



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

27 March 2009

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 27 April 2009 commencing at 1.04pm.

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PRESENT

Mr H Ormsby (Deputy Chairman), Mrs J Bennett, Mr CE Jeffries, Mrs DM Pilkington and Mrs K Workman-Beal.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor Mr DF Williams (attended 1.20pm), Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Customer Services Team Leader).

APOLOGIES

Resolved that the apologies received from Mr LH Sherman, and His Worship the Mayor Mr DF Williams for lateness, be sustained.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Jeffries

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING

SUBDIVISION OPPOSITE LAKE ROAD

The Customer Services Team Leader reported that Mrs Bennett has requested this item be amended to read "Mrs Bennett raised a concern from a Ratepayer about the filling in of a wetland area in the vicinity of Lake Road. Mrs Workman-Beal advised this was a subdivision opposite Lake Road. Members were informed that currently, drains are being cleared and foliage cut."

KAWHIA WHARF

Mrs Pilkington pointed out that the start of the second paragraph under the above item should read 'Mr Sherman' not His Worship.

MUSEUM BUILDING

Mrs Pilkington reported, that since the water tightness repairs and painting of the museum building were to go ahead, there was no need for an urgent workshop meeting to be held. Mrs Pilkington requested this be inserted in the minutes.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 30 January 2009 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

WATER CONSERVATION

Mr Jeffries referred to the item regarding water conservation and queried whether fridge magnets were ever forwarded with Council's last Rate Demands Newsletter. The Engineering Manager replied that the fridge magnets were never actually produced however, he did have some A3 posters available on water conservation. Following discussion it was agreed that the A3 posters be reduced in size and forwarded with Council's second Rate Installment notice for 2009 calendar year. It was also agreed that the Engineering Manager follow up on the matter of the fridge magnets for promotion during the next summer period.

GOVERNANCE & MEETING PROCEDURAL WORKSHOP

The Customer Services Team Leader confirmed that the proposed workshop is to be held on Wednesday 15 April 2009 at 1.30pm in the Council Chambers. All members indicated that they would be able to attend the workshop except for Mrs Workman-Beal and Mr Jeffries was not 100 percent sure.

REPORTS

Item68 KAWHIA HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY REVIEW OF RENTALS

Discussion

The Customer Services Team Leader presented a report on the review of the Housing for the Elderly rentals in Rosamond Terrace in Kawhia. He referred to the budgeted \$1000 of capital expenditure for the 2009/10 year and reported that this related in particular, to the replacement of stoves. Mrs Pilkington expressed concern that, as the Government is not likely to revive the Housing Initiative Fund, what is the future of any capital upgrades such as kitchens and bathrooms as no funding had been allowed in the estimates. Mr Ormsby reported he had had discussions with the current Tenants and no one had any issues other than Mrs Whitoria's replacement stove. The Chief Executive advised that any future upgrade costs would have to be met from the review of the rentals however, at the present time the units were structurally sound. Following further discussion it was agreed an annual inspection of the units be carried out by staff and the Board's representative.

Resolved

That it be recommended to the Otorohanga District Council that the rental charged for the Housing for the Elderly units remain unchanged for the 2009/10 year as follows -

- Single Person \$78 per week
- Couple \$100 per week

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

Item69 KAWHIA FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION REVIEW

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising it was an appropriate time for the Board and staff to review the Kawhia Footpath programme. He referred Members to the Draft Footpath Construction Programme for 2009 onwards. With regard to suggested priority No 2 (Pouewe Street), Members were informed a section of this work has been carried out reducing the proposed length to 307m. With regard to Item No 9 (Tahuri/Cowell Walkway), Members were informed that this item could be deleted as the property owner does not wish to have people walking through their property. Mrs Bennett expressed the opinion she felt some of the proposed work was not necessary. His Worship replied that the programme refers to 20/30 years in the future and suggested Members look at the first three to five items as to whether they are appropriate and whether funding of \$10,000 every two years is sufficient. The Chief Executive outlined a formula used in Otorohanga where information is gathered on pedestrian use and safety issues. He said Council staff could look at prioritising the items using such a formula. Mr Jeffries said he had received approaches from two Ratepayers in relation to items No. 7 (Hoturoa Street), in particular from the Sports Club to Davies Drive. He said there is quite a lot of foot traffic using this route therefore, could this item be moved up the list. His Worship referred to the suggestion made by the Chief Executive that staff carry out an assessment of the footpaths which would include items such as the cost, safety issues, the utilities being fed, etc. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that Members give consideration to the cost as he did not wish to place a huge expense onto the rates. He suggested that the Board move forward on a smaller scale.

