



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

2 October 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 2 October 2015 commencing at 1.02pm.

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 (attended 1.08pm), Mrs DM Pilkington, Messrs AJ Rutherford and DM Walsh.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr MM Baxter, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair reported that an approach has been received from Mr Ross Dockery on behalf of Multiple Sclerosis Waikato for use of Omimiti Reserve on 1 November 2015 as part of the Classic Car Kawhia Cruise.

The Chair said he would also like to discuss the matter of the Pous and bollards.

The Chair referred to a tree in the Omimiti Reserve which is apparently three quarters dead and felt it was now time that this be removed totally. Members were informed that the removal of this tree has been left in abeyance to see if it recovers through the spring. It was suggested that should the tree be removed that the installation of a shade cloth be considered.

Resolved

That the above matters which may require a resolution be considered in General Business.

Chair / Mr Rutherford

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 24 JULY 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 24 July 2015 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Rutherford

MATTERS ARISING

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Mrs Pilkington 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 had asked for clarification of this statement. Mrs Pilkington advised that the resolution does not affect the right to object, the 42 days notice of the proposal to enable people to object will still be in place.

MS GANE

Ms Gane attended the meeting at 1.08pm.

BROADBAND PROPOSAL

Members were informed that to-date no feedback has been received on Council's registration of interest.

REPORTS

Item 66 FUNDING OF POUWE STREET WALKWAY

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised his report on issues relating to the funding of the proposed Pouewe Street Walkway. He suggested that as the Kawhia Community account currently has a positive balance of \$25,000 this could be used, if desired for this purpose.

Ms Gane queried whether the Board has consulted with Iwi and the general public. She was advised that consultation has been carried out with Iwi and the Kawhia Harbour Protection Society on this proposal. The Chair expressed the opinion that the onus is on the public to comment and that the project has been identified in Council's Long Term Plan. Mr Walsh expressed the opinion that the Board should call for further submissions. His Worship advised that the proposal has been reported on in the Waitomo News. The Chief Executive advised that the situation is slightly different should it be agreed that some funding will be met directly from the Community account. Ms Gane expressed the opinion that if Community funding is to be utilised then the Board should consult with the community.

Mrs Pilkington queried what other uses the Board may have for the \$25,000. The Chief Executive replied this is a small surplus held for a 'rainy day'. He confirmed that this will roll over to another year if not utilised.

The Chief Executive reported that the proposal is just for a walkway, there will be no connecting footpath to lead people onto the walkway. Mrs Pilkington advised that she has had conversations with several people, the feedback being that at a cost \$100,000 they do not want the walkway and would rather see the money spent on something else. She said, historically, the Board has always retained a positive balance. Ms Gane felt that the surplus would be better used as a top up for some community tasks. The Chair expressed the opinion he is opposed to going out again for consultation on this proposal. He felt it was important to take advantage of the \$100,000 approved by Council. The Chief Executive advised that there is potential for the proposed cost to increase further. Ms Gane again expressed concern that should Community funding be used then there is a need to consult with the community. Mrs Pilkington advised that to date the community has not put any money into the proposal. Ms Gane queried whether the community itself could raise funding for the extra amount. Mr Walsh said he would prefer the money spent on things around the community such as kerbing and channelling. Mrs Pilkington advised that it is not an option that the community receive the \$100,000 to spend on other projects. She advised that no submissions had been received on this issue through the Long Term Plan. Ms Gane advised that, should Council see that the community is attempting to meet the shortfall then Council may agree to carry the funding over. Mr Walsh queried why the funding would still not be available should the Board change and create a different form of walkway. Ms Gane reported that the Kawhia Harbour Protection Society appeared to be keen on the proposal and therefore may assist in the Board obtaining community support. She again suggested that the Board go out into the community for support in an attempt to establish a group to fundraise for the shortfall required.

