



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Boardroom, Jervois St, Kawhia on Friday 29 January 2010 commencing at 1.12pm.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor - Mr DF Williams, Deputy Mayor WH Earwaker, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

The Chairperson declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He said this was not an open meeting and that no speaking rights would be granted from the floor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 27 NOVEMBER 2009

The Governance Supervisor advised that when the minutes of the meeting were considered at a recent meeting of Council, Cr Pilkington highlighted the following spelling errors -

Under 'Accumulation of Rubbish' on page 8 'Mr Thoms' should be spelt 'Mr Thom', and on page 7 under 'Community Max Footpath Construction' in the centre of the paragraph the word 'paining' should be 'painting'.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 27 November 2009 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Workman-Beal

MATTERS ARISING

Butterfly Garden

Mrs Bennett requested the minutes be altered to read 'She said Grays Construction would assist to build an enclosure, with no charge for the labour ...'.

Mini Market

Mrs Bennett requested the item read, 'Mrs Bennett reported on Saturday's Mini Market to which she had given her support for the venture and had a stall there'.

Proposed Event

Mrs Bennett requested this be amended to read 'Mrs Bennett reported she is working on a proposal to hold 'Picnic in the Park' in March 2010. She said it is proposed to provide entertainment and to encourage more business into the community.'

Walkway linking Jerois and Retemeyer Streets

Mr Jeffries queried where this matter was at. The Chief Executive replied it was necessary for Council to commence a consultative process. Mr Ormsby reported he had had discussions with Ngati Hikairo who agreed that this walkway should be closed. He suggested however, consultation should be held with the Maketu Marae. Mrs Pilkington advised this consultation should form part of the consultative process.

Waiwera Streets Subdivision Update

Mr Jeffries queried the whereabouts of a report on this matter. He was advised this will be verbally reported on in Matters Referred.

Community Max Programme

Mr Jeffries referred to the Bollards project working bee and a meeting as to how this is to be approached. He said assistance could be required for labour only and could meet Community Max programme criteria. The Chief Executive replied yes it would however, at the present time the programme is only available for six months. Mrs Pilkington advised that any further work is also dependant on the progress being made on existing projects.

Mrs Bennett reported on what a great job the Community Max workers are undertaking. She referred in particular to the matter of Privet and said the workers are taking a real pride in what they are doing. She extended the Board's appreciation to them. The Chairperson said he was astounded at the number of compliments he has received in respect to the workers. He said there also appears to be a reduction in graffiti around the Community. Mr Ormsby said that the workers take pride in the Community as a result of the work they are undertaking.

Public Accessway - Tui Whenua and Moke Streets

The Chairperson reported Mr Neale had cleaned up the accessway and all that was required was for the Animal Barrier to be re-instated.

Pohutukawa trees

The Chairperson advised that the Carver, Tai Meuli, will be in Kawhia and that it will only take 2-3 days to carve the rock. The Carver had indicated he will not charge for his services. Members agreed that the invitation to the Maori King to unveil the rock will be forwarded from the Kawhia Community Board.

REPORTS

Item97 AOTEA BOAT RAMP INVESTIGATION

Discussion

The Chairperson requested His Worship speak to this matter. His Worship reported that the issue of the Aotea Boat Ramp and access to the beach had arisen during the Christmas period. He said the issues around a subdivision application were a completely different matter from that of the access. His Worship referred to the subdivision application and reported this was a legislative procedure under the Resource Management Act and that an Independent Commissioner was engaged to consider the Application. He said the application had been declined due to erosion issues however, an allowance had been made for an appeal period, which had not been utilised by the Applicant.

With regard to the access issue, His Worship reported that the people involved were private landowners who had previously permitted access over their land. He said they are quite entitled to restrict this access.

His Worship advised that Council had developed Community Boundaries and appointed an elected representative for Aotea to the Kawhia Community Board. He said he had advised people to contact Mrs Workman Beal who in turn will bring the matter forward to the Board for consideration. He said Council will investigate the matter, if that is the desire of the Board, considering the options and where any costs may fall. He said as the Board now has an elected representative, issues need to go through her. His Worship referred to a meeting of Residents held last Saturday whereat their thoughts and views were given to the Board's representative. He said in turn the Board will hear from Mrs Workman Beal. He again reiterated that the two issues were entirely separate. His Worship said the Resource Management Act process does not allow for unrelated matters to influence Resource Consent decisions.