Mrs Bennett referred to item No 12 (Tui Whenua cul du sac from Waiwera Street including the link to Moke Street) and said this is hardly used and queried whether the item was worth retaining. Members also discussed the Kaora Track and it was suggested that this be 'just maintained' as people like the 'walk in the bush' type walkway. It was agreed items relating to 'walkways' be treated with a low priority.

Resolved

That a systematically prioritised list of footpath works be prepared by staff to be presented to the Board for its consideration.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Workman-Beal

Item70 KAWHIA GENERAL RESERVES MATTERS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on a number of Reserve/property related matters.

LIBRARY BUILDING

His Worship expressed the opinion the trees behind the Kawhia Library building were all part of the Kawhia scene. Mrs Pilkington reported Members were waiting for a report from staff on the Library, part of which will cover the matter of dampness in the building. It was agreed the hill behind the Library was the issue rather than the trees.

Resolved

That the Oak tree behind the Library building remain and that deadwood be taken out of the large Conifer tree.

Mrs Bennett / Mr Jeffries

KAWHIA WHARF

Mrs Pilkington suggested a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Marine Moorings Consultants Ltd on the work they have carried out on the Kawhia Wharf as their ongoing support is very much appreciated. Members agreed with her suggestion.

TAGGING

The Engineering Manger reported that the skateboard facility was a common target for tagging. He circulated information on a recycled paint which is available from Resene at no cost to Council. Mr Jeffries queried whether Police had been informed of the culprits. Mrs Bennett replied names had been given to the Police. Mrs Bennett requested whether she could place a small article in the local 'Messenger' regarding tagging in the Community. Members agreed this was a good idea. Following further discussion it was agreed the whole bowl of the Skateboard facility be painted in the recycled paint.

OAK TREE/KAWHIA ENTRANCE STRUCTURE

Mrs Bennett reported there is a Wattle tree growing along side the Oak tree which she was more concerned about. Members expressed the opinion that perhaps the self-sown Oak tree could be just 'limbed up'. Members also queried whether the roots of the tree would grow under the road carriageway. His Worship suggested, as the tree was self-sown, it would be best to have this removed while the tree is relatively small. Following discussion it was agreed, in the meantime the Oak tree be limbed up to allow people to picnic beneath the tree and that the Wattle and

Silver Dollar trees be removed. Once this is completed the matter of the Oak tree be reconsidered at the Board's next meeting.

Mrs Bennett referred to a Puriri tree growing adjacent to the Community Meeting Room and asked for this to be trimmed up with the removal of deadwood and in particular, branches which are scraping against the roof of the building.

KAWHIA CEMETERY

With regard to a misshaped Totara tree at the Kawhia Cemetery Members agreed with the suggestion that an approach be made to the family of the person referred to in a plaque near by that the Board wishes to remove this tree. Mr Jeffries queried whether the Board would consider introducing a policy regarding planting at Cemeteries. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that one already existed.

Resolved

That staff prepare a draft Planting Policy for the Kawhia Cemetery for consideration at the next meeting of the Board

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Jeffries

NORTHERN PART OF LAWTON DRIVE

Reference was made to the request of a property owner, at the northern end of Lawton Drive, wanting extensions to the bollards or rocks along the seaward side of the roadway. Mrs Workman Beal said rocks were there originally with only one or two now remaining. His Worship said he was not aware of any safety or economic reason why the bollards should be placed there but if it is the general will of the people then it could be done. He said people are entitled to park there. Mrs Workman Beal advised that during the Christmas period this could be an issue. She expressed the opinion that bollards would be the better option. Members agreed that the matter be considered further should it be raised again.

Resolved

That the Engineering Manager's report on Reserve/Property Related Matters be received.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Bennett

Item71 PROPOSED KEEPING OF STOCK, POULTRY AND BEES BYLAW

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented the Environmental Services Manager's report on a proposed Bylaw to regulate the keeping of stock, poultry and bees within the Community boundaries of Otorohanga and Kawhia. He reported that a few of submissions have been received to the proposed bylaw, but nothing of any real substance.

Resolved

That the Environmental Services Manager's report be received.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Workman-Beal

Item73 KCB MEMBERS REMUNERATION FOR 2009/10 - LATE ITEM

Discussion

The Chief Executive circulated and presented a report for the Board to consider the level of remuneration to apply from 1 July 2009.