The Chief Executive reported he was concerned whether the tender price would remain the same. The Chair suggested that a public meeting be held to ascertain whether there is support for the proposal. Mr Rutherford felt that the provision of a walkway reduces the risk, particularly during the busy period for those people walking along the side of the road. Mrs Pilkington expressed the opinion she would struggle to support the proposal should local people indicate they are not prepared to support this and assist with the funding.

It was agreed that a public meeting be held in the Kawhia Community Hall on Saturday 31 October 2015, 10.00am.

Resolved

That

1. The report be received.
2. The Contract not be awarded at this point in time
3. Community support for such a project be investigated

Mrs Pilkington / Ms Gane

Item 67 REVIEW OF CAMPING SITE RENTAL

Discussion

The Chief Executive summarised the Environmental Services Manager's report that a review of rental for the Council owned portion of the Kawhia Camping Ground is proposed.

Mr Walsh advised that in regards to Maori Lease Land, the last seven years rental has been based on 3.15 percent of the land value. He said currently the Maori Trustees are considering this be increased to 5 percent.

Resolved

That

1. The report be received.
2. The annual rental for the Council owned portion of the Kawhia Camping Ground is increased to \$5735 + GST, to have effect from the next rental review in October 2016.

Mr Rutherford / Ms Gane

Item 68 DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2015

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to the Draft Management Accounts for the period ending 30 June 2015 and advised that they will note the depreciation is greatly increased, part of the reason being a revaluation change and inconsistency due to significant changes in the depreciation rates for various assets.

Members were advised that the capital expenditure in the Parks & Reserves account is due to the inclusion of the new barbecue facility.

The Chair queried the rental income in respect to the Kawhia Medical Centre being slightly down on that budgeted. He was advised that this would be due to a timing issue.

The Chair expressed thanks to the Finance & Administration Manager, District Accountant and staff for the preparation of the Draft Accounts.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the period ended 30 June 2015 be received.

Chair / Mr Rutherford

Item 69 KAWHIA KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report requesting permission to hold the Kawhia Tangata Super 12 Kapa Haka Festival in Omimiti Park, Kawhia on Saturday 24 October 2015, commencing at 11.00am and finishing no later than 4.00pm

Resolved

That permission be granted for Kawhia Tangata Super 12 Kapa Haka Festival to take place in Kawhia at Omimiti Park on Saturday 24 October between the hours of 11.00am and 4.00pm subject to the area being left in a clean, tidy and undamaged condition.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Walsh

Item 70 KAWHIA STONE CARVING DEMONSTATION - LABOUR WEEKEND 2015

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised his report requesting permission to hold stone carving demonstrations near Omimiti Reserve across Labour Weekend on 23-26 October commencing from 9.00am and finishing no later than 5.00pm.

Resolved

That permission be granted for the Kawhia Stone Carving Club to hold stone carving demonstrations in Kawhia at Omimiti Reserve on Friday 23, Saturday 24, Sunday 25 and Monday 26 October between the hours of 9am and 5pm subject to the area being left clean, tidy and in an undamaged condition with no stone chips left in the grass.

Ms Gane / Mr Walsh

Item 71 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 24 JULY 2015

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

NEW RESIDENT PACKS

The Chair requested that this item remain on Matters Referred.

DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAMME

Mrs Pilkington referred to an email she had forwarded to Members and advised that the Driver Training Programme for youth in Kawhia has all happened.

KAWHIA WHARF

The Engineering Manager reported on the issue of power meters being provided at each individual shed on the Kawhia wharf. He said there is one main meter installed on Shed 1 and within this meter box is a separate meter which belongs to BHP Steel. This supplies the power to their shed (Shed 2) and to their power box at the end of the wharf. He said they are billed separately.

The Engineering Manager advised that the rest of the sheds are supplied power through one shared meter. This billing comes to Council for payment. The other four shed lessees pay an annual fee of \$200 each for power. Council is currently spending approximately \$2000 per annum.

