

# **KUAOTUNU RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES OF AGM**

### **HELD AT KUAOTUNU HALL**

**Easter Sunday, 1 April, 2018**

**Meeting Opened:** 3:25pm

**Present:** Committee Members Gordon McRobbie, Kathy Speirs, Kate Nielsen, Bill Muir, Keith Goodall, Chris Twemlow, Evans Young, and Alastair Brickell. TCDC representatives Deputy Mayor Tony Breljevich, MB Community Board Chairman Paul Kelly (until 4:45pm) and MBCB members Tony Fox, Deli Connell and Rekha Giri-Percival and TCDC staff member Heather Bruce. Also in attendance were approximately 127 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Mayor Sandra Goudie, Allan Tiplady, Dal Minogue, Murray McLean, Dugald Hoyland, Mel Asquith, Bruce and Marilyn Pilkington, Hamish and Jacqui Noble, and Courtenay and Matthew Linnecar, Brian and Judy Dixon, Jeff and Wendy Fenn.

**Apologies Accepted:** Moved: Alastair Brickell Seconded: Gordon McRobbie

### **1. Introduction:**

Gordon McRobbie welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that we would allow TCDC and WRC staff to make their presentations prior to the regular AGM business being conducted.

### **2. TCDC Presentation**

Angela Jane, Group Manager, Policy Governance and Strategy, and Scott Summerfield, Policy and Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the current 2018-2028 Long Term Plan and the public consultation process.

The detailed LTP proposals were on the council website and submissions would be open until April 16 and the public was urged to have their say. A further public meeting explaining the issues and process would be held at the MB Boating Club on April 5.

### **3. WRC Presentation**

Dean Allen, Zone Manager, Coromandel, discussed the sampling undertaken during 2017 on "Potential Sources of Faecal Contaminants in Four Coromandel Catchments". This was a follow up on sampling undertaken during 2015 and had included further sampling at 3 locations in Kuaotunu Stream as well as at Opito, Whitianga and Tairua during dry periods and also after a rainfall event. Levels of *E. coli* were sufficiently high to exceed recreational water quality guidelines and faecal source tracking had been used to identify possible sources of the contamination.

His recommendation was to either not swim or keep one's head above water for 48 hours after rainfall events as this was the time when contaminants could be washed into the stream.

Considerable interest was evident from the floor and Dean commented on several points:

- The process at this stage had been about learning about the nature of the problem rather than

possible treatment solutions

- The sampling undertaken was only a snapshot in time of conditions at that time.
- There was always a debate as to how much sampling should be done vs. spending funds on treatment.
- Decisions on swimming at the stream mouth should be based on personal judgement.

**4. Minutes:** The minutes of the 27 March, 2017 AGM had been circulated to members so Alastair just read some of the more important points.

Minutes Accepted: Moved: Alastair Brickell Seconded: Tony Vaughan

## **5. Chairman's Report:**

Gordon McRobbie gave his Chairman's Report which summarised the large range of matters dealt with over the last year. He also noted that there had unfortunately been some misinformation spread on social media and in the community about KRRRA activities over the year.

### Matters Arising:

1. John Thorburn suggested that the new committee should establish a set of rules for the voting procedure in future elections.
2. Janine Verner, as originator of the Kuaotunu Ketchup Facebook page, wanted clarification of the social media misinformation which drew several comments from the floor including the following:
  - Keith Goodall noted that the KRRRA committee had been negatively referred to as a group "old men" when in fact there was a range of ages present and there were also several women on the committee. He further commented that there also appeared to be a NIMBY contingent in the community who opposed any boatramp changes.
  - Gordon McRobbie noted that there had been misinformation spread about the possible movement of the helicopter landing zone.
  - Darrel Fraser thought there had been personal attacks on committee members over possible zoning controls for jet skis.
  - Denise Young noted that there had been incorrect comments made about the alleged selling of library books which were not true.
3. Comments were made by Chris Twemlow and Isabel Gilbert Palmer that they felt left out of discussions and decisions made by the committee.

Report Accepted: Moved: Gordon McRobbie Seconded: Keith Goodall

## **6. Correspondence:**

Alastair Brickell noted that there had been a considerable volume of correspondence pursuant to the AGM but mainly concerning the sequencing of agenda items (in particular the TCDC and WRC input) and also the election and voting procedures. To save time he just read extracts from a selection of the most recent correspondence on these matters.

Correspondence accepted:

Moved: Alastair Brickell

Seconded: Ian Goodall

## **7. Treasurer's Report:**

Kathy Speirs gave the Financial Report which indicated that current funds now stand at \$3140 with a further amount of approximately \$300 being received today for new membership subs and renewals.

Income over the past year had consisted mainly of membership subs and some donations with the main expenses being related to development of the website. The sum of \$250 we had been holding on behalf of the Food Forest has been returned to them and the year has ended with a net surplus of \$602.15.

Kathy proposed that the annual membership fee for the year ending March 2019 be set at \$10 per person.

This report and motion were accepted. Moved: Kathy Speirs

Seconded: Maxine McRobbie

## **8. Proposal to Make Changes to the KRRR Constitution:**

Kathy Speirs outlined the reason for the changes being proposed which had been circulated to all members and would be voted on along with the election of the committee members.

These were largely driven by the need to insert several clauses to comply with IRD requests since the IRD had required that they be added to the existing constitution at the AGM in order for KRRR to retain its existing Tax Exempt status. It was noted that at the moment we pay very little in tax.

As the current constitution was written in 2009, it was felt that it was timely to use this opportunity to review the whole document and make any other changes that might be appropriate as it required 65% of the membership to make any changes to the constitution.

Many of the changes were not substantive. For example, the numbering and formatting has been altered to make the document easier to read, but these changes did not alter the meaning or intent of the document.

There were several comments from the floor mainly concerning the merits of voting on just the IRD changes or the whole range of changes or even whether this should be deferred to a future Special General Meeting.

It was noted that electronic votes had already been received from members so it was probably best to just have a vote on the revised constitution as a whole as this was what had been circulated to members. It was also hard to get the required 65% of members to vote.

## **9. Election of Officers:**

Voting papers had been circulated listing candidates for the committee and Gordon requested if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none.

Nominations Closed:

Moved: Gordon McRobbie

Seconded: Alastair Brickell

The 15 candidates standing were as follows:

<b><u>CANDIDATE NAME</u></b>	<b><u>NOMINATOR</u></b>	<b><u>SECONDER</u></b>
Alastair Brickell	Keith Goodall	Bill Muir
Carolyn Gibbs	Isabel Gilbert Palmer	Jose Kakebeeke
Isabel Gilbert Palmer	Pippa le Lievre	Julianna McLean
Keith Goodall	Alastair Brickell	Brent Page
Dugald Hoyland	Alastair Brickell	Evans Young
Bill Muir	Daryl Fraser	Alastair Brickell
Gordon McRobbie	Evans Young	Bill Muir
Kate Nielsen	Mel Asquith	Dan Asquith
Brent Page	Keith Goodall	Ian Preece
Ian Preece	Shirley Willey	Martin Smith
Luke Reilly	Adam Coleman-Smith	Rory Eli Keyworth
Kathy Spiers	Janet Clark	Carrie Parker
Chris Twemlow	Martin Smith	Isabel Gilbert Palmer
Sheila Westley	Klaudia McLeod	Chris Westley
Evans Young	David Ting	Sue Ting

Gordon noted that there were 10 places to fill so a secret ballot would be held. He asked the nominees to make a brief statement after which two vote counters were chosen from the audience (Carrie Parker and John Thorburn) and they were scrutineered by Deli Connell from the MBCB during the vote counting process.

Results of the ballot produced the following 10 new committee members:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF VOTES</u></b>
Alastair Brickell	79
Carolyn Gibbs	77
Isabel Gilbert Palmer	75
Keith Goodall	133
Kate Nielsen	107
Brent Page	129
Ian Preece	92
Luke Reilly	124
Kathy Spiers	94
Chris Twemlow	86

The result of the vote to change the constitution was 108 in favour and 34 against so this did not gain the necessary 65% of favourable votes so did not pass.

Gordon McRobbie proposed that Carrie Parker, one of the vote counters, retain the ballot papers. This was accepted.

## **10. General Business:**

### **Library Committee**

Maxine McRobbie gave details of the Library Committee plan to relocate the library on Domain Board land at the sports field complex. Advantages of this site included:

- No cost to the community for the land.

- The Domain Board was prepared to donate up to \$30,000 for renovations. It was land administered by the Board so they were permitted to spend their funds on its development.
- It could be in operation quickly as there was already an existing council building that could be modified.
- Infrastructure such as water, power and toilets were already on site.
- There was easy access and parking.
- The area was already much used by the community for various activities with the soccer field, tennis courts, playground, petanque court, food forest and BBQ already established on the site.

### Petanque Court

Isabel Gilbert Palmer felt that there had not been enough consultation around the eventual siting and construction of the petanque court as she had done some research on this matter and Ian Preece commented that he felt the gravel used was not satisfactory.

### Domain Board

There were questions from the floor enquiring about the nature of the Domain Board and Ian Goodall gave a comprehensive summary of its history.

The land it managed had originally been owned by the old Lands and Survey Department. When this was disbanded in the early 1980s this category of land around NZ had been sold to individuals, often the adjacent landowners, or managed by a number of local Domain Boards as councils were not responsible for controlling parcels of reserve or domain land.

Most of these boards had been dissolved over the years when land was eventually able to be transferred to local councils but our land was more problematic as there were issues around possible Maori ownership of some of the parcels of land it included. This meant that they could not be transferred to TCDC (or DOC) until these matters were clarified in the courts.

Funds raised door to door in the Kuaotunu community in the 1980s by the Domain Board members along with some grant money from TCDC had been used for the establishment, fencing and surfacing of the tennis courts. Since then additional income has been generated by the lease of grazing rights on some of the parcels of land and much of this income has been returned to the community to partially or completely fund many of improvements we now have at the sports field. This was ongoing with funding being provided for the library and petanque court this year and the BBQ a few years ago.

**11. Meeting Closed:** 6:55pm

Signed:        *Alastair Brickell, 29 April, 2018*