



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

8 June 2018

Members of the Kawhia Community Board

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

Meeting Secretary: Mr. CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Hall, Jervois Street, Kawhia on 8 June 2018 commencing at 1.07pm

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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), Mr. DM Pilkington, Mr. AJ Rutherford, Mr. DM Walsh and Mr. G Fletcher

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), Mr. R Brady (Engineering Manager) and Mr. CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He extended a special welcome to two members of the public, Messrs. J Dodgson and J Thomson.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Dodgson

Mr. Dodgson asked whether there is a culture of exclusion of information between Council, Community Boards and the local Communities. He said he had not received a copy of the Agenda for today's meeting and queried how well Council is communicating with the Communities.

Mr. Dodgson referred to the recently installed footpath along Cowell Street and asked whether any consultation had been carried out regarding this. He said it would be desirable for the public to be given the opportunity to express their opinion.

The Chair replied that the decision on the Cowell Street footpath had been made some time ago when the Board considered its footpath programme.

Mr. Walsh expressed the opinion that Mr. Dodgson was 'nitpicking' in regards to the width of the footpath which Mr. Dodgson said he had measured at 1.15 metres. Mr. Walsh said he had undertaken a walk around the Community prior to the last meeting and everyone he talked to was happy with the work being carried out.

The Engineering Manager reported on the situation regarding the existing roading contractor and advised that this contract is being terminated as at 30 June 2018.

The Chair said he is disappointed to learn that Mr. Dodgson is unhappy, particularly with the footpath. He queried whether there is a standard size for such footpaths.

The Engineering Manager replied that the standard size should be 1.2 metres wide.

Mr. Walsh asked Mr. Dodgson whether he thought the Board should undertake consultation with the public before carrying out any work within the Community.

Kawhia Museum

Mr. Thomson reported that windows have been broken at the Kawhia Museum however, he has not publically advertised this as he felt it could only encourage more vandalism. Mr. Thomson asked whether the Board has given consideration to installing security cameras in the area.

The Chair replied that the matter of installing security cameras in town has been discussed by the Kawhia Community Board. He said costings have been requested however, this information has not been received.

Mr. Walsh advised that the Contractor concerned is unsure whether he is to put a proposal in, and should he do so this information could be used to invite other interested parties.

The Chief Executive advised that the Contractor needs to supply the Board with specifications for the project.

Mr. Rutherford expressed the opinion that there is real merit in installing additional security however; it was never decided where the cameras should be placed.

Mr. Walsh undertook to follow the matter up with the contractor concerned.

Mr. Thomson said he would like to be involved in any discussions.

Mr. Thomson then reported on the outcome of a Liquor Licence application submitted by the Kawhia Sports Club. He said it had been suggested, on the invitation, to “bring your own food, for the event”. Mr. Thomson queried the reason why the application had not been approved and whether the matter of the supply of food was a legal opinion.

The Chair advised that for many years functions in Kawhia have relied on people bringing food and in many cases there is more food supplied than required.

The Chief Executive advised Mr. Thomson to contact the Liquor Licensing Authority directly for clarification of the application.

Mr. Walsh said there has been some criticism of the current Liquor Licensing staff member.

Mr. Thomson said he did not wish to comment on any individual personnel.

Mrs. Pilkington reported that she has requested for information regarding Liquor Licensing applications to be included in Council’s rates newsletter.

Obituary – Late Mr. Lou Sherman

At the Chair’s request the Board exercised a minute of silence to acknowledge the recent death of Mr. Lou Sherman, a former Community Board Chairman.

Mr. Rutherford excused himself temporarily from the meeting.

The Public Forum section of the meeting concluded.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that the provision of a seesaw in the Aotea Playground and the matter of the proposed increase in the Kawhia Wharf fees be considered in general business which may require a resolution.

Mr. Rutherford / Mr. Walsh

Public Excluded TKI Presentation

Resolved 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 part 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 all section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1987, 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.

Chair / Mrs. Pilkington

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 6 April 2018

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 6 April 2018, as circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr. Rutherford / Mrs. Pilkington

MATTERS ARISING

Kawhia Domain

The Governance Supervisor circulated notes on the matter of maintaining the fence on Mrs. P Scott's lease area at the Kawhia Domain prepared by Council's Land Management Officer Ms. Trish Ambury.

The question was asked if Mrs. Scott is responsible for maintaining the fence.

Members were informed that the lease agreement did state that Mrs. Scott is responsible for maintaining the fence however, the Land Management Officer had inspected the fence with the KCB Chairman and concluded that although the fence is old and tired, it is still standing and functional as a fence and appropriately containing Mrs. Scotts stock.

Mr. Walsh informed members that the wires could be tightened and some battens straightened.

Mr. Walsh said he did not agree with the comments regarding the condition of the fence as battens are missing and this is how the stock gets out of the property.

It was agreed that Council's Land Management Officer pursue the matter with Mrs. Scott for remedial work to be carried out by her.

Kawhia and Aotea UAGC

The Chair referred members to page 4. of the Minutes, Kawhia and Aotea UAGC and advised that he could not recall receiving additional information on the Kawhia and Aotea UAGC figures to be provided by Councils District Accountant.

The Chief Executive replied that these will be incorporated into Councils Long Term Plan. He accordingly circulated additional information.

Kawhia Medical Centre

Mr. Walsh reported that the current Doctor J Burton has expressed the opinion that he would like to be able to provide a room for an additional doctor.

The Chair advised that the purpose of giving consideration to the current centre is to establish whether it is suitable should the current doctor move on.

