



Kawhia Community Board

# MINUTES

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1PM

**KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD**

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Kawhia Community Hall, Jervis Street, Kawhia on 9 December 2016 commencing at 1pm

**MINUTES**

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr CE Jeffries (Chair), Mrs DM Pilkington, Messrs AJ Rutherford (attended 1.32pm) and DM Walsh.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager), CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

## **PROPOSED CREATIVE HUB**

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He introduced Board Members and staff to members of the Public

The Chair informed members that Council's Chief Executive Dave Clibbery will act as Chair during the presentation of submissions to the proposed Creative Hub.

The Chief Executive took the Chair and informed members of the public that 50 submissions have been received in respect to the proposed Creative Hub in Kawhia, seven of the submitters wishing to speak to their submission. He said this is not a full open meeting, it is a hearing process where submitters can express their opinions but it is not an opportunity to seek views of the Board.

## **IAN BESLEY**

Expressing his support for any funding that Council can provide in respect to the proposed design to the Creative Hub. He said it would be remiss of Council to let the commercial, social and artistic abilities that shone through the Spring Fling event disappear until next Labour weekend.

## **MERV LANE**

Mr Lane reported that the Local Fire Brigade had to move from its premises next to the Kawhia Museum due to conditions placed on it to remain on the site. Mr Lane queried why Council is even considering donating public land and funds to the proposed Creative Hub which will only benefit a few locals to help them sell their Art. He suggested the money should be put towards more parking in the area that would be better for all businesses in the township or to tar seal Kawhia's unsealed roads.

## **TOM MOKE**

Mr Moke advised that he is a supporter of any initiative that will help to promote Kawhia and as such his initial response to the Creative Hub concept proposal was very positive. He said however, like most things in life the devil is always in the detail and he believed this proposal is not exempt.

Mr Moke expressed the opinion that the proposal to erect a permanent structure on public land raises issues of good public policy. Mr Moke said in his view the proposal seeks to establish exclusive usage rights at a location that is clearly intended to be inclusive for public and Community use. Mr Moke concluded informing members that he is not apposed to the creation of a Creative Arts hub and would support such an initiative if the location sought was not in conflict with good public policy.

Mr Moke then presented an annex to his submission on behalf of Taharoa C Inc. Mr Moke reported that Taharoa C Inc has made a significant commercial purchase in Kawhia and that the redevelopment of the site they have purchased will be extensive and is designed to bring an attractive, high quality and a very contemporary look to Kawhia.

Mr Moke said Taharoa C Inc opposed any proposal that seeks Council support to allow commercial sales of art works in the vicinity and should Council approve this proposal on that site Taharoa C Inc would request formally a notified RMA resource consent process at which time they would voice a strong objection.

### **ALLAN RUBAY**

Mr Rubay advised that he opposed the idea of the use of containers and the area that is being proposed for the erecting of such. He suggested that a combined meeting of all the Community should be held on this issue. Mr Rubay reported that there is also limited parking in the proposed area as it is and suggested that the Kawhia Art Group look at other areas that may be available such as at the Domain next to the Rock Carvers. Mr Rubay queried why public funding should pay for this proposal on public land.

### **JEANETTE SCHOLLUM**

Ms Schollum reported that she wishes to understand the perceptions of the proposal from what she is hearing within the Community. She said the proposal did not include the provision of old rusty shipping containers instead providing an accessible public place in which to welcome visitors, learn a little about Kawhia, artists to showcase their wares – an area to act as the front porch of the Community.

Ms Schollum reported that members of the Kawhia Art Group give generously to the Community and referred to the annual Spring Fling Art Festival, which provides a lively event for the local Community and attracts visitors to Kawhia. She said the proposed Hub is a further example of the Art Group's wish to contribute to the social and economic prosperity of Kawhia by providing a place for artists to make, display and sell work as well as for local people and visitors to meet, talk, connect and experience a broad spectrum of art including performances.

Ms Schollum believed that the proposed Creative Art Hub when in place would engage, inspire and inject new energy into Kawhia.

### **John Thomson**

Mr Thomson reported that the Kawhia Museum Committee and himself support the concept in general, and in particular the proposed professional design and engineering investigations. He said however there are issues to be worked through as with any worthwhile venture such as-

- 1) The economics of tourism and creative industries.
- 2) Creation of objects of local origin.
- 3) location of the proposal.

