs.
- Kevin added Connectivity to the LTP as an item at the 28 October LTP meeting on behalf of KRRRA.
- Agreed all communications with TCDC via Alastair MacCormick going forward.
- New Year meetings with Len Salt at MRAI AGM Anniversary weekend and Alastair calls to Aileen Lawrie may provide some clarity as to TCDC commitment to advance the issue.

5.8 Pump House Beautification Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 March 18 April, 20 July 2023 and 12 October 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 advanced with Tanya Patrick TCDC who has seen and agreed with the outcome.
- Roimata to complete in the New Year when he is able, given recent illness of both he and his wife and particularly her recovery the priority.

5.9 Post Cyclone Remedial Work – Update

Background summary – (for full detail refer 8 June, 20 July and 12 October 2023 minutes)

Recent progress / Events

- Grays Beach Reserve (at Bluff Rd / Gray Ave junction) – Stormwater pipe dropout has further eroded the dune face and cut back into the road reserve. The only action by TCDC has been to erect timber railing around the escarpment.
- Kevin has recontacted Tanya Patrick on lack of progress suggesting a minimum connection by pvc pipe and asking what priority the repair has and for inclusion into the LTP. Photos of 3 October status sent emailed cc Bruce Hinson Ed Varley Heather Bruce – refer Correspondence file. Understand now back with roading rather than coastal.

5.10 Donation to Environmental Defence Society (EDS)

Donation suggestion to Environmental Defence Society (EDS) by Opito RRA. The committee agreed that it is for individual ratepayers to make such a donation in that some members may not agree with EDS objectives and KRRRA donating was not appropriate in that regard.

Brent had requested more information as to current campaigns and likely use of any donation. Responded that EDS are partners with Legasea and have been active in the lobby against the spat farm proposed of Whauwhau – currently consent has been granted but going to appeal.

5.11 Donation for new Football nets on the Domain

A request received for new football nets funding of \$ 384.10 received – Refer Correspondence and resolution agreed that KRRRA would support with invoice from Hotshot Sports Equipment sent to KRRRA for payment.

moved: Brent **seconded:** Carrie **Passed**

5.12 Regulation Change KRRRA to re-register as Incorporated Society

Kathy advised that the new Incorporated Society Act (replacing the 1908 version) will require KRRRA to update its constitution again (this was last done in 2019). This will require 65 % of members agreement which will be challenging (as it was last time).

The deadline for re-registration under the new act (with changes in Constitution in place) is April 2026. This will be a two-step process – at the 2024 AGM we will seek approval to re-register under the Act; at the 2025 AGM the new committee should seek approval to change the constitution so that it meets the requirements of the new Act.

Kathy listed key items so this can be noted as upcoming for the AGM.

- Resolution disputes clause needs to be significantly expanded.
- A contact person needs to be nominated.
- Register of Interest required – to identify conflicts of interest of committee members.
- More stringent requirements about keeping records of members.
- Everyone on Committee is considered an officer with same responsibilities as the Chair and Treasurer

Resolution agreed to put it to the AGM with a brief paper on the advantages and implications and get a simple yes/ no vote of attendees at the AGM Meeting – Easter

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

5.13 KRRRA 2024 Programme – Changes to Committee

Noted public meeting Sunday 7 January 3pm for a public meeting (c 2hrs) is an opportunity to engage informally with the Community to get their feedback and their view of the future of the community and KRRRA objectives for the year.

Agenda items

- Chair report – achievements – poll, traffic calming village and SH25 speed limit / TCDC stakeholder engagement policy and Annual Plan and LTP submissions / tennis court / engagement with Waka Kotahi re SH25 / TCDC cyclone recovery.
WIP – Kūaotunu Matarangi Connectivity (Kevin) / pumphouse
- Poll results to initiate dialogue (Brent / Kim)
- TCDC LTP – KRRRA submission bullet points (Kevin)
- AGM 31 March and note Regulation Change KRRRA to re-register as Incorporated Society and a vote required at that meeting (Brent/ Kathy)
- Request for new people to stand for Committee (Brent)
- As backup – brief statement on 2023 year and 2024 about Dark Sky (Alastair) Rings Beach Wetland (Carrie) Dune Care (Jenny)

Next AGM - Easter Sunday 31 March agreed to invite MBCB members and Councillors incl. John Grant, Deli Connell, and Rekha Giri-Percival

Changes to the Committee

Several long-standing committee members Kathy, Carrie and Brent have advised they are not putting themselves forward for re-election to the Committee at the AGM on 31 March.

