



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

22 March 2013

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Boardroom, Jervois St, Kawhia on Friday 22 March 2013 commencing at 1.20pm.

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Minutes are unconfirmed and subject to amendment at the next meeting of the Board.

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PRESENT

Mr HW Ormsby (Chair), Mrs J Bennett, Ms A Gane, Mr CE Jeffries and Mrs DM Pilkington.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr L Sherman, be sustained.

Mrs Pilkington / Chair

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He said the Board has only three more meetings before the Local Government elections in October 2013. The Chair then recited an Opening Prayer.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Puti Bridge
2. Karewa Slipway

Resolved

That

1. A possible recommendation to the Otorohanga District Council on the level of service for the Puti Bridge Reserve be discussed in General Business which may require a resolution,
2. Discussion be held on the potential construction of a slipway at Karewa

Ms Gane / Mr Jeffries

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 12 February 2013 as previously circulated, be received and approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

MATTERS ARISING

Item 83 – Draft Management Estimates – Aotea Seawall

Ms Gane referred Members to the fact that there is no budget for significant maintenance works to the Aotea Seawall. She felt there should be two years funding in this current year. Mrs Pilkington replied that she has investigated the matter and to-date no maintenance has been carried out as this is not required. She said further discussion on this matter will be held in the Estimates Workshop following the meeting. Members were informed that in respect to the Aotea Seawall no depreciation is funded.

REPORTS

Item 85 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY KAWHIA – REVIEW OF RENTALS

Discussion

The Chair referred Members to the Governance Supervisor's report on a review of Housing for the Elderly rentals. Mrs Pilkington mentioned the deficit in the account and questioned Members whether the Board is happy with the speed the deficit is being reduced. His Worship advised that there is a very small deficit in the account when considering the overall value of the facility.

Resolved

That it be recommended to the Otorohanga District Council that the rental charged for the Housing for the Elderly units in Kawhia remain at the current rate of –

Single - \$85 per week

Double - \$108 per week – which was effective from 1 July 2012.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

Item 86 RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS 919, KAWHIA MOWING AND CONTRACT 928 OPARAU MOWING

Discussion

The Engineering Manager spoke to the Community Facilities Officer's report informing the Board of the pending expiration of Contracts 919 and 928. He said, if the Contracts are to be rolled over, what will be the length of the roll-over, annually, or three years plus one plus one as is the case at present. The Engineering Manager informed Members that if the Board is satisfied with the work being carried out, it is usual practice to just roll-over these Contracts.

Ms Gane reported that the service being provided is satisfactory however, there are other local Lawnmowing Contractors who would like to be able to tender for the Contracts. The Engineering Manager advised that 'local' is very difficult to define. He said the Board had previously considered 'local' to be permanent residents of the Kawhia and Aotea areas. Ms Gane advised that she is aware of two permanent residents who have asked her if they could tender for the Contracts. The Engineering Manager confirmed that the awarding of the Contracts is considered on both price and quality of work. Mr Jeffries queried whether the mowing of the areas in relation to the grass height and frequency is monitored by Council. The Engineering Manager replied only on a 'complaints received' basis. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion he would like the Board to try and give work to the permanent locals and if these people are out there, then an invitation be given to them to put forward a proposal.

The Engineering Manager informed Members that consideration should be given to all of the Service Contracts that affect Kawhia. He said previous material should be presented to Members for their consideration. The Engineering Manager advised that he understood current Mowing Contracts will expire as at 30 June 2013.

It was suggested to Members that perhaps the Board agreed to extend the two existing Mowing Contracts for a further year, then the matter be considered further. Members were advised that other Contracts requiring consideration will be those relating to Gardening and Toilets. Members felt that a local provider should have security of tender. His Worship said that legal opinion will be required in terms of the Contract documents. Mr Jeffries advised that the Board is keen to learn of ways of being able to accommodate the employment of permanent local residents.

The Chair said it had been expressed to him that there are other locals in the area who would be disappointed if they could not be considered for local work. He agreed that the Board needs to have further discussion on this matter. The Engineering Manager suggested that a set of rules be prepared at the commencement of the process which everyone will understand, particularly in regards to why the Board favours a particular Contractor.

Ms Gane requested at the next meeting of the Board, for Members to be informed of the timing of the other local Contracts.

Resolved

That

1. The Community Facilities Officer's report be received
2. Contracts 919 and 928 be rolled over for a further one year, with the current Contractor being advised of this decision and for the Board to have further discussion/review of the awarding process.

