

Kūaotunu Residents and Ratepayers Association
Minutes of Committee Meeting
held at Kūaotunu Hall
12 October 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: 6:03pm

Present: Brent (Chair), Kathy, Carrie, Alastair, Roimata (part c15mins), Kim, Bella (from 6:15pm), Marguerite Muellers and Kevin (minutes)

Public: no attendance

Apologies: Carrie Parker, Alastair Brickell, Nicci Kerr

1. Minutes:

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

moved: Brent **seconded:** Kathy **Passed**

2. Matters arising from the minutes:

Running through the Action Plan included in the 20 July minutes: (various items in Meeting involving detailed discussion are not detailed below - refer Section 5)

Alastair

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

No response received from TCDC re speed environment submission.

Roimata – Pumphouse mural painting has been delayed by weather combined with his limited time during the weekends – target now by Christmas for completion.

Brent

- Gateway graphic ideas – Brent has corresponded to Ed Varley – reply awaited.
- Traffic Calming –~~followup~~follow-up by Brent to confirm gazetting – see Item 5.7 below and Rekha advised it needs to be done by Christmas – potential action will be taken by the community. Noted that the digital sign triggers at 31km/hr so no reason roundels can't reflect that.
- SH25 road safety — see Item 5.6 re temporary speed to 50km / hr only part done of SH25 speed reduction programme and signage installed Hilldale to the Village now installed but not reducing speed limits Hilldale to Cemetery. Recontacted Liam Ryan for this be included in their recommended actions.
- Heather Bruce request for tennis court overlay – will try further via LTP drop-in session.
- Wild pigs at Matarangi – deemed not part of KRRRA business.

Kevin

- RFS Kuaotunu Stream bridge on SH25 ~~AT~~at the junction - not done as yet.
- Destination Hauraki Coromandel Survey response – decided no action as unlikely any effect.

Kathy

- Actions completed – Newsletter – approx. 500 issued – 73 % opened.

3. Correspondence:

Correspondence is in Dropbox.

Donation suggest to Environmental Defence Society (EDS) by Opito RRA – refer Item 5.11

~~Email from Tanya Patrick re deck at Fire Station and KRRA role in its build. Brent has advised her that this is not the case and that it is the safety responsibility of TCDC.~~

4. Financial Report

Account balances \$12,255.66

Income: new membership fees received \$50 and Interest \$135.70

Outgoings: nil

no proposed expenditures requiring approval, no outstanding creditors.

Membership: 192 ~~–3 month grace period expired 30 June~~

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

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Interim Poll Results Review

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 8 June 23 and 20 July 2023 minutes)

Kathy had collated results and published them in the Newsletter– ranked scores and listing of comments by category with clean waterways and a wish to maintain a village atmosphere - the highest aggregated score. Several new subjects and comments were summarized.

Community events requested by some in the survey – Brent clarified usually this is by others in the community and KRRA will support when requested or able to do so.

Bella inquired how to contribute to a community asset and it was suggested by identifying a need - possibly by prompting a request to the community to identify a need.

Status of the Boat ramp to be clarified in a forthcoming Newsletter – not a TCDC facility as it is in a Waka Kotahi designation – built by the community and maintained by TCDC.

5.2 Waka Kotahi SH Recovery Plan meeting

Kevin attended the presentation by Waka Kotahi for Mercury Bay Community Board Chairs.

Andrew Wharekawa-Smith (Waka Kotahi Tauranga) presented the SH25A remedial work and then detailed the work in conjunction with TCDC to build resilience into SH25. Noted it has been agreed to fund Colville Road, Tapu-Coroglen Road and Kennedy Bay Road (all are TCDC local roads) but deemed of strategic significance for connectivity.

The presentation covered the Resilience Strategic Response (RSR) Business Case that was to be presented to Waka Kotahi Board 28 September – totaling \$6bn over 15 years for several areas affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. TCDC content involves c\$1-2bn (detail provided by

Stephen Town TCDC Recovery Manager in a later call to Kevin). The scope includes road slope stability, flood freeboards, widening single lane bridges that are at their end of life. Discussion included the addition of Dalmeny Corner for access to Hahei / Hot Water Beach Communities as this is a key part of resilience and flooding affects SH25.