Resolved

The following rates of remuneration be paid to Kawhia Community Board Members, effective from 1 July 2009.

Chairman	\$2514
Deputy Chairman	\$2011
Member	\$1508

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Bennett

Item72 MATTERS REFERRED 30 JANUARY 2009

Discussion

The Customers Services Team Leader took Members through the Matters Referred.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs Pilkington felt that this item dated 29 May 2008 could be deleted from Matters Referred and be considered at the Board's next interim meeting. His Worship reported there is an opportunity to 'export' young members of Kawhia over the hill to the Wintec Training Centre however, there appears to be a lack of willingness for them to access this. He said should the problem concern Members then they look at the issues and opportunities that are available and discuss these with other interested parties. He said there is a willingness from Otorohanga Businesses to assist. His Worship said this is the right time to improve opportunities however, there has to be a willingness expressed for these people to be assisted. His Worship said there were not a significant number of youths at Kawhia and that no one under 25 years of age was registered as unemployed in Kawhia. He said there are a number of way to access the opportunities available. Mrs Bennett suggested that an evening could be arranged, with keynote speakers and an invitation be extended to the Community to attend. She said it would be desirable to attract parents as well as the youth. Members thought the suggestion was a good idea and accordingly Mr Ormsby said at the Board's next workshop the matter would be considered further and Members delegated with certain tasks to coordinate this evening.

NOXIOUS PLANTS

Mr Ormsby reported he had spoken to Mr John Dodgson and that the Board had not forgotten about the suggestion to go on a 'walk about' with him to look at the various noxious plants. Mrs Bennett referred to a recent meeting she had had with Mr Chris Howell of Environment Waikato regarding the control of privet. She said Mr Howell had expressed the desire to meet with Board Members and for Mr John Dodgson to be included. Mrs Bennett reported that the finance personnel of EW would be in attendance to ascertain what funding could be available and to show the extent of the problem.

TKI

Mr Ormsby advised he had had discussions with Mr Peter Apperley, a forestry person, and Council's Chief Executive and reported that TKI wanted Council to prepare a draft Lease/rental Agreement. He said he had phoned them and 'put the ball' back in their court. Mr Ormsby

outlined a similar situation Taharoa 'C' had encountered. He further suggested that Members and staff look at the proposed site to become familiar with it. Mr Ormsby said a meeting of Taharoa 'C' is to be held on 30 April 2009 and suggested Board Members, along with appropriate staff consider attending the meeting. The Chief Executive reported TKI had made an approach as to how much Council would be willing to pay for the land and suspect that they would be looking to justify this to their shareholders. The Chief Executive said he had obtained some indicative figures for the land which would result in a very low cost Lease. Mr Ormsby said this is a Community project and all those involved need to consider any proposal. The Chief Executive reported that he had received an approach from the Ministry of Health requesting where Council is at on the matter of sewerage disposal. He said preliminary approval has been received and they now need to know how far down the track Council is. He said if TKI do not give a clear indication in the very near future then funding may be allocated elsewhere. His Worship queried if TKI could give Council a Memorandum of Understanding to have an 'agreement in principle' whereby if certain conditions are met their approval will not be withheld. The Chief Executive replied he has spoken to the Board of TKI and they are reluctant to give any prior approval without the support of their Shareholders. Mr Jeffries queried whether an extra-ordinary meeting of their shareholders could be called. Mr Ormsby replied the problem was getting all the Shareholders together. He suggested the next best line of action would be to invite a couple of Committee Members of TKI to a meeting with His Worship and Council's Chief Executive. The Chief Executive expressed the opinion he would be eager to obtain 'full' approval from TKI as Council will be required to commit a significant amount of money to the next stage of the investigation. He suggested the Board communicate formally with TKI advising Council is in a critical position and due to the lack of decision on their part the opportunity may be lost. It was agreed the matter be left with Mr Ormsby to stress that Council is at a point where a decision needs to be made.

Mrs Pilkington acknowledged Mr Ormsby's contribution in this matter.

MUSEUM UPGRADE

Mrs Pilkington suggested this item be deleted from Matters referred until such time as the Board wishes to go down that path. She said the water tightness and painting should be completed by the end of this calendar year so there is no urgency in this matter. Mrs Bennett outlined her discussions with a gentleman from Tokoroa interested in purchasing a section in the Waiwera Street subdivision who was appalled at the state of the Museum and suggested that a group of locals could be formed to carry out necessary repairs and paintwork, and offered his assistance. Mrs Pilkington said that was a great idea however, the Board was looking at the possibility of obtaining a team from Waikeria Prison to assist in this regard. Mrs Bennett reported that the person had requested whether he could receive copies of the submissions received by Council on the proposed subdivision. The Chief Executive replied he did not consider these to be public documents.