The Engineering Manager reported that a quote has been received from a local Kawhia electrician for \$12,500 to install five meters. He said the challenge is how do you measure usage without meters. Mrs Pilkington suggested that this should be processed through an availability charge. Members were informed that at the present time, Council is subsidising the power usage cost on the Kawhia wharf. His Worship suggested that a letter be written to the shed owner with the freezers to increase his annual contribution by \$50 per annum. Mr Rutherford undertook to approach another electrician regarding a quote.

The Engineering Manager suggested that the availability charge be increased from \$200 to between \$400-500 per annum. It was further agreed that discussion be held with those particular users using more power.

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The Engineering Manager reported that discussions have been held with Council's Roding Manager, Mr Martin Gould, regarding the suggestion of providing a pedestrian crossing from the end of the Kawhia shops to the Kawhia Library. He said Mr Gould had advised that it would be more dangerous to install a pedestrian crossing than not having one at all. He suggested that the proposal not be proceeded with. Mr Walsh reported he had suggested the proposal to aid children crossing the road to use the wifi facility at the Kawhia Library. Mrs Pilkington queried whether there is some other alternative to assist children crossing the road such as the installation of a free standing sign. The installation of a speed hump was suggested although Mrs Pilkington advised that a number of people do not like these.

Mr Walsh requested that consideration be given to providing a light by the Kawhia Library as undersirables are gathering there. The Engineering Manager undertook to address this matter.

GENERAL

Item 73 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WAIKATO – CLASSIC CAR KAWHIA CRUISE

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor was requested to inform Mr Ross Dockery of the Board's approval for the event.

Resolved

That the Board grant approval for the Multiple Sclerosis Waikato to utilise the Omimiti Reserve on Sunday 1 November 2015 as part of the Classic Car Kawhia Cruise event subject to suitable weather conditions and the area being left clean and tidy.

Mrs Pilkington / Chair

KAWHIA SPRING FLING

The Chair reported that an invitation has been received for Members to attend the opening night of the Spring Fling event at the Kawhia Community Hall on 24 October 2015 around 5.30pm.

POU

The Chair advised that the carver has completed the first half of the pou which is now stored and looks great. He said the carver is now working on the second half of the pou which he hopes will be finished around Christmas. This will then be erected in the New Year. Mr Rutherford reported that there are some issues around the use of a crane to complete the installation. He said it was expected that the completed pou would be brought to the site rather than be erected in pieces. He said however, the crane is too heavy to be on the peninsula and that consideration is being given to providing an alternative site for the pou to be displayed. Mr Rutherford queried what the project Trust are required to do. The Chief Executive advised that a Building Consent will be

required for the pou. The Chair reported that the pou will be floodlit both internally and externally. He said he would like to hold an official opening when the pou is in place. It was agreed that Council's District Building Control Officer, Mr Gavin Phillips, be contacted.

With regard to the existing bollards, the Chair reported that the carver is of the opinion these should be cleaned down and oil stained.

TREE – PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Chair reported he had received information from a local resident that there is a tree totally covered in ivy and she is of the opinion that this has died. Apparently the tree is on private property. The Chair was advised that this is an operational matter and should be referred to staff.

JERVOIS STREET SHOP

The Chair referred to a shop across the road from the meeting room which has recently been repainted however, considerable paint has been splashed over the footpath pavers. It was agreed that the owner of this property should be requested to remove the surplus paint. Mr Rutherford expressed the opinion that this matter warrants a letter from Council staff to the property owner to remedy.

DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH

Mr Rutherford reported he had been contacted by a local resident regarding a large amount of rubbish which has been placed up the track behind the Kawhia Library. He queried whether this area should be cleaned up and planted out. Mr Walsh also reported on two other areas where rubbish is being disposed of. Mr Rutherford suggested arrangements should be made for this to be picked up and steps taken to stop it happening. The Chief Executive replied that there is no one particular person within the community dedicated to carrying this work out. The Chair reported on a Church group who have offered to pick up rubbish around the community free of charge. It was agreed that the Chair speak to the person concerned and that they will require a supply of rubbish bags for this purpose. Ms Gane offered to pay for 20 rubbish bags to enable this to happen. The Chair accepted with appreciation Ms Gane's offer.