Mr Bill Morrison, a member of the public, was granted speaking rights. Mr Morrison disagreed that the two issues were unrelated and advised that the subdivision had come about with the erection of the sea wall on their land. He said part of the reason for declining the Application was

due to erosion. Mr Morrison referred to the suggestion of placing a boat ramp in the sea wall and felt that this could make the sea wall ineffective. The Chairman replied that, in his opinion, this was not an option.

The Chief Executive then presented a report advising that investigation has commenced of the potential to establish a boat ramp through the sea wall at the end of Morrison Road in Aotea. He acknowledged that such a boat ramp would not be ideal however, this was the only option over which Council would have full control. He said this option would be immediately available and preliminary engagement with Environment Waikato suggested that a Consent could be obtained. He advised that this was not a commitment to undertake the project but one to investigate.

Mrs Workman Beal reported that the suggestion to construct a boat ramp through the sea wall at the end of Morrison Road was not an option from those present at the meeting. She also reported parking issues would also need to be considered. Mrs Pilkington expressed the option not to go down the path of constructing a boat ramp through the sea wall. She would prefer not to waste funding on any investigation. His Worship queried what other options would there be.

Mrs Bennett reported Mrs Workman Beal had hosted a further meeting with the Aotea Ratepayers and Residents just to consider any other options. Mrs Bennett expressed her concern that there was no specific budget provided for a boat ramp. The Chairperson said it was a good idea for those involved to get together however, he had looked at the situation and reported that, at the seaward end of the wall, there is a large sand bar. Also in this area there is a substantial current. He said he would hate to see Ratepayer funding spent on a suggestion that may not be an option. Mr Jeffries agreed and said it would be advantageous if Mrs Workman Beal is willing to host a further meeting to consider any other options available. Mr Ormsby said there are issues accessing the beach and launching a boat. He said he was concerned about these issues also. He agreed a meeting be held to come up with other options as, in his opinion, a hole in the wall was not an option. Mr Ormsby agreed that more investigation into the options was required. The Chairperson said the matter needs to be worked through between the people of Aotea village and the landowners. Mr Ormsby agreed the matter needs to be considered carefully as any outcome will be a burden on their rates.

Resolved

That the report on the potential to establish a boat ramp through the Aotea Seawall at the end of Morrison Road, Aotea, be received;

Mrs Pilkington / Chairperson

Item98 MATTERS REFERRED FROM 27 NOVEMBER 2009

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

GOVERNANCE OF MEETINGS

Mrs Pilkington requested the report on Meeting Process and Procedure Guidelines presented to the meeting of Council held on 26 January 2010 also be given to both Community Boards.

DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS

Mr Jeffries requested this item remain on Matters Referred as he had issues he wished to take up with Council's Finance staff. He said he was concerned with the identification of the Board's overheads although Council's total overheads are split three ways there were various side issues he wished to discuss. Mrs Pilkington expressed the opinion it would be appropriate at estimates time to have a final discussion on this matter. Mr Jeffries said he would like to satisfy himself that what Kawhia is paying for is in order. It was agreed that Mr Jeffries have discussion with Council's Finance & Administration Manager and District Accountant. The Chief Executive advised that the approach adopted in respect of overhead allocations has been philosophically

based, and it would not be appropriate to instead just select the approach that was cheapest for Kawhia. His Worship advised that staff time is charged against the various activities. He said the Chief Executive's time is charged to the Democratic Process of Council. His Worship questioned the time and costs involved to carry out Mr Jeffries request. It was suggested that Mr Jeffries be provided with a spreadsheet and he could carryout the exercise himself. The Chief Executive replied that staff would still be required to check that Mr Jeffries had interpreted the figures correctly. Mr Jeffries said these figures should be freely available and that he actually wants to satisfy himself that what Kawhia people are paying in respect to the overheads is fair and equitable. The Chief Executive said there is a need to undertake this exercise so that the matter can be resolved.

It was agreed this matter be placed as a new item on Matters Referred.

BEACH WARDEN

The Chief Executive reported an employment package has been prepared and presented to a suitable person. He said attempts were currently being made to find another sponsorship to provide a bike. He confirmed that there was no beach patrol being carried out at the present time. Mrs Bennett suggested that should sponsorship for a bike be obtained then the provision of this be tied in with the employment contract. The Chief Executive said he understood the existing bike is being returned to the dealer.

WAIWERA STREET SUBDIVISION

The Chief Executive informed Members that nothing has changed since the last meeting and that Council is waiting for a response from the various Iwi groups. He said further workshop discussions will be required on this development.

Item99 DRAFT KAWHIA ACCOUNTS UPDATE

Discussion

The Chief Executive circulated and presented the accounts for the Kawhia Community Board for the period to 31 December 2009.

Resolved

That the report be received.

Mr Jeffries / Chairperson

Item100 KAWHIA WATER SUPPLY ISSUES CONFIDENTIAL

Discussion

Further to the Chief Executive's report he circulated a document summarising the 'causes and responses' to the recent Kawhia water shortages.

Mr Jeffries said he agreed that the Board get onto the matter of isolating where leaks within the infrastructure may be occurring. The Chief Executive replied this has already been started with meters being placed on the various water mains. He said this will then highlight which area is using more water and subsequently this will be split into various groups of houses. Some individual houses are also being monitored to provide further indicative information.

The Chairperson said should the supply not be adequate then ways need to be investigated to provide an adequate supply. He suggested that people need to be educated and encouraged to harvest more rain water. The Chief Executive advised that Iwi have expressed concern at the amount of water taken out of the springs. Mrs Bennett reported Mr Murray Livingstone had given her a list of wells, springs, etc where water could be drawn from. She said this has been forwarded to Council staff. The Chief Executive referred to minor upgrading of the water supply

arrangements proposed in 2006 however, by themselves they could not provide long term assurance of supply for the Community. He reported on a number of days during the Christmas/New Year period the Community was using more than 600m³ of water per day and a Resource Consent needed to be obtained to take at least this much water from the spring. Mr Jeffries referred to Iwi issues and the fact that Ngati Hikairo had agreed in principle, that water be taken from the springs therefore if there is a serious shortage such as that over the Christmas/New Year period, which could become a health issue, they should not have any problem with that. Mr Ormsby suggested that Council monitor water consumption over the Kai Festival weekend.

Members requested that the Board be provided with an update on the Kawhia Water Supply every three months. It was requested that this be placed on Matters Referred.

Mrs Bennett expressed some concern regarding the suggestion to provide subsidies to assist with rain water harvesting as the rating base in Kawhia is very small. She queried whether Council could assist by the bulk purchase of water tanks.

Mr Jeffries extended the Board's thanks to the Chief Executive on his report and to the Chairperson and Mrs Bennett on the number of calls they received over the Christmas/New Year period. He also extended thanks to Council staff member Mr Jon Stammers. Mrs Pilkington endorsed Mr Jeffries comments.

Resolved

That Council staff arrange for the monitoring of water consumption during the Kai Festival.

Mr Ormsby / Mrs Bennett

The Chairperson again referred to rain water harvesting, the best ways of carrying this out and the possibility of Council providing a subsidy.

Resolved

That

1. The Chief Executive's report on Kawhia Water Supply issue be received,
2. The proposed actions within the summary be endorsed with the inclusion of rain water harvesting.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

GENERAL

KAWHIA CEMETERY

Mr Ormsby expressed thanks to Mr John Dodgson and his team for their work undertaken on the area of land below the Kawhia Cemetery. Mr Dodgson replied, referring to a recent planting programme and reported that every plant had taken. Mrs Pilkington also extended thanks to Mr Dodgson and his team for the Cemetery Reserve work.

PRIVET

Mrs Bennett referred to Environment Waikato's project and reported that 50 out of 80 private property owners had removed privet from their properties. She advised that EW was forwarding letters to the remaining 30 property owners. Mrs Bennett reported that the skip at the Kawhia Refuse Centre was not as full as it could have been and that Privet was dumped at the Te Kuiti Landfill. She queried whether the Community Max workers would tend to what was missed on the Kaora Track. She was advised that the Community Max workers need to be aware of what are native plants.

Members were also informed that the big trees next to Ms Ann Mannings property have not been removed.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

Mrs Bennett reported that the water shortage during the Christmas/New Year period did prove to be quite stressful however callers were not getting at Board Members personally just taking the opportunity to express their frustrations.

Mrs Bennett referred to water and sewerage leaks from a property at the end of Waiwera Street and reported EW had visited the property the next day regarding seepage into the Kawhia Harbour.

OPEN DRAIN

Mrs Workman Beal raised the matter of the open drain on Cooper Drive and the fact that this has not yet been piped. She said a local drainlayer had suggested 'porous' pipes be installed and backfilled with metal. She