



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

27 March 2015

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 27 March 2015 commencing at 1.06pm.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr CE Jeffries (Chair), Ms A Gane, Mrs DM Pilkington, Messrs AJ Rutherford and DM Walsh.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Mrs Barbara Kuriger (Member of Parliament) and His Worship the Mayor Mr MM Baxter, be sustained.

Mr Rutherford / Mrs Pilkington

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed representatives of the National Party (attending on behalf of Mrs Barbara Kuriger), Mrs Liz Cowan (Otorohanga Community Board Member), Messrs Hank Bennett and Bill Timmer-Arends (members of the public) and staff members.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved

That the following items be considered in General Business which may require a resolution –

1. Policing Matter
2. Proposal for farm ponds
3. Kawhia Maori Kai Festival – playground equipment
4. Information on access to Ocean Beach via lagoon

Chair / Mr Rutherford

REPORTS

Item 55 HAMILTON & WAIKATO TOURISM HALF YEARLY REPORT

Discussion

Ms Kiri Goulter, Chief Executive of Hamilton & Waikato Tourism Ltd, attended the meeting and made a presentation to Board Members. Ms Goulter thanked the Board for the opportunity to make this presentation. She reported that she was offered her position in March 2009 and still six years later remains with the Company. She said Kawhia holds a special place for her.

Ms Goulter informed Members that the Company was officially re-established in June 2011 and is funded by the seven Councils and tourism operators within the region. She advised that 80 percent of the funding comes from the Local Authorities.

Ms Goulter reported that a total of \$810,000 is received from the Local Authorities, \$40,000 from the Otorohanga District Council. She reported that approximately \$400,000 is received from tourism operators within the region. Ms Goulter advised that her Company has a close working relationship with Tourism NZ.

Ms Goulter advised that the Company promotes the region to international, domestic and business events visitors to –

- Increase visitor arrivals
- Grow visitor nights
- Grow visitor spend.

Ms Goulter reported that the HWT Visitor Strategy recommends that the Company expands its activities and undertakes a series of new interventions to grow the sector from the current \$1 billion to \$1.3 billion in 2025. She said to achieve this, HWT needs to increase its marketing investment and broaden its scope to include assisting with facilitating the development of new visitor experiences to strengthen the region's overall visitor proposition. Ms Goulter said to enable this to happen HWT will require an additional investment from its Council partners through each Council's Long Term Plan. She said HWT is requesting a further \$20,000 from the Otorohanga District Council. This will in part be used to employ a Product/Development Manager.

Mrs Liz Cowan was introduced as Council's representative on HWT which meet approximately twice a year.

The Chair referred to Aquaculture in this area and, as pointed out by a member of the public, the potential for tourist related use of Marae in the area.

Resolved

That the Hamilton & Waikato Tourism presentation be received.

Chair / Mrs Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 23 JANUARY 2015

The Governance Supervisor reported that Cr Pilkington, at a meeting of the Otorohanga District Council held on 18 February 2015 referred to a General Item – D Morrison – Aotea Subdivision, the final paragraph and advised that the National Coastal Plan should read National Coastal Policy Statement.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mr Rutherford highlighted the fact that the condition of the slide within the foreshore playground area has not been included in the remedial work.

COMMEMORATION PLAQUE

The Chair reported following the last meeting of the Board, that it was understood the Memorial Plaque would be mounted on the Kawhia Library building, at Council's cost. He said however, the plaque will now be attached to the Lych Gate at the Anglican Church. He said Mr Alan Murtagh will ensure this is carried out. The Chair further reported that the plaque will be available at the Memorial this ANZAC Day prior to being fitted onto the Lych Gate.

KAWHIA MOANA KAI FESTIVAL

The Chair reported that the recent Kawhia Moana Kai Festival went extremely well with approximately 5-6,000 attending. He said the Committee has operated with a surplus of \$15,000 to carry forward to next year. He said much of the success of the event was due to it being affordable for families. It was agreed that a letter be written to the Committee complimenting and congratulating Members on an excellent result. Mrs Pilkington endorsed the Chair's comments and said it was a fantastic result.