### **W Timmer-Anends**

Mr Timmer-Anends advised that he is totally opposed to any funding being provided for a Creative Hub for the Kawhia Arts Group. He expressed the opinion that Council should confine its activities to roading, footpaths, sewerage, water and other such essentials. He said more accommodation is required in Kawhia.

Mr Timmer-Anends reported that the Kawhia Art Group has no money and referred to the members of the Board which have been elected by a majority vote, he queried whether the majority of those people would want the Creative Hub.

The Chief Executive then presented his report on the request made by the Kawhia Art Group in respect to the proposed Creative Hub and the associated public submissions received.

In conclusion of the presentation of a comprehensive report the Chief Executive advised that his recommendation is that "the report be received".

## **JOHN DODGSON**

Mr Dodgson referred to other art related endeavors which have started off well however unfortunately these have resulted in failures. Mr Dodgson reported that there is a general opposition to the placing of containers on the park near the Museum, based on poor use on a valuable public asset ie the Park and use of public space for what is seen as a private venture. Mr Dodgson expressed the opinion that steel and salt water are active partners in potentially making an eyesore of rusty containers. He said the Board is hard pressed to maintain the integrity of the museum itself. Mr Dodgson said there is an opportunity to provide a venue for other activities to be included such as a men's shed, stone carving, chainsaw art, ect by utilising the School Building near the Domain.

Mr Dodgson concluded by informing members that in encouraging development of public space could set a dangerous / expensive precedent.

The Chair thanked the submitters for their presentations and advised that the Board will now deliberate on these.

Mr Tom Moke informed members that Taharoa C Inc are on track with their proposal all be it a little slow.

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology submitted by His Worship the Mayor Max Baxter be sustained.

## **CHAIR / MRS PILKINGTON**

### **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Resolved** that the application received from Kawhia Moana Kawhia Kai Kawhia Tangata Kai Festival Committee seeking sponsorship for their next Kai Festival be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

## **CHAIR / MR RUTHERFORD**

Members requested that the matter of the Kawhia Nursery Lease be placed on the Agenda for the Boards Meeting to be held on 10 February 2017.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 21 OCTOBER 2016**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 21 October 2016 be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

## **MRS PILKINGTON / MR RUTHERFORD**

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **RELOCATABLE HOUSE – ROSAMOND TERRACE**

Mr Rutherford referred to a relocatable house situated in Rosmond Terrace and queried whether the matter of the provision of sewerage has been investigated. The Engineering Manager replied that a Building Consent has been issued with the condition that a sewerage system be installed. He said the client has twelve months in which to comply with the conditions.

#### **CLEANING OF BOATS**

Mr Rutherford referred to the matter of boats and charter boats being washed down with the waste dropping onto the beach. The Chair suggested that this matter needs to be taken up with the Regional Council. It was agreed that Council's Governance Supervisor prepare a letter for

forwarding to the Harbour Master highlighting the issue in particular, the fouling and pollution of the beach and the apparent lack of risk management enforcement.

### **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

In reply to the Chair Mrs Pilkington reported that she will keep members informed on the current review of the Otorohanga District Development Board.

### **POU PROJECT**

The Chair reported on the blessing / unveiling of the Pou on the Ommitti Reserve. He said this was a wonderful event, with representatives of the Maori King and various Kaumatua being in attendance. The Chair reported that the project has run over budget however, to date no ratepayer funding has gone into the project.

Mrs Pilkington raised the matter of providing scheduled ongoing maintenance of the Pou.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

When asked by the Chair no members expressed an interest in any items to be discussed.

### **ITEM 9 REQUEST FOR FUNDING – CREATIVE HUB DESIGN**

The Chief Executive informed members that the Otorohanga District Council owns the land that the Kawhia Museum is located on. The Chair expressed thanks to Councils Chief Executive for his comprehensive report providing a summary of events and commenting on the various points raised in the submissions.

Members agreed that it is now necessary for the Board to identify key aspects to enable them to make a decision on the proposal.

### **LOCATION**

Ms Gane expressed concern at the potential high risk should the proposed location be approved. She referred in particular to the advice on behalf of Taharoa C Inc who could formally request a notified RMA Resource Consent process to be instigated.

