



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

24 May 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 24 May 2013 commencing at 1.02am.

MINUTES

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, Mr CE Jeffries, Mrs DM Pilkington and Mr L Sherman.

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 Ms A Gane, be sustained.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Jeffries

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He then recited an Opening Prayer.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Barbecue Project

Resolved

That discussion be held on Council's contribution to the barbecue project as an item to be considered in General Business which may require a resolution and consideration of the funding budget for the project.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 22 MARCH 2013

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Pilkington referred to the General Business item, Puti Bridge, and reported that when these minutes were placed before a recent meeting of the Otorohanga District Council she requested that in the fifth sentence of the second paragraph, the words 'over funded' be amended to read 'under pressure'.

FORESHORE BARBECUE

Mr Jeffries informed Members that the Community Trust's application to Pub Charities for financial assistance for the foreshore barbecue project was successful in being granted \$12,000 towards the project.

PUTI BRIDGE RESERVE

Members were advised that a ratepayer has suggested that a Council employee living in Kawhia could pick up and remove rubbish from the Puti Bridge Reserve area. The Engineering Manager advised that the employee is currently undertaking this work. Mr Sherman advised that he is currently funding \$60 per month to have the area mown however, he is of the opinion that the cost is insignificant compared to the benefits received. The Chair said there must be an opportunity available in order to reimburse Mr Sherman.

Mr Sherman reported that the new signage is ready to be erected however, he requires some suitable poles. The Engineering Manager replied that Council will provide these.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 22 March 2013, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Bennett / Mr Jeffries

REPORTS

Item 89 AMENDMENT TO LIQUOR BYLAW

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised a report presenting a process to amend Council's Liquor Control Bylaw 2007 to provide a year round ban on bringing into, possession and consumption of liquor in public places in Kawhia/Aotea. He said the recommendation is one of the outcomes from the recent Community discussions. Members were informed that advice has been received from NZ Police that if the proposal is what the Community wants, then they will not oppose it however, Council staff are of the opinion that implementation of the proposed change could be challenging. Mr Jeffries advised that the local Police Constable supported the proposal as he would have the Bylaw available should he require it. In reply to Mr Jeffries, the Chief Executive advised that any costs incurred would be funded from the Community's Democratic process account. The Chief Executive suggested that communication of amendments to the Liquor Bylaw should be primarily focused on areas outside the Kawhia/Aotea Communities. He said people living in these Communities would quickly become aware of the ban being in place. Mr Jeffries referred to the recent Community meetings and the suggestion that a liquor ban sign be placed out at Oparau.

Resolved

That

1. The report be received.
2. It be recommended to Otorohanga District Council that Council's Liquor Control Bylaw 2007 be amended to give effect to the existing ban on bringing, possession and consumption of liquor in public places in Kawhia/Aotea at all times throughout the year'.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Bennett

Item 90 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2013

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to the draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 and advised that these were in very good shape with operating expenditure being at 70 percent of the estimated total for the year. He invited Members comments on any particular accounts.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 be received.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Sherman

Item 91 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 22 MARCH 2013

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred. He confirmed with Members that that part of item i. relating to a Plane tree below Rosamond Terrace be deleted. Mrs Bennett referred to the Kaora Track and advised that the Board needs to give consideration to providing some assistance for the work to be carried out on the track. She advised that the volunteers are happy to plant out the bank below Mr Ray Tooman's property. Mrs Bennett felt that although the volunteers are happy to do this, some recognition of their work should occur. Mrs Pilkington expressed the opinion that should volunteers wish to have ratepayer input into any particular projects then a workshop needs to be held for consideration to be given as to what is required, and how this is to be budgeted for. His Worship suggested that those local people with the relevant expertise should be involved in any landscape planning to enable each year's work to be budgeted for and all the known priorities are kept in order. Mrs Pilkington suggested that

the Board have discussions with the two local volunteers, the result of which be referred back to Council staff to enable the work to happen.

The Chief Executive referred to the current Landscape Plan which was prepared in 2006. His Worship felt that it was time that this Plan be refreshed. Mrs Pilkington informed Members that the area concerned was larger than just the CBD. Mrs Bennett reported that a volunteer is concerned with a particular noxious weed taking control over the Kaora Track and suggested that this be taken up with the Waikato Regional Council. Mr Sherman advised that often people carry out a particular project however, they do not continue with the maintenance that is required. The Chief Executive reported that Council will take some responsibility as its role is to maintain areas which are currently there however, someone is required to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of any areas that are 'improved' in the future.

Members agreed that a workshop be organised with Ms Virginia Shaw and Mr John Dodgson along with two Board Members to prepare a wider Community Landscape Plan and for any follow up work to be undertaken by Council. Mr Jeffries informed Members that it will be one of the roles of the new Community Board to liaise with the volunteers concerned.