Mr Jeffries / Ms Gane

Item 87 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager referred Members to the Engineering Support Officer's report advising that Council is required to apply for road closures within the Kawhia Community to enable the Kawhia ANZAC Day commemorations to proceed on Thursday 25 April 2013.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Anzac Day Commemorations

Date: Thursday, 25 April 2013

Periods of Closure: 12.45pm to 1.45pm;

Details of Closure: **POUEWE STREET**, from Kawhia Motors to Kawhia Hotel. Includes intersection with Jervois Street;

The road closure will be subject to the following conditions:

1. During the proposed period of road closures, emergency services will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
2. Council is to pay for all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers. The public notice advertisement is to be published in the Waitomo News.
3. Council is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.
4. Council will prepare a traffic management plan for the closure that complies with Transit New Zealand's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management.
5. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure.

Ms Gane / Mrs Pilkington

Item 88 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 12 FEBRUARY 2013

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

In respect to Item 1 under the Board dated 25 May 2012, it was agreed that this item remain on Matters Referred with the deletion of the Plane Tree below Rosamond Terrace.

SIGNAGE – PUTI BRIDGE

Mrs Bennett reported that Board Members had put forward appropriate wording for signage at Puti Bridge, this being subtle. She said local signwriter Bill Devoy, had indicated he would carry out this work for free. It was agreed that after the sign has been erected a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr Devoy. Members agreed that Mrs Bennett advise Mr Devoy to proceed with the signage.

KAWHIA NATIVE TREE NURSERY

Reference was made to the item regarding payment to the Kawhia Native Tree Nursery to recover the costs of providing electricity to the water pump, the Engineering Manager suggested that an arbitrary sum be decided upon.

GENERAL

PUTI BRIDGE

The Chair referred to the maintenance of the Puti Bridge Reserve and reported that Board Member Mr Lou Sherman has carried out maintenance work at the Reserve at his cost. He queried whether consideration should be given as to whether the Board fund this maintenance work. The Chair further reported that there is an indication that additional mowing and maintenance work will be continued on a voluntary basis.

In response to Ms Gane's query as to whether Council has any obligation to maintaining the Reserve, the Engineering Manager replied there is no obligation on them. His Worship advised that the roadside is mown but not necessarily the area around the Reserve. He said Council will consider, at the request of the Board, maintenance of such rural areas and who will fund these. He said discussion will be held on the level of service and who pays for it. Mrs Pilkington advised that the Parks & Reserves budget is already over funded and that previously it had been decided that the toilet facility and rubbish bins be removed from the Reserve. She referred to the level of service and felt that should this be expanded then there will be consequences. Mrs Pilkington expressed the opinion that the Board would struggle to sell the suggestion that maintenance of this Reserve be funded by Council. Mrs Bennett agreed and said she is not against voluntary groups continuing to maintain the Reserve. She did however, refer to the sustainability of the current volunteers due to their age. Ms Gane suggested that a challenge be put out to the Community for young people to get involved. His Worship suggested that Community groups could adopt a programme for such areas to be maintained by volunteers to an agreed level. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion that it is always the same old people volunteering. He said someone new needs to put their hand up. Mrs Pilkington felt that by expanding the scale of work this will place extra demands on the Volunteers. The Chair said he is in favour of the group continuing to voluntarily maintain the Reserve in conjunction with Mr Sherman. He said he is against taking the matter to Council as there are other means of keeping the area tidy such as grazing, rather than mowing. Ms Gane suggested that a challenge be placed out for people under 50 years old to volunteer for such work. Mr Jeffries said he applauded what the group is currently doing and highlighted the fact that it is the same volunteers who are putting their hands in their pockets to do this. The Chair felt that there is other ways for this work to be funded.

KAREWA SLIPWAY

Mr Jeffries reported that through conversations with Mr Alan Rutherford the suggestion of the Karewa Slipway being made more robust for larger boats was raised. He referred to the area by the boat park however, he is aware of issues regarding ownership of this. Mr Jeffries reported that it is proposed that larger boats be pulled up onto land behind the boat park, to carry out maintenance etc. He said this would be a major project which could have immeasurable

potential for the Community. Mr Jeffries suggested discussion be entered into with Mr Rutherford regarding a business proposition for the proposal. His Worship queried what support would there be for such a project. Mr Jeffries replied that there would be long term benefits for the Community. Following further discussion it was agreed that Mrs Pilkington, via the Otorohanga District Development Board, raise the matter of approaching Mr Alan Rutherford for a feasibility case study to be undertaken for the project.

