



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

24 July 2015

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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 July 2015 commencing at 2.26pm.

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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 and Mr AJ Rutherford.

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager), M Gould (Roading Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from His Worship the Mayor Mr MM Baxter and Mr D Walsh, be sustained.

Mr Rutherford / Mrs Pilkington

AGENDA ITEM

The Chief Executive referred Members to the original Agenda and said that a report on a Rosamond Terrace house should not have been in the public section of the meeting and accordingly this has been deleted. An amended agenda has been forwarded to all recipients, and a letter of apology provided to the owner of the property concerned.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 29 MAY 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 29 May 2015, as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Rutherford / Mr Jeffries

MATTERS ARISING

KAWHIA LIQUOR BAN

In reply to Mr Rutherford, the Chief Executive advised that this matter is on hold until the new Community Constable has settled into his position. The Chair informed Members that he has spoken to the new Community Constable and informed him that the previous Constable had attended Board meetings to update Members on Policing matters. He said the new Constable is willing to do this also.

KAWHIA ROWING REGATTA CLUB

Mrs Pilkington reported she had received a phone call from a property owner expressing their concerns on the request to restrict use of the boat ramp and querying whether they are to be consulted on this matter. The Engineering Manager undertook to report back to the Board on this matter.

100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF GALLIPOLI

The Chair queried whether the Board could arrange for maintenance work to be carried out on the cenotaph. It was agreed that a request be made to Parks & Reserves to tidy the area up.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Chair reported that a positive result for the Kawhia Primary School has been received from the Ministry of Education who have agreed to change the decile 4j to decile 1a which is even lower than the previous decile 1c that the school was placed on prior to the review. The Chair advised that as a result the school will be receiving a little more funding.

PROPOSED WALKWAY

The Engineering Manager reported that this work has not as yet been placed out to tender however, the Resource Consent application is being processed.

REPORTS

Item 63 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY FOR ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Discussion

The Roding Manager, Mr Martin Gould, presented a report on a recent independent survey of the levels of resident satisfaction in activities for roads and footpaths across the Waikato region. He said this provides useful information for Council to inform future discussions around setting levels of service. The Roding Manager referred to the issue of footpaths and said this information will enable Council to consider whether more footpaths should be constructed or improvements carried out on existing footpaths. Mrs Pilkington extended congratulations to Council's Roding and Engineering staff on the results this Council achieved. She said the results are consistent with and validates the level of service being provided in the Engineering/Roding activity of Council however, the definition of a major intersection was not clear.

Resolved

That the report be received for information.

Mrs Pilkington / Ms Gane

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The Roding Manager reported that he had considered the various rules for the requirement of a pedestrian crossing at the end of the Kawhia shops to the Kawhia Library. One condition being that it is not to be close to a major intersection. He said from the information he has considered, this proposal appears to meet the guidelines.

The Roding Manager referred to the issue of drivers turning out of Jervois Street onto the pedestrian crossing. He said he has not as yet come to a firm conclusion however, this may not be safe. Board Members were asked how strongly they feel on this proposal. The Chair suggested that the Roding Manager check out the proposal further as the main issue is during the summer time. He suggested that the proposal lay on the table until a clear understanding is obtained as to how strong the need for this is. Mr Rutherford felt that should the pedestrian crossing not be able to be created on the corner then it should not be pursued. Ms Gane advised that she did not support the proposal and expressed the opinion that there would be no point in installing a pedestrian crossing if it could not go on the intersection. It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

ROADING MANAGER

The Chair thanked the Roding Manager for his time and input into the meeting. The Roding Manager left the meeting at 3.10pm.

Item 64 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – REGULAR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented the Engineering Support Officer's report on the proposal to delegate authority for approving routine road closures to the Engineering Manager.

Mr Rutherford requested that should the recommendation be adopted that Board Members and affected parties be notified of any proposed closures.

Members referred to the paragraph advising that not-for-profit organisations have been required to comply with the objection provisions contained in the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road

Closure) Regulations 1965 and the request that these requirements be waived. Members asked for clarification of this statement for report back to the Board.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager be given delegated authority to approve the applications for temporary road closures for the following annual events – Anzac Day; Kawhia Rowing Regatta; Oparau Whaleboat Regatta; Kawhia New Year Celebrations; Kawhia Moana Kai Festival.

Mr Rutherford / Ms Gane

Item 65 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 29 MAY 2015

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

BOAT RAMP

The Engineering Manager reported that the Boat Ramp near the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club shed has been inspected and advice received that this has not deteriorated from an engineering point of view. He said there is no evidence that large boats have caused damage to the ramp. Mr Rutherford suggested that this is not a major issue if no physical damage is being caused. It was agreed that a letter be written to the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club advising that the matter has been investigated and there appears to be no problem of damage being caused to the boat ramp.

KAWHIA WHARF

The Engineering Manager reported that there is a new water meter on the Kawhia Wharf but electricity is not individually metered to each shed. He said quotations are being obtained for this. Mr Rutherford suggested that, as there is a master reading, could this just be distributed amongst the shed users. The Engineering Manager suggested that the matter be left in abeyance until the cost is obtained to install individual meters.