With Brent and Kathy not standing - several officer positions are therefore vacant – Chair and Treasurer. Also a handover for the Newsletter writing and publication that Kathy has done for some time is required.

Others in attendance indicated they were standing. Alastair indicated he had yet to determine decision. Post Meeting – Roimata confirmed he is putting himself forward. A minimum of 8 people on the committee is required – currently there are 10 committee members.

Agreed with the loss of 3 and potentially 4 committee members there needed to be early notification to the community so that there was ample opportunity for new candidates to come forward. Agreed to be via an article in the December Newsletter and noted at the public meeting 7 January as a proactive call for interest.

Agreed each Committee member to try to approach 10 new potential members – Some potential candidates discussed and approach people from within the existing Committee were nominated.

Noted that there was a high percentage of permanent residents in Kūaotunu with a passion for their community and this set this community from others in Mercury Bay North. There have always been people active in ratepayers' associations and there was a wide range of socio-political views that provides for good representation.

5.14 Upcoming Meetings / KRRRA attendance

Next MBCB meetings will be 28 February, 17 April 2024

TCDC Full Council meetings – 13 February, 5 March, 30 April, 28 May 2024.

TCDC Sustainability and Resilience Committee Meetings – 8 February and 11 April 2024

Next meeting Mercury Bay North Community Chairs –TBC

Next KRRRA public meeting 7 January 2024

AGM – Easter Sunday 31 March 2024

6. Any other business:**6.1 late December Newsletter**

Items for subjects for an issue that comes out prior to Christmas.

- Update on the Food Forest / Children's Garden (Kathy with Courtney)
- Village traffic and Blackjack Road traffic speed changes (Brent and Kathy)
- Boat ramp designation / responsibility status
- Petanque Court refurbishment
- Public tracks open – Rings Beach (looking for moa stones) (Alastair) & Waitaia DOC track.
- Changes on the Committee (Brent / Kathy)
- New Owners of Kau Kawhe and Store Caravan – new Chef Jacob (Kathy with owners)
- School Bell

6.2 Signage at Beach entrances – Marguerite noted excessive signage – was requested to identify locations and specific issues – it was noted that TCDC and others of the public re dogs and Dune Care and dotterel care may have other views.

Watching brief:

- Point to point speed cameras request of Waka Kotahi – refer Item 5.6
- Next Roadside cleanup – propose a post Easter event.
- Tennis Court crack repair

Next meetings:

Sunday 7 January 2024 at the Hall 3pm (Public meeting)

Thursday 1 February 2024 at 6pm (Committee Meeting)

Meeting closed: 8:00pm

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Ramp rock sourcing – Heather Bruce checking it can be local and timing. Bill Muir in touch with potential supplier Follow-up with Ian Goodall re crack infilling Tennis court timing and action Destination Coromandel new app and QR code into Noticeboard 	pending
Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of the artwork on the pump house. TCDC Koha to be followed up. 	pending
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay connected with Ed Varley re gateway graphic ideas. and outstanding aspects of Traffic calming—refer Item 5.6 Re follow up on Contact made with Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi re temporary speed signs and re-requesting Cemetery to Village be included – Item 5.7 Follow up with Heather Bruce re Tennis Court Overlay and next steps for getting it into the LTP. Contact Rob Boston Whangamata RRA Chair re and advise KRRRA agreement with Re-ignition of Community Democracy initiative – refer Item 5.3 	pending
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair. follow-up with a reply to Waka Kotahi requesting the Kuaotunu Hill programme. See Item 5.4 Tennis court crack infill meeting if Domain Board want to proceed. 	pending
Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter December issue Regulation Change KRRRA to re-register as Incorporated Society – list requirements advantage etc. for AGM. 	Done pending