The Chair referred to page 6. LED Lights and expressed thanks to staff for the installation of these. He said however, although the light is stronger its distribution doesn't appear to be as good as the original lighting.

The Engineering Manager replied that the "spill" of light is not as wide as previously.

MOE – Maori King Land

The Chair queried whether a letter has been forward to the Ministry of Education and the Manager of the Maori Kings land regarding problems being incurred with gorse growing on their properties.

The Chief Executive replied that this is a matter to be responded to by Councils Land Management Officer.

Kawhia Sports Club

The Chair extended his thanks and appreciation to Council for financially assisting the Kawhia Sports Club. He said however, recently a very generous sponsorship has been received.

Mrs. Pilkington also expressed thanks to Council for its support.

Mr. Walsh reported that existing Club members have also given support to the Club.

The Chair advised that the Club will need continuing support if it is to continue.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked whether members had pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in the matters to be discussed at the meeting.

No declarations of interest were received.

ITEM 98 PROCESS TO REVIEW THE DOG CONTROL POLICY & BYLAW

The Chief Executive referred members to the Environmental Services Manager's report providing 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 Chief Executive informed members that the first stage of the review is for Council to engage a Lawyer to attend and present to Council an outline of the legal requirements which Council has to adhere to. He said this will be a joint exercise with the Waipa District Council.

The Chair queried whether a public meeting could be held in Kawhia to involve the Community.

Mrs. Pilkington reported that when the Policy has been reviewed it will be placed out for public consultation.

Resolved that the Environmental Services Manager's report be received.

Mr. Rutherford / Mr. Walsh

ITEM 99 KCB MATTERS REFERRED – 6 APRIL 2018

The Governance Supervisor took members through Matters Referred.

Kawhia Community Hall

The Engineering Manager reported on the matter of people carrying out maintenance work on the Kawhia Community Hall in an unacceptable way. He advised that Council's Health and Safety Officer has made contact with the contractor concerned. The Engineering Manager advised that Worksafe have been informed and will be reviewing the work being undertaken by the contractor in order for them to improve their procedures.

Members agreed that the contractor should have had a Health and Safety Management Plan in place.

Mr. Rutherford expressed the opinion as to how members are to be made aware of whether a plan is in place.

The Engineering Manager replied that the Kawhia Community Hall Committee is aware of the situation and the responsibility of Council.

Mrs. Pilkington suggested that a letter be written to the Kawhia Community Hall Committee communicating what is required in these circumstances.

Screen Fence – Kawhia Cemetery – Refuse Centre

The Engineering Manager reported that Council's Community Facilities Officer has spoken to local landscaper Mr. Rosemary Davison regarding appropriate planting on the boundary between the Kawhia Cemetery and Refuse Centre. He said Mrs. Davison would provide specific conditions and types of planting which will grow tall enough to screen the areas.

Kawhia Seawall

The Engineering Manager reported he had inspected the Kawhia seawall, on the other side of the Pohutukawa trees as you enter into Kawhia however, he was unable to locate any area of the seawall which is collapsing.

Members identified the area concerned, to which the Engineering Manager replied that he will monitor the situation.

Cutting – Waiwera Street

Mr. Walsh reported that a local resident has made themselves available to maintain the existing garden through the cutting at Waiwera Street.

Aotea Playground Equipment

Mr. Fletcher reported that a quotation to supply and install a seesaw at the Aotea Playground is \$3560 + GST all up.

Mrs. Pilkington reported that six thousand dollars will be available in the Sundry Parks and Reserves account from 1 July 2018.

Mr. Fletcher said he is seeking funding from the Board for the supply and installation of the seesaw.

Resolved that the Board approve funding of \$3560 + GST for the supply and installation of a seesaw at the Aotea Playground to be funded from the Community Special Fund account.

Mr. Rutherford / Mr. Walsh

Kawhia Wharf

Mr. Rutherford advised that the Kawhia Wharf / Berthage fees proposed are not unrealistic considering the way the facility operates.

The Chief Executive reported that Council has endorsed the increase in charges and that no submissions on the proposal were received. He circulated information on the relativity of other similar wharfs.

Mr. Rutherford expressed the opinion that due to the operation of charter boats, car parking issues have been encountered and that until recently they have received free power and use a substantial amount of water.

The Chair advised that the proposed increase is necessary when looking at the long term maintenance of wharf and pontoon.

The Chief Executive informed members that the facility is being depreciated at a rate which should allow repairs to be undertaken, when required.

Members agreed that the proposed Kawhia Wharf charges remain as proposed.

GENERAL

Kawhia Playground

The Chair referred to communication he has had with Waipa Networks regarding funding of the upgrade of the Kawhia Playground. He advised that apparently it is proposed to install an electrical charging station at Kawhia.

The Chief Executive advised that this is a great proposal; it is the way of the future. He said however, Council permission will be required.

The Chair undertook to get back to Waipa Networks regarding a timeframe for the proposal.

Aotea Issues

Mr. Fletcher informed the Engineering Manager of the following –

- 1) Give way sign which has been removed from a traffic island.
- 2) Steps on the Aotea Seawall.

Kawhia Promotion

Mrs. Pilkington reported that the Otorohanga ISite is undertaking promotion of Kawhia along with the sale of Field Day tickets.

SWEAP Project

Mrs. Pilkington reported on a consultation meeting with the SubRegional Waikato Economic Action Plan in order to obtain funding from central government. She said three local authorities have contributed to the action plan for the sub region which has been identified as previously missing out on Government funding.

Cowell Street

Mr. Walsh reported that the end of Cowell Street is full of potholes.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____