KAWHIA CEMETERY

The Governance Supervisor forwarded to Mr Rutherford guidelines which are in place for the installation of ash wall plaques at the Kawhia Cemetery.

GENERAL

MAORI TRUSTEE

The Chair, on behalf of Mr Walsh, alerted Members that Leaseholders are in contention with the Maori Trustee over proposed lease increases. He said some Lessees are looking at a 200 percent increase in the lease rental. The Chair informed Members that approximately 93 ratepayers are involved with 80 of these being absentee ratepayers. The Chair reported that, as a result this could be an economic disaster in the making and have negative implications for the Kawhia township. Members agreed that, at the last lease review, the Board took the stance that this is a commercial issue between the property owner and the Lessees. The Chair felt that there is some advantage in the Board raising its concerns on the issue and the effect it could have on Kawhia. Mrs Pilkington advised that the previous Mayor was of the opinion that this is not a Council issue. She said the matter sorted itself out and the proposed economic effect did not occur. The Chair expressed the opinion that any support from the Board would be welcomed. Mrs Pilkington advised that the Board should be wary choosing one party over the other. She suggested that Board Members keep an eye on the situation. Any affected parties are able to approach the Board. Mrs Pilkington advised that central Government is encouraging Maori to be commercially inclined in their activities. Ms Gane expressed the opinion that the Board cannot be seen to support one party over the other. Mrs Pilkington felt that the Board should not get involved in the hope that the parties arrive at a mutual decision.

KAWHIA FORESHORE

The Board extended thanks to staff and the contractors involved in the installation of the seawall on the Kawhia Foreshore. It was agreed that excellent work has been carried out and good feedback being received. Mr Rutherford expressed the opinion he had hoped that the steps down the wall would have been more attractive. The Engineering Manager advised that some discussion had been held on this matter.

KAWHIA LIBRARIAN

The Chair reported that the Kawhia Librarian has been unwell and that he had requested the Governance Supervisor forward her a Get Well card. The Governance Supervisor confirmed that this card has been sent.

BROADBAND PROPOSAL

The Chair reported that good feedback had been obtained from recent meetings and as a result a registration of interest has been submitted.

KAORA TRACK

The Chair reported, following a request from a ratepayer, that Mr Rutherford and himself had looked at the Kaora Track where horses are still getting around the existing barrier. He said an additional physical barrier needs to be erected going up the hill. The Engineering Manager reported that this is all based around people behavior however, he would investigate installing the additional barrier.

AOTEA RATEPAYER GROUP

The Chair informed Members that on behalf of the Board he has provided the Aotea Ratepayer Group with a suitable reference in support of their application for funding assistance for the proposed playground.

DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMME

Mrs Pilkington referred to a youth driver training programme to encourage local youth to obtain a driver's licence to enable them to get work. She said it is necessary to identify whether there is a need for such a programme, its benefit and outcomes. Mrs Pilkington undertook to have discussion on this programme at the next Otorohanga District Development Board meeting.

KAWHIA LIBRARY

Mrs Pilkington said she would like to see the Board acknowledge the contribution of volunteers at the Kawhia Library.

STRUCTURES & WORKS IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW 2015

Mrs Pilkington referred to the proposal to make a new Bylaw on Structures & Works in Public Places and advised this was adopted at a meeting of Council on 22 July 2015. She said no submissions were received.

MATES MENS NETWORK

Mrs Pilkington informed Members of a presentation made to the last meeting of the Otorohanga District Council by the Chief Executive of MATES Mens Network helping to address many issues costing our communities not just in economic costs but also the enormous social impact. She said MATES objectives are to lower the rising rate of male suicide, family violence, depression, relationship breakdown and criminal activity. Mrs Pilkington tabled the relevant information.

ART EXHIBIT – KAWHIA MUSEUM

Mrs Pilkington said she would like to encourage Members to look at the art exhibit at the Kawhia Museum, the work being based on an object from within the Museum.

KOTUI SYSTEM

Mrs Pilkington presented a brochure on the mobile App named 'Bookmyne' which can be used in conjunction with the Kotui system.

AOTEA SEAWALL

Ms Gane reported that repairs to the Aotea Seawall have been carried out to a very high standard with positive feedback being received. Members were informed that the Aotea Seawall Resource Consent is valid to 2023.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC – JOHN DODGSON

Mr Dodgson informed Members that he has had a long term association with plants in particular the undesirable ones. He said he has provided considerable information to DOC and the Regional Council on plant related matters and has acted as a watchdog for the invasion of new plants, many of these have been killed off. Mr Dodgson reported he now has poor eyesight and is no longer able to supply this information. He suggested to the Board that it would be well worthwhile encouraging someone else to get interested in this matter. The Chair replied that Board Members were sorry to hear of his loss of sight and acknowledged the work that he has carried out over many years. On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked Mr Dodgson for his input and wished him a long retirement. The Chair advised that Members must ensure that the Board receives regular input from the Regional Council on issues relating to plants.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.07pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 25 September 2015