JERVOIS STREET TOILETS – BOLLARDS

Mr Rutherford referred to the recent installation of five bollards adjacent to the Jervois Street toilets and queried what the cost would be to install five more bollards to lead up to the local fish shop.

KAWHIA CEMETERY

Mr Rutherford referred to the proposed remedial work on five plaques/headstones at the Kawhia Cemetery and advised that two have been completed. The Engineering Manager advised that Council's Community Facilities Officer has contacted families of the deceased persons concerned however, he will follow up on this matter.

OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Mrs Pilkington reported that Mrs Liz Cowan has provided a substantial amount of information to THL on Otorohanga and Kawhia and also assisted with tablets going into motorhomes and maps to the NZ Motor Caravan Association.

STATE HIGHWAY 31/RAGLAN ROAD

Mrs Pilkington reported that from State Highway 23 there are two large signs directing travelers to Raglan however, from the other end there are no signs directing travelers to Kawhia. It was

agreed that a letter, on behalf of the Board, be written to NZTA requesting similar signage be provided to direct travelers to Kawhia from State Highway 23.

AOTEA PLAYGROUND

Ms Gane reported that the Committee has saved approximately \$41,000 towards the proposed playground. She advised that the proposed area has been identified as a potential archeological site however, good progress is being made with this issue with signoff being obtained from all the Iwi involved. Ms Gane said the proposed archeological site has been based on historical maps and that the area in question has previously been damaged.

Ms Gane enquired if consent was obtained from Heritage NZ might it not be necessary for the Committee to obtain a Resource Consent. Ms Gane reported that Mr Nick Tuwhangai has been of great assistance in this matter. Mrs Pilkington extended her congratulations to the Committee members involved.

NZ POLICE

Mr Walsh referred to the welcome of the newly appointed Police Officer in Kawhia. He said it is the intention of the new Officer to come to future Board meetings. Mr Jeffries reported that the Officer wished to have his family present at any official welcome. He suggested this be held next Saturday 10 October 2015 in the Kawhia Community Hall.

KAWHIA WHARF – CHARTER BOATS

Mr Walsh requested the Board revisit the matter of parking adjacent to the Kawhia wharf as this is causing road rage. He said consideration should be given to erecting signage to encourage charter boat users to park behind the Kawhia Community Hall. Ms Gane suggested that cones could be placed out to assist in this regard. Members were advised that the cleaners of the Jervis Street toilets could place cones out at 6.00am and take them away around 8.00am. The Chair queried whether the area could be temporarily closed. The Chief Executive replied this would require a formal process however, it could be carried out under the current Traffic Bylaw. It was suggested the matter could be discussed with Council's Roading Manager. Mrs Pilkington felt that the provision of signage should be given a go.

LIQUOR BAN

Ms Gane raised the matter of the Liquor Ban and whether the Board needs to give this consideration now. It was agreed that the current ban stands and that there is no need for the Board to initiate any changes at this stage.

RETEMEYER WALKWAY

The Engineering Manager reported that the carvings are ready to be installed along the Retemeyer Walkway. Mr Walsh queried who will be responsible for maintaining these – Council? Ms Gane raised the matter of the blessing of these carvings. It was agreed that this be left to Mr Walsh to organise.

CAMPING GROUND REGULATIONS 1985

The Chief Executive presented a letter received from the owner of the Kawhia Beachside S-cape Holiday Park raising various issues. The Chief Executive attached a copy of his reply to the property owner for Members information. Mrs Pilkington reported that she is not an expert in Camping Ground Regulations, staff are the experts and that Members can only be guided by their advice.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

“THAT the Kawhia Community Board, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.”

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Rutherford

Item 72 WAIWERA STREET VALUATION CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 27 November 2015