GENERAL

BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Mrs Bennett assured Members the Butterfly Garden was 'on track', but it had been difficult to get everyone together. She reported she had met with the President of the National Monarch Butterfly Association recently, and received some valuable tips.

SPRING FLING

Mrs Bennett reported the 2009 Spring Fling Art Festival will be held on 5/6 September 2009 and that the Committee have already started preparation of their action plan.

Item74 KAWHIA COMMUNITY HALL

Discussion

Mrs Bennett reported on one or two concerns she had relating to the Kawhia Community Hall.

Mr Jeffries said he had some concerns with the Kawhia Hall Committee in that

1. Work recently carried out on the hall was not commenced until concern was expressed by the Board,
2. Non receipt of their annual accounts for the last three years.

It was agreed that staff request the accounts from the Committee.

Resolved

That Mr Hano Ormsby be the Board's representative to attend meetings of the Kawhia Community Hall Committee.

Mrs Pilkington/ Mrs Bennett

W ROGERS - RECYCLING BIN

Mrs Workman Beal reported she had been approached by Mr Bill Rogers requesting consideration be given to providing a recycling bin for Tourists at his premises. The Chief Executive advised there would be significant costs associated with the servicing of the bin. His Worship said there was such a bin at Ngutunui and he felt provision of a bin at Mr Rogers premises would create more problems that it would solve. His Worship thought Mr Rogers would be able to organise a bin himself with SupaBins. It was agreed he make contact with Council's Engineering Support Officer, Ms Robyn Hodges.

AOTEA ESTATE / AOTEA UTILITIES

In reply to Mrs Workman Beal the Chief Executive advised that the Aotea Estate and Aotea Utilities were two separate Companies, Aotea Estate being the parent Company and Aotea Utilities handling matters relating water, sewerage, etc.

M LIVINGSTONE

Mrs Bennett referred to a letter received from Mr Murray Livingstone and reported that the matter relating to grass has been dealt with by herself and Council's Community Facilities Officer however, he had also requested that the Kawhia Sports Club require new signage. She said she had been advised by staff that there was no financial support for this. Mrs Bennett queried whether this would fit under recreational signage. The Engineering Manager replied as this is not a tourist sign it was over to the person requesting to provide this signage.

FORESHORE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE - COMMUNITY PROJECT

Mr Jeffries advised a public meeting comprising approximately 30 people was held two Sundays ago regrading the Foreshore Playground upgrade. He said drawings of a proposal had been prepared and as a result, a mandate was given to carry the work out. He said it is critical to get in place funding for the proposal and to buy bollards. Mr Jeffries reported a bank account has been opened with some pledges received both funding and physical help. He said a short timeframe has been set with completion being the end of May 2009.

Mrs Pilkington reported she had made an approach to the Ministry of Social Development regarding pursuing funding for the carving Wananga.

POHUTAKAWA TREE PROTECTION

Mr Ormsby reported on the progress being made on the provision of a plaque and also to commission a carving for installation in Omimiti Park.

TE PUNI KOKIRI MAGAZINE

His Worship reported the Whanau Sports Day at Kawhia had been mentioned in the latest issue of the Te Puni Kokiri Magazine.

KAI FESTIVAL

His Worship reported he had been approached by the Environmental Services Manager to raise an issue surrounding the Kai Festival. He said Council's Environmental Health Officer attended the Festival in an advisory capacity however, following a recent report in the local paper he has received several abrasive phone calls from the Chairman of the Board and also Members of the Community. His Worship said it was the Officer's intention to work with stallholders to ensure minimum standards are complied with. He said it is necessary that minimum standards are met and in future Council will ensure this is carried out.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

His Worship reported the first instalment of the Habitat for Humanity funding has been paid over. He said he had spoken with the new Chairperson Mr Nick Green. His Worship said the Maori Party are keen to advance multi-owned land for Habitat for Humanity projects. He said by late this year, land needs to be available in Kawhia for the project to proceed. Mr Ormsby reported on discussions Mrs Edith Dockery had had with various property owners and advised that a report will come back to the Board.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 4.32pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