POLICING MATTERS

His Worship reported, as a result of a recent Community workshop it was agreed that three proposed 'hard' initiatives be investigated, these being –

1. Security cameras be installed at an estimated cost of around \$50,000. His Worship reported that the Police were not convinced these would be effective.
2. Second Policeman for Kawhia. His Worship advised that the Police had stated that this was not possible. He said in essence the Police Department's concept regarding resources, staffing, etc is that they will provide 'Event Policing' during and after events. The Dept would also provide cover when the permanent local Police Officer is on leave.
3. Members were advised that statistics indicate that crime is very low in Kawhia and in terms of the Police Department's perspective barely justifies one permanent Officer.

With regard to liquor restrictions, His Worship advised that the Police were agreeable to the Community introducing this however, they will only provide the same level of support. The Dept suggested that before the Community alter or extend the existing Bylaw, they review the problem.

With regard to Community Services around Kawhia, the Police consider this to be outside their role. It was suggested that this be actioned through the soft option of a Community Response. The Chair agreed that perhaps a workshop be convened to consider other ways of dealing with these issues. His Worship suggested a Youth Forum might be organised through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs. The Chair replied that consideration is currently being given to such a proposal through the Maori Womens Welfare League.

Mrs Bennett presented notes from a Kawhia Community Leaders workshop held on 9 March 2013. She said the following areas of opportunity/challenges have been identified -

1. Awareness
2. Support for elderly
3. Alcohol/drug abuse
4. Youth issues
5. Education
6. Crime prevention
7. Transition from school to work
8. Violence in the home
9. Safety

Mrs Bennett reported that it had been agreed to adopt a multi-pronged approach via the following actions –

1. Host a Kawhia Youth Community Forum
2. Investigate a Youth Membership to the Kawhia Community Board
3. Become actively involved with the Kawhia School and Kawhia Early Childhood Centre
4. Investigate curfews on ongoing parties in residential areas

5. Obtain numbers of Kawhia alcohol/drug related criminal offences from Police
6. Investigate training membership of taskforce to support local Police Officer.

Mr Jeffries then reported on notes from a discussion group meeting on drugs and alcohol held on 9 March 2013. He highlighted the various issues raised and discussed.

Education / Kawhia Primary School

Ms Gane informed Members that there are a number of local people taking their children out of the Kawhia Primary School. She said it appears the school needs to get more proactive with the Community and open its facility up to the public. Ms Gane said discussion should also be held on the matter of disbanding the Correspondence School. Mrs Pilkington reported that the main issue is encouraging enough people to put their names forward to the Kawhia School Board of Trustees. His Worship said the challenge would be in putting the issue to the Community for support. The Chair referred to issues such as training, availability of jobs, skills of suitable employees. He said it would be desirable to ascertain within Kawhia the people that are likely to employ staff and how many. He said there is not a lot of opportunity in Kawhia and questioned the future employment situation. The Chair further reported that discussion needs to be held on what people are able to do to help themselves. He said it has been agreed that tourism is the best opportunity for Kawhia and that there is potential for small economic units to be developed. The Chair informed Members that the big task now is to address a feasibility study on how locals can help themselves and to engage people representing the Otorohanga District Development Board, Otorohanga Business Association and Waitomo Tourism.

The Chair advised that the next Community meeting is to be held on 6 April 2013 whereat it is hoped to bring in some of the resources identified and to consider the various initiatives the Community may wish to take. His Worship said the challenge at the next meeting would be to come up with a maximum of three ideas that are real and 'do-able'. He said the Community leaders will expect to see two to three people put their face to a cluster of initiatives and then call on volunteers to assist. Mrs Bennett highlighted that the Community should not forget the holiday home owners as there is a number who would be keen to be involved. The Chair pointed out that the local Police Constable had been left out of previous meetings and queried at what point should he become involved. It was agreed that he be invited to attend the next Community meeting.

KAWHIA NATIVE NURSERY

Ms Gane reported that at the present time the nursery is very low key however, her partner has carried out some voluntary work. She said currently it does not require any funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL STAFF MEMBER

Ms Gane reported that Council's Environmental Administration Officer Ms Gillian Oakley is very ill in Waikato Hospital and that she will arrange for flowers to be sent to her on behalf the Board.

FORESHORE BARBECUE

Mr Jeffries reported that a funding application for assistance to purchase a barbecue has been lodged with Pub Charities who will be meeting today to consider applications.

2013 POPULATION CENSUS

Mrs Bennett reported she had completed the Census collection last week and found the exercise very interesting. She said she has been able to identify pockets of permanent residents and numerous holiday homes.

EARTHQUAKE PRONE BUILDING REGULATIONS

Mrs Pilkington advised that she had requested a copy of the Environmental Services Manager's report on Earthquake Prone Building Regulations for Members information.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 3.10pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 24 May 2013