The Chief Executive replied he felt this was not possible as the proposal did not trigger any issues under the District Plan. He informed members that the application in regards to location could perhaps be treated as an extension to the Kawhia Museum.

Ms Gane said that should the RMA process be required, this could prove very expensive therefore she requested that the requirement be checked out as to whether it could be enforced.

The Chair referred to the people who feel strongly about the proposal and advised that nobody has raised the issue with him.

Mr Walsh reported that initially his phone went crazy.

The Chair referred to the suggestion that the Kawhia Museum building be extended for art activities and queried whether Taharoa C Inc would challenge the ability for retail sales.

Mrs Pilkington advised that the Museum already carries out small retail sales.

The Chief Executive advised that it is necessary for staff to look at the District Plan for confirmation however, if process could still be used, the onus would still be placed on the applicant.

The Chair said that should the museum building be extended to include Art Activities the building would come out over the land.

The Chief Executive replied that this is freehold Council Land, and as such it may not be a problem.

Mrs Pilkington advised that this would be subject to the setback yard requirements.

Mr Rutherford expressed the opinion that he would be keen to know how the Community would react to the suggestion to extend the Museum building. There is the perception that this is Public Reserve land.

Ms Gane said she agreed however, nobody uses the land.

Mr Boy Davis who was in attendance at the meeting stated that approximately twelve years the Fire Brigade was requested to move as the land was required for a reserve.

The Chief Executive replied that the instruction would be for the land to be used for the purpose of a reserve, not become legally classified as reserve land.

Mrs Pilkington referred to Boy Davis's comments and said to him that this occurred twelve years ago and therefore suggested whether there is room for the Fire Brigade to move on.

Mr Walsh referred to his request for the provision of parking in this area and the reply he received that this land is required for reserve.

Dr Carol Shephard informed members that the Kawhia Museum is formally known as the Kawhia Regional Museum and Gallery.

The Chair reported that the following issues need to be clarified-

1. Council's conditions for sewerage, water, storm water etc.
2. Clarification regarding whether there is a Regional Council issue.
3. Whether an application would be required to be made through a Resource Consent process.
4. What would be involved if proposal be withdrawn and amended to extend the Kawhia Museum.

Ms Gane queried whether the Board should seriously look at another site for the provision of a Creative Hub.

The Chair replied that the closest site would be the Reserve Area near the Domain.

**Resolved** that alternative locations for a Creative Hub other than behind the museum be explored.

## **CHAIR / MR WALSH**

### **ITEM 10            MATTERS REFERRED**

The Governance Supervisor took members through Matters Referred.

#### **Kawhia Wharf Bortage Fees**

The Chief Executive circulated the Finance and Administration Manager's schedule of the current Kawhia Wharf rentals.

Mr Rutherford queried whether the rentals should be based on a fee per boat or activity related.

Mrs Pilkington replied that this would be a matter for discussion at budget estimates time.

Mr Rutherford was requested to liaise with Councils Finance and Administration Manager Graham Bunn, regarding the number of boats berthed at the Wharf.

### **Kawhia Wharf – Power Meters**

The Engineering Manager reported that the people hiring a shed on the Kawhia Wharf get charged a flat fee of \$200 per year. He said the average cost per shed per annum is approximately \$788.

The Engineering Manager undertook to engage an electrician to obtain costings for installing individual meters.

### **Relocatable House – Rosmond Terrace**

Members were informed that the Resource Consent was granted prior to the Building Consent being issued however, the applicant has ignored the conditions of the Resource Consent. No Bond was required.

### **Green Waste Disposal – Kawhia Refuse Transfer Station**

With regard to the disposal of green waste at the Kawhia Refuse Transfer Station the Engineering Manager advised that he had spoken to representatives from Envirowaste and it is possible to install a concrete pad for the green waste to be deposited on however, the costs would be excessive. He confirmed that Refuse Transfer Stations are required to put barriers in place.

The Chair requested that Mr Russel Thomson be advised of this information and that it is not cost effective for the Board to put in place any improvements to the Kawhia Refuse Transfer Station.

## **GENERAL**

### **Kawhia Moana Kawhia Kai Kawhia Tangata Kai Festival Committee**

The Chair presented a letter on behalf of the Kawhia Moana Kawhia Kai Kawhia Tangata Kai Festival Committee seeking sponsorship for next year's Kai Festival to be held on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

Members agreed that any funds granted to the Committee are not to be passed on to a beneficiary until such time as the costs of holding the Kai Festival are recovered.