Kevin provided feedback 25 September to Waka Kotahi requesting a detail programme ~~over the 15 years~~ 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.

Post Meeting note: Waka Kotahi response to the KRRR feedback was received 16 October and included a 1-year programme that did not include Kuaotunu 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~~follow-up with a reply to Waka Kotahi requesting the Kuaotunu Hill programme.

5.3 TCDC LTP Annual Plan 23-24 Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer earlier 18 April and 8 June and 20 July 2023 minutes)

Recent events

Brent met Rekha TCDC Councillor 12 Oct and confirmed the LTP process – drop-in session late October and public issue of the Draft March – April for comment prior to Councillors receiving it June and for adoption 1 July 2024.

LTP (24/34) is in the process of being assembled by TCDC and a drop-in session will be held 28 October (2pm – 330pm) at Whitianga Mercury Bay Boardroom. **Kevin and Brent** to attend.

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Post meeting note – Kevin attended 28 Oct meeting and wrote our shortlist on A3 sheets provided -pdf in conjunction with Dean Allen / Deli Connell (part) - this is added as a .pdf into Correspondence.

Kevin nNoted 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.

Earlier minutes 20 July re LTP submissions by KRRR: Kevin and Brent provided a response on behalf of KRRR to Helena Stratford TCDC request for KRRR 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. Refer 20 July minutes for items KRRR requested changes in Kuaotunu objectives and LTP items 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 SH25-04 should be extended to 108 opposite Kingfisher Way.~~

~~The request 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.~~

5.4 TCDC Significance and Engagement Policy – KRRA Feedback

TCDC's new policy has been put out to community consultation closing 23 October. Committee discussed aspects including Section 8 "When TCDC would not engage" for example. Also noted that Ratepayers Associations were not nominated as a party to be consulted with [in the Appendicies](#).

Kim undertook to collate some ideas, Kevin to add and forward to Brent.

Post Meeting Note: Kevin submitted this KRRA feedback 18 October – refer Correspondence.

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5.5 Resurfacing of Domain Tennis Courts - Progress Update

Background summary – (full detail refer 2022 Minutes, 24 Jan, 7 March, April 18 and June 8 and July 20, 2023)

Equipment from Mayfield Sports interchangeable Basketball and ~~N~~etball hoops has been installed and regularly used.

Next Actions –

- **Alastair** to ~~followup~~follow-up with Ian and Danny re the timeframes for infill of cracks and holes.
- **Kevin** to recontact Carla of Concreteworx for infill of cracks and holes if that is what is decided by Domian Board.
- **Brent** – Given the issues of no funding in the Annual Plan 23-24 for the \$82K full overlay to we have added it into our LTP request 14 July.
 - Brent to ~~follow-~~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.

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5.6 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 and 20 July 2023 Minutes)

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

Only part recently done - temporary speed signs at Hilldale to the Village (50km/hr done) and Village to Cemetery (not done or on Waka Kotahi Temporary speed Restrictions). Kevin requested via the Waka Kotahi meeting but this requires Brent further follow up with Liam Ryan

5.7 Village Traffic Calming – Update

Background summary – (for full recent detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 Mar, 18 Apr. 8 Jun 23 and 20 July 2023 Minutes)

~~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 was 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.~~

Recent Progress:

Brent has re-contacted Ed Varley and also met Rekha Giri-Percival TCDC Councillor and written to Heather Bruce 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.

Brent questioned timeframes for gazetting the 30km/hr in the village and Blackjack 60 km/hr and next action by TCDC. Reiterated the level of support within the community, need to y-avoid a potential deferral and that Gateway graphics also need to be actioned at the same time. Heather Bruce response indicated TCDC awaiting gazetting and no timeframe – in short no adequate response received from anyone in TCDC.

Brent to follow-up 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.”

5.8 Matarangi – Kuaotunu Connectivity - Bluff Road Suspension Bridge progress update

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

Recent Progress:

- Mark Bedford has received finally (12 October) an additional report written by Urban Solutions for TCDC as presented to the MBCB 26 July meeting. It identifies 7 slips and proposes alternatives for Bluff Cove including the suspension bridge and brief advantages of options.

