



Kawhia Community Board

AGENDA

8 June 2018

1pm

1.30pm A presentation from Mr. H Ormsby

Members of the Kawhia Community Board

Mr. CE Jeffries (Chair)
Mrs. DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor)
Mr. G Fletcher
Mr. AJ Rutherford
Mr. DM Walsh

Meeting Secretary: Mr. C Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

8 JUNE 2018

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board will be held in the Kawhia Community Hall, Jervois Street, Kawhia on Friday 8 June 2018 commencing at 1pm.

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AGENDA

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ITEM 98 **PROCESS TO REVIEW THE DOG CONTROL POLICY & BYLAW**
TO: **CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS**
 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD
FROM: **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER**
DATE: **8 JUNE 2018**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A summary of the previous review of the Otorohanga District Dog Control Policy and Bylaw and discussion of matters to be considered when undertaking a review of the current policy. The current policy is attached, under separate cover, to the Agenda.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the report be received.

REPORT DISCUSSION

The last formal review and of the Otorohanga District Dog Control Policy and Bylaw (the Policy) commenced 26 October 2010. Following public consultation that drew no submissions the Policy was reconfirmed without change. There is no statutory requirement to undertake a further review until 2020. The Dog Control Act 1996 requires that Council to consider if it is meeting the needs of the community in relation to those matters outlined in Section 10(4) of the Dog Control Act 1996 when undertaking a policy review.

10(4) In adopting a policy under this section, the territorial authority must have regard to:

- (a) The need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally; and*
- (b) the need to avoid inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public areas that are frequented by children, whether or not children are accompanied by adults; and*
- (c) the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs; and*
- (d) the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.*

The development of recreational areas in the Otorohanga Community in particular the Lake Huiptea reserve and the Reg Brett Reserve has resulted in requests for Council to impose more controls on dogs in and around these locations. Although only a short distance away from the nominated dog exercise area, Council has received anecdotal information that many dog owners regularly exercise their pets in the reserves.

Likewise in Kawhia concerns have been expressed over the last two summers about dogs wandering freely along an area of inner harbour beach known as 'the triangle' which also is only a short distance from the nominated dog exercise area.

These situations in both communities should not be unexpected given the increasing level of ownership of companion animals in New Zealand resulting here in a clash of expectations as residents and their dogs make use of what are a limited number of convenient accessible spaces in our towns.

Apart from the matters outlined above there has been no substantive feedback or comment from the community that the Policy is not delivering the outcomes stated by the Act. The matter before Council to consider is whether to take action to address the matter of access in public places or bring forward the review date and initiate a formal review of the entire policy and bylaw two years ahead of schedule.

Part 5 of the current Bylaw gives Council the authority to allow access or exclude dogs from any public place subject to resolution and public notification. As Councillors will have noted in other Districts prohibitions on dogs exercising are often limited by time of day and/or on a seasonal basis (summer holidays) or a mixture of both.

There is no certainty how extensive a formal review process could become. It is now 13 years since the policy was drafted and although there has been no major legislative change in the interim the document requires editing as some of the text has become dated and some clauses are redundant. A policy review requires Council to publically notify the policy and request submissions on any aspect of the policy and bylaw. Should this matter capture the public interest it would not be unreasonable to expect a number of submissions and a resulting hearing to determine the final content of the Policy.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 6 APRIL 2018
TO: CHAIR & BOARD MEMBERS
KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD
FROM: GOVERNANCE SUPERVISOR
DATE: 8 JUNE 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6 APRIL 2018

- To follow up on the matter of people carrying out maintenance work on the Kawhia Community Hall, in a completely unacceptable manner.

ENGINEERING MANAGER

6 APRIL 2018

- To obtain costs for a trellis screen fence to be erected between the Kawhia Cemetery and Refuse centre, Kawhia.
- To note the advice that as you come into Kawhia the Seawall on the other side of the Pohutukawa Trees is collapsing.

BOARD

6 APRIL 2018

- To give further consideration to turning the existing garden through the cutting at Waiwera Street into lawn.

CA Tutty
GOVERNANCE SUPERVISOR

GENERAL