KAWHIA SPORTS CLUB /SUITABLE AREA FOR CARVING OF STONE

Mr Sherman informed Members of the work undertaken at the Kawhia Sports Club in order to provide a suitable area for the carving of stone.

KAREWA SLIPWAY

Mrs Pilkington reported that she had spoken to Mrs Jane Rutherford, and advised that Mr Alan Rutherford is organising a meeting on the proposal that the Karewa Slipway be upgraded and that the Otorohanga District Development Board has agreed to contribute to the cost of a feasibility study on the proposal. She advised that this meeting will be held in early June 2013 with representatives of Council, NZ Steel, the Chair of the Kawhia Community Board and herself.

KAWHIA NATIVE TREE NURSERY

The Engineering Manager confirmed that a payment has been made to the Kawhia Native Tree Nursery to recover the costs of providing electricity to the water pump that augments the Kawhia Community water supply over the peak summer period.

GENERAL

KAWHIA SEAWALL

Mr Jeffries congratulated and expressed thanks to all those involved in the recent upgrading of the Kawhia seawall and in the re-instatement of the adjacent roadway. He said very favourable feedback has been received. Mr Sherman reported that holes have formed in the road down at the far end of the seawall. The Engineering Manager advised that Council is still to carry out further work on the stormwater disposal system.

REMUNERATION AUTHORITY

Mr Jeffries queried whether the recent recommendation of the Remuneration Authority on remuneration to Members has any implications for the Kawhia Community Board Members. The Chief Executive advised that there is almost no immediate change for the Kawhia Community Board Members and no subsequent change, what is being currently paid is appropriate. Members were informed that their remuneration is not based on a pool of funds, Members are paid at a particular rate for their duties.

Item 92 BARBECUE PROJECT

Discussion

Mr Jeffries referred to a recent email he had forwarded to Members on the barbecue project and advised that the latest quote is slightly more than that estimated. He reported that the Community Trust had applied to Pub Charities for financial assistance of \$15,000 and received \$12,000 towards the project. He said this therefore creates a shortfall of \$3,000. Mr Jeffries referred to the quote provided by Waipa Networks and advised that the Board has 60 days to accept this. He said some costs such as the provision of a concrete cutter, compressor, etc have not been included.

Members were informed that the big question now is that the Community Trust is not registered for GST and it was queried whether this project could be processed under the name of Council to enable the amount of GST to be claimed back. The Chief Executive said he had spoken to Council's Finance & Administration Manager and received advice that this may not be practical. Mr Jeffries suggested that any accounts be forwarded directly to Council so that the Community Trust is not in the 'loop'. The Chief Executive informed Members that the only contribution Council is making to the project is that set out in Mr Jeffries email. He confirmed that Council is required to accept the quote should it be claiming the GST return.

Resolved

That the \$5000 allocation for Sundry Reserves Improvements be used to support the installation of an electric barbecue on the Omimiti Reserve.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Sherman

OMIMITI RESERVE

Mrs Pilkington referred to the Project Trusts work carried out on the Omimiti Reserve, in particular the installation of the bollards and said this has been a wonderful achievement and extended congratulations to all those involved.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUE

Mrs Bennett referred to a local plumber who is requiring the assistance of an apprentice to carry out his work however, he is unable to attract anyone. It was suggested that the plumber place an advertisement in the Kawhia Messenger.

His Worship further suggested that the plumber contact Mr Ray Haley of Wintec who may be able to identify someone who will meet the plumbers needs. Mrs Pilkington referred to apprentice support for which a government subsidy is currently available.

COMMUNITY FORUMS

The Chair referred to the Community Forums and advised that there is one more to go however, the organisers are waiting for a speaker to be able to attend. He said this would be the final discussion before the Community members decide who will lead the initiatives forward. The Chair said it is envisaged this will happen around the end of June 2013 and that in the meantime he has asked a few people who may be prepared to do this. The Chair further reported that he has spoken to the Kawhia School in order for them to take a leadership role in this project.

Discussion was then held on members of the Kawhia School Board of Trustees and the need for the Trustees to promote themselves and to encourage families to participate in the running of the school. It was agreed that the newly appointed Trustees be thanked for putting their names forward and for them to be wished well in their endeavours. Members agreed that the school is a focal point of any Community, and it needs to promote itself and to get involved in Community affairs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Mrs Bennett reported that a wonderful meeting of members of the Early Childhood Centre was held recently and consideration given to lines of communication, management, performance and disciplinary matters. She said Members have been assured that the Centre will be out of the 'red' this year and that in future there will be money to spend on the children. His Worship referred to the clustering of the Community's youngsters and the need to obtain Community ownership is of the upmost importance. He offered his assistance should this be required.

KAWHIA LIBRARY

Members were informed that the Kawhia Library wishes to change its shelving layout and queried whether the approval of the Board is required for this. The Chief Executive advised that Kawhia Library staff contact the District Librarian Sarah Osborne.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 2.20pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 26 July 2013