Post Meeting events

- Urban Solutions report had no detail of costings presumably underway but unclear – Mark meeting with Bruce Hinson early November to clarify status.
- Teams telecom meeting 27 October Mark Bedford, Alastair Maccormick (Matarangi Community Trust (MCT), Brent and Kevin. 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.
- A project team between MRAI and KRRRA established to respond to the Business Case content and any requests from TCDC – A committee of two from each RRA (Mark Bedford / Alastair Maccormick from MRAI and Brent and Kevin from KRRRA)
- Mark to meet Bruce Hinson early Nov after Bruce has 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.

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5.9 Pump House Beautification Update and Reserve Access Road State

Background summary – (for full detail refer 2022 & 24 Jan, 7 March 18 April and 20 July 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 revised target for completion- prior to Christmas.
- TCDC Koha to be followed up by Roimata.

5.10 Post Cyclone Remedial Work – Update

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

Kevin completed an email addressed to TCDC covering the issues of the remedial work and priority for the items below – sent 1 August.

Recent progress / Events

- Underslip at Seavill Park / Bluff Road junction has had fill added and channeled stormwater so that it is now two-lane road with white barrier so slightly better.
- 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.

Post meeting update

- 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 and emailed cc Bruce Hinson and Ed Varley and Heather Bruce – refer [Correspondence file](#).
- Western abutment of the Rings Beach bridge - Now repaired.

5.11 Donation to Environmental Defence Society (EDS)

Donation suggestion to Environmental Defence Society (EDS) by Opito RRA. Committee agreed for **Brent** to request more information as to current campaigns and likely use of any donation.

Noted EDS are partners with Legasea and have been active in the lobby against the spat farm proposed of Whauwhau – currently consent granted but going to appeal.

5.12 Regulation Change KRRA to re-register as Incorporated Society

Kathy advised revisions to the Incorporated Society Act 1908 require resolutions. Items involve Constitution change and requires 65 % of members agreement which could be challenging. Changes mean that KRRA needs to nominate a contact person and provide proof of membership. Deadline 2026.

Kathy to list items for the next meeting so this can be actioned by this Committee prior to AGM.

5.13 Upcoming Meetings / KRRA attendance

Next MBCB meeting will be 25 October and 6 December

TCDC Full Council meeting 21 November adopting the Annual Plan, 12 December

Next meeting Mercury Bay North Community Chairs – 18 October & TBC

Next KRRA public meeting 7 January 2024

6. Any other business:

6.1 Mid December Newsletter

Kathy to circulate ideas for subjects proposed for Committee agreement so that an issue comes out prior to Christmas. Include item re Boat Ramp status.

Watching brief:

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

Next meeting: Thursday 14 December at the Hall 6pm.

Meeting closed: 7:50pm

ACTION SUMMARY

who	what	done?
Alastair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat Ramp rock sourcing – Heather Bruce checking it can be local. Follow-up with Ian Goodall re crack infilling Tennis court 	pending
Roimata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of the artwork on the pump house prior to Christmas TCDC Koha to be followed up 	pending
Brent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay connected with Ed Varley re gateway graphic ideas Item 5.7 Traffic calming Consultation –write to Ed Varley as to timeframes for gazetting both the 30km/hr. and Blackjack 60 km/hr - Item 5.7 Re follow up on Contact made with Liam Ryan Waka Kotahi re temporary speed signs and requesting Cemetery to Village be included - Post Meeting Item 5.6 Follow up with Heather Bruce re Tennis Court Overlay and next steps for getting it into the LTP – refer Item 5.5 	pending pending Done pending
<u>Kim</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>List items for Significance and Engagement Policy response</u> 	<u>Done</u>
Kevin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFS – follow up re SH25 bridge barrier repair. Survey response to Hauraki Coromandel on behalf of KRRRA <u>Add items for Significance and Engagement Policy response and send to KRRRA</u> 	pending pending Done
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Kathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Regulation Change KRRRA to re-register as Incorporated Society – list requirements for next meeting 	pending pending

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