**Resolved** that a grant of \$500 be made to the Kawhia Moana Kawhia Kai Kawhia Tangata Kai Festival Committee towards the 2017 Kai Festival

### **Mr Rutherford / Mr Walsh**

### **INFORMATION PACK**

The Chair referred to Council's information pack for new residents and advised that he had received no feedback from members. Accordingly he requested that some feedback be provided to him.

### **PARKING – TAINUI STREET**

The Engineering Manager reported there is likelihood that this additional parking area will initially be formed but not sealed.

### **TOURISM WORKSHOP**

The Chair reminded members of the Tourism Workshop to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 at 2pm. Members were also reminded of the Kawhia Primary School prizegiving ceremony at 11am on that day.

### **RETICULATED SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

The Chief Executive informed members that letters are currently being forwarded to Iwi and also to Taharoa C Inc to update them on what is happening in regards to a reticulated sewerage supply system. He said that the matter will be discussed further at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2016.

### **PEARL AVENUE**

Mr Rutherford highlighted the need for a corner on Pearl Avenue to be widened. He presented a photographic plan of the area sent by Council's Roading Manager Martin Gould. It was agreed that Council Staff investigate the request.

### **B STAPLES / CIVIL DEFENCE ISSUE**

Mr Walsh presented a letter received from Brenda Staples regarding recent earthquakes being experienced in New Zealand and the comments expressed by the Civil Defense Authority that when escaping from your residence, not to drive, but walk or run from your home to a safe area. It is quicker and easier than using a vehicle. The letter requested that Council investigate providing a lane, walking path up the hill to higher ground to Hoturoa Street, to give people access to the local sports club.

Following discussion it was agreed that it be suggested that Brenda Staples phone Mr Rutherford regarding this issue.

### **KAWHIA VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE**

Mr Walsh presented a letter received from the Kawhia Volunteer Fire Brigade requesting the Board give consideration to installing a Fire Hydrant at or close to the Kawhia Fire Station. Members were informed that there is no Hydrant at the station and this can cause some problems for brigade members.

The Chief Executive advised that the appropriate Council staff will explore the costs involved in installing a Fire Hydrant.

### **AOTEA SEAWALL STAIRS**

Ms Gane reported that there is a gap forming between the bottom stair and the beach most likely caused by the tides however, this is proving to be a hazard for users. It was suggested that hazard tape be installed.

### **LAWTON DRIVE**

Ms Gane referred to the Council land used as a car park on Lawton Drive and asked for this area to be tidied up.

### **HORTICULTURAL STUDENTS GRADUATION**

Ms Gane reported on a recent graduation of Horticultural students whereat fourteen had graduated. She said Wintec will be offering the next level of attainment being level 3, next year.

### **FISHERIES OFFICERS**

Ms Gane queried whether Fisheries Officer are still employed.

Mrs Pilkington replied that this would be a MAF issue.

### **CELLPHONE COVERAGE**

Ms Gane queried whether any funding is being obtained to improve cellphone coverage in the area. The Chief Executive replied that this is supposed to be happening however, as yet no timeframe has been provided by central government.

### **MARINE FARMING**

Members were informed that consultation regarding Marine Farming is being carried out in the area with it appearing acceptable for this purpose. Members were informed that a Resource Consent application for this activity will be forwarded to the Regional Council prior to Christmas.

#### **WHARENUI – TE ANGA ROAD**

Mrs Pilkington referred to the blessing of a new Wharenuui on Te Anga Road and reported that this is a wonderful building and very much about Whanau.

#### **ROAD SAFETY COORDINATOR**

Mrs Pilkington informed members of a Road Safety Legends campaign which will take place on the Omimiti Reserve.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Chief Executive referred members to recent Community Events such as the Movie Nights and reported that the cost of these has been funded from small balances across Council's accounts. He said the Otorohanga Community Board has agreed to provide some funding for future events and that at the next meeting of the Kawhia Community Board a request will be made for the Board to consider providing funding for this purpose also.

#### **SEASON GREETINGS**

The Chair extended Seasons Greetings to members and staff and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas. He thanked members for their contribution to Kawhia affairs and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm.