



Kāwhia Community Board

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held in the Kāwhia Community Hall, Jervois Street, Kāwhia on 26 February 2021 commencing at 1.00pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MINUTES

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PRESENT

Mr. D Walsh (Chair), Cr. A Williams, Mrs. H Whiu, Mr. K Briggs.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Ms. T Winter (Chief Executive), Mr. G Bunn (Group Manager Corporate), Mrs. H Williams (Strategic Planner), Ms. T Ambury (Community & Economic Development Manager).

Mrs. H Whiu opened the meeting with a karakia.

PUBLIC FORUM

Catherine Holland, Kelly Isherwood and Shani Whitiora attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of Kāwhia Moana in relation to an establishment of a Kāwhia Foodbank. Following lockdown and the reopening of Maketū Marae, this initiative requires an alternative location to host the Kāwhia Foodbank.

The following maintenance issues were raised;

- Top of the spider web is loose at the Kāwhia Playground.
- Suggested an area for food preparation be installed at the communal BBQ.
- Painting of the judder bars.
- Concerns about Te Papa o Karewa – including other iwi and making sure the nature of the remedy doesn't further damage the tree

Daisy Scott attended the meeting on behalf of the Onepu Charitable Trust and Maori Womens Welfare League expressing concerns on the following;

- Vehicles getting stuck on the beach.
- Prevent motorbikes using the walkway access to the beach – They are damaging the roots of Te Papa O Karewa (the sacred Pohutukawa).
- Parking issues in Kāwhia.
- Fish carcass dumping in Kāwhia specifically in areas of cultural significance.

John Dodgson spoke in the meeting and requested it be recorded that the Agenda was not made public prior to the meeting of 23 October 2020.

Ray Montgomery spoke in the meeting highlighting his concerns of parking on yellow lines within Kāwhia.

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members whether they had any declarations of conflicts of interest.

No declarations of conflicts of interest were received.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 23 OCTOBER 2020

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held 23 October 2020, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record of the meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Mrs. Whiu / Mr. Briggs

ITEM 44 CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – VERBAL

The Chair reported on the following;

- Whānau Ora day.
- Classic Car Day in November.
- Regatta day on New Year's Day.
- Kāwhia Kai Festival.
- One Base Fishing Tournament.

Resolved that the Chairperson's verbal report be received.

Mr. Briggs / Mrs. Whiu

ITEM 45 KĀWHIA WHARF – LEASES

The Group Manager Corporate referred members to the report advising that following request from the Kāwhia Community Board, the Council included increased fees and charges for the Kāwhia Wharf (with a 200% increase to berthage charges) in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 for consultation, which took effect with no submissions received. The outcome is that apart from Taharoa Steel the other boat operators have for the most part declined or failed to pay rental and charges, with recovery hindered through lack of written documentation. Council staff have set out options to address rental charges and tidy up the lease documentation for this particular portfolio of property.

The Group Manager advised members he was presenting on behalf of Property Advisor – Paul Pointon who had recently passed away. He further asked members whether they had any questions on the content of this report.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- Without a bylaw there are no means to recover debt if left unpaid.
- Since charges were increased two years ago fees have been near impossible to collect.
- Suggested that a meeting be organised with both recreational and commercial users of the wharf.

Resolved that a meeting be held with recreational and commercial users of the Kāwhia Wharf to discuss;

- a) Costs required to maintain the wharf asset and;
- b) The setting of fair and reasonable fees and charges and how these will be collected and;
- c) Who pays.

Mr. Briggs / Chair

ITEM 46 DISTRICT LIBRARY REPORT

The Group Manager Corporate referred members to the Library Mangers report which outlines the activities of the Ōtorohanga District Libraries for the period October 2020 to January 2021.

The Group Manager acknowledged the newly appointed Library Manager - Heather Taylor who compiled the report and stated she has some ambitious ideas for both Kāwhia and Ōtorohanga Libraries.

Resolved that the Library Manager's quarterly report be received.

Chair / Mr. Briggs

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

MR BRIGGS

- Confirmation on ANZAC day funding for afternoon tea.

MRS. WHIU

- Proposed photo frame in Kāwhia is work in progress.
- Suggested to install bollards at the pathway to Kāwhia beach to prevent bikes using the access.
- Asked whether there is an alternative option to the 'Hockey Sticks' along Pouewe Street that cannot be easily removed.

- Consistency in Te Reo Māori content with community groups – suggested proof reading through the Kāwhia Community Board.
- Top of the spider web at the Kāwhia Playground is very shaky and unsafe.
- Queried funding for maintenance of the basketball court.
- Rubbish dumping in Kāwhia.

CHAIR

- Removal of alcohol free signs.

Discussion was held on the following issues that were raised in the public forum:

- Potential locations for the Kāwhia Foodbank.
- Parking issues in Kāwhia.
- Fish carcass dumping.

The Chair acknowledged the resignation of George Fletcher, who has been invited to the next Kāwhia Community Board Meeting which is to be held on 26 March 2021.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3.05pm.