AOTEA SEAWALL

The Chair reported that the Chief Executive and himself had a meeting with Mr Morrison which was very pleasant and amiable. Members were advised that Mr Morrison was informed of the difficulties that could be encountered in reapplying for a Subdivision Consent. The Chief Executive advised that Mr Morrison indicated that he will not accept the compensation offered by Council. He said it now appears that Mr Morrison views the matter as an issue of property rights and principles. Ms Gane said it is a legal matter that hasn't been resolved and suggested Council continue to quietly work with Mr Morrison.

Mrs Pilkington thanked the Chair and Chief Executive for meeting with Mr Morrison on this matter.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 23 January 2015, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Rutherford / Mrs Pilkington

Item 52 POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF WAIWERA STREET CONSENT

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report advising Members that direction is sought from the Board as to whether an application should be made to extend the Resource Consent for the subdivision of Council's Waiwera Street property.

The Chief Executive reported that a quote of approximately \$2900 has been received to lodge an application to extend this consent. He said along with the relevant Consent fees, the cost could be in total, around \$5,000 which would be shared between the Kawhia Community and the District Council on a 50/50 basis.

Resolved

That approval be given to making an application for the potential extension of the Resource Consent for the subdivision of Council's Waiwera Street property.

Mr Walsh / Ms Gane

**Item 53 COUNCIL PROPERTY POUWE STREET AND TAINUI STREET
PROPOSED SALE OF LANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN LONG TERM PLAN
REVIEW**

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented a report detailing actions required to progress the sale of Council owned lands on Pouewe Street and Tainui Street formally used as the Kawhia Pound and the land currently used for the Kawhia Native Tree Nursery.

The Chief Executive reported that Council has approved to fund the proposed Foreshore Walkway thanks to the input by Mrs Pilkington. Mrs Pilkington advised that the walkway has been approved due to safety issues and the matter of tourism. She said the sealing of unsealed streets is in the roading programme but a long way off being completed.

The Chief Executive reported that because the properties are owned by the Otorohanga District Council in Trust for 'Municipal Purposes' under the Local Government Act, any sale of the lands will only be approved by the Crown if the net proceeds of the sales are to be used for a specifically identified alternative 'Municipal Purpose'. He said the best place to identify and record this specifically identified alternative purpose is within the Long Term Plan. Ms Gane raised the matter of seal extension at the end of Morrison Road, Aotea, in fact, the sealing of all unsealed streets within the Kawhia/Aotea area. The Chair referred to the area of land adjoining the former pound area and said this is where flax is taken for weaving. Mrs Pilkington confirmed that there are separate titles for the pound land. The Chief Executive advised that most of the area is Road Reserve.

Mr Walsh referred to the existing Boat Ramp and suggested that something be placed in the Long Term Plan regarding parking. The Chair replied that the Board owns the existing Boat Ramp but not the carpark. Mr Walsh advised that he has had discussions with property owners next door to the parking area. It was suggested that a charge could be introduced for use of the ramp. Mr Rutherford replied that from an administration point of view, this becomes a problem. It was agreed that Mr Walsh continue discussions with the property owners of the land next door to the existing parking area.

The Chair referred to stormwater issues in Aotea. Ms Gane reported that some tomo's were developing behind the seawall at the eastern end.

Resolved

That

1. The Kawhia Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the Council include the proposed sale of the properties formally used as the Kawhia Public Pound in the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
2. The Kawhia Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the Council include the proposed sale of the properties used as the Kawhia Native Tree Nursery in Tainui Street in the 2015-2025 Long Term Plan.
3. The Kawhia Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the Council include in the Long Term Plan that all of the net proceeds from the proposed sale of the properties formally used as the Kawhia Public Pound be used as funding for the proposed Kawhia Foreshore Seawall, sealing of unsealed Kawhia streets and other footpath extension works in the community.
4. The Kawhia Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the Council include in the Long Term Plan that all of the net proceeds from the proposed sale of the properties formally used for the Kawhia Native Tree Nursery in Tainui Street be used as part of the funding for the proposed Kawhia Foreshore Seawall, sealing of unsealed Kawhia and Aotea streets and other footpath extension works in the community.
5. The Kawhia Community Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the Council pass a resolution rescinding the Council resolution of 22 June 1999, which states "Resolved that the proposal of Council to sell the vacant sections at Waiwera, Tainui and Pouewe Streets, Kawhia be terminated". Cr Earwaker/Cr Ormsby.

Mr Rutherford / Mrs Pilkington

Item 54 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY RENTAL REVIEW

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of Housing for the Elderly rentals in Rosamond Terrace, Kawhia.

The Governance Supervisor informed Members that the weekly NZ Super income rates will increase by approximately 2 percent from 1 April 2015. The Chair confirmed that the housing flats are all self-funding however, he expressed the opinion that as there is substantial Community benefit by having the facility, consideration could in the future be given to some rate input.

Resolved

That the rental charge for units at Rosamond Terrace, Kawhia be increased as follows, effective from 1 July 2015 -

Single person	-	\$90 per week
Double (couple)		\$113 per week

Mr Rutherford / Mr Walsh

Item 56 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 23 JANUARY 2015

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

KAWHIA MUSEUM SIGN

The Chair reported that concern has been expressed at the time taken in creating a new image and possible relocation of the large museum sign. Members were informed that a graphic design has been drafted to go on the board but it is necessary for the Board to consider the position of the sign and the suitable material to be used for the backing. Mrs Pilkington confirmed that she will be attending the next Kawhia Museum meeting. She reported that the Otorohanga District Development Board has agreed to fund a replacement vinyl for the sign. The Chair expressed the opinion that the sign needs to be located to a more visible position, one that you can see as you enter Kawhia township. Mrs Pilkington replied that there are rules concerning signs erected on Road Reserve and that if a new location is approved, directional signage will most likely also be required. Mr Rutherford said this is an ideal opportunity to consider relocating the sign and he is in favour of this being positioned as you come into town. The Engineering Manager advised that the Kawhia Museum could make application for the sign to be erected in an area before the local garage. The Chair said the Board is comfortable with relocating the sign by the garage however, the Kawhia Museum will need to apply to Council's Roading Manager for this to proceed. Ms Gane suggested that the Chair and Mr Rutherford approach the Museum Committee regarding the proposed siting of the sign. Mr Rutherford queried who will pay for the sign's relocation. The Engineering Manager replied not Council as this is not a Council business activity. Mr Walsh felt that the sign should be erected on the wharf side of an existing shed. The Chair agreed to follow the matter up however, it was agreed that the Board approved the relocation of the sign to a position where it can be more visible.

REFUSE BIN – TOM FRENCH GROVE

Mr Walsh reported he has been in contact with Council's Engineering Support Officer and advised that she is not in favour of a refuse bin being placed at Tom French Grove.

KAWHIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs Pilkington read a letter she has prepared to accompany an application from the Kawhia Primary School to the Ministry of Education regarding the effect of funding caused by revision of the School's decile rating.

GENERAL

KAWHIA POLICE

There was discussion of the forthcoming departure of Kawhia's Police Officer and how his contribution to the Community should be recognised.

KAWHIA MEETING ROOM

Mrs Pilkington advised that the 'Arty Tarts' group had requested that changes be made to the arrangement of the meeting room window so that a notice board could be incorporated.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mrs Pilkington updated members on the activities of the ODDDB. It was stated that developing and managing a promotional website for Kawhia was a priority, but a Kawhia person needs to be appointed to provide content.

KAWHIA LIBRARY

Mrs Pilkington asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Kawhia Librarian for her role in organising the new seat outside the building.

Mr Rutherford said that timber left behind from a repair to the pedestrian railing near the library had been thrown into bushes.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Cr Pilkington updated members of the activities of the Waikato Regional Council.

AOTEA BEACHCARE GROUP

Ms Gane updated members of the activities of the Aotea Beachcare Group.

AOTEA SEAWALL

Ms Gane enquired when maintenance work on the seawall is to be undertaken, and that owners of adjacent properties would like to know when this is likely to be. She said that sinkholes were appearing behind the wall at the eastern end.

AOTEA COMMUNITY SIGN

Ms Gane advised that large rocks were to be used to form the structure of a sign indicating the entrance to the Aotea Community, and showed a plan of the proposed location. The Engineering Manager said that placing large rocks opposite a T junction intersection could pose a traffic hazard, and that there should be discussion with Council's Roding Manager as to whether the sign should be offset from the junction to reduce this hazard.

WAIWERA STREET LAND

Mr Rutherford enquired what rentals were being paid for the Waiwera Street land and the medical centre premises. The Chief Executive suggested that a report be prepared for members that listed all rentals in the community and compared them with potential 'market' rates.

KAWHIA FORESHORE SEA WALL

Mr Rutherford said that the contractor undertaking the construction of the foreshore seawall had raised a question of whether the wall design would provide a flat land surface for the reserve. The Engineering Manager undertook to check that the design was correct.

KAWHIA LIQUOR BAN

Mr Rutherford requested that the existing Liquor Ban in Kawhia should be extended to have year round effect. He said that he believed that many of those who had previously expressed objection to a permanent ban had subsequently changed their views. Following discussion it was agreed that staff commence a process towards the potential establishment of a year-round liquor ban in public places in the community.

MR HANK BENNETT

The Chairman granted Mr Hank Bennett permission to address the meeting and Mr Bennett briefly spoke on a proposal to request that a second Police Officer be stationed at Kawhia, and on a proposed national project to promote construction of farm ponds, providing members with a summary of the latter.

Mr Bennett said the farm pond proposal appears to have strong support at the 'grass roots' of the National Party, but has yet to gain traction in Wellington. The Chair said that he supported the proposal in principle.

TAINUI KAWHIA INC – PUBLIC ACCESS TO LAGOON

The Chairman granted Mr Hano Ormsby permission to address the meeting, and Mr Ormsby advised that the Tainui Kawhia Incorporation (TKI) had been giving consideration to permitting public access through their forest to the 'lagoon' area near to the mouth of the harbour, providing an alternative access to Ocean Beach. Mr Ormsby said that whilst TKI had indicated approval in principle for such access, specific matters regarding safety and security still needed to be resolved.

KAWHIA ROWING REGATTA CLUB

Mr Walsh asked, on behalf of the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club, if it would be possible to restrict use of the boat ramp near the their shed to non-powered craft only. The Chief Executive said that such a restriction might not be straightforward, as it would need to be reflected in a bylaw if it was to be effective. It was agreed that the Chief Executive would discuss the matter with Mr Allan RuBay.

KAWHIA HARBOUR – MUSSEL SPAT RESEARCH

Mr Walsh advised the Board that mussel spat lines had been placed in the Kawhia Harbour by a party from Hauraki, for research purposes. Mr Walsh expressed concern that this could lead to competition with the local commercial spat collection operation.

Item 57 KAWHIA TRADITIONAL MAORI KAI FESTIVAL

The Chief Executive read a letter to the Board from the Kawhia Traditional Maori Kai Festival, wherein the Festival Committee proposed to fund and install two pieces of new playground equipment adjacent to the existing playground equipment in the Kawhia Foreshore Reserve. Mr Rutherford said that he objected to the proposal, but did not want to discuss his reasons for this objection in the meeting.

Resolved

1. That approval be given to the Kawhia Traditional Maori Kai Festival Committee to purchase and install 'mouse house' and 'tyre swing' playground equipment items in the Kawhia Foreshore Reserve adjacent to the existing playground equipment, with liaison to be conducted with Council's Community Facilities Officer.
2. That the Kawhia Traditional Maori Kai Festival Committee be thanked for their proposed contribution to the Community.

Ms Gane / Mr Walsh

Mr Rutherford opposed the proposal and requested that his objection be recorded.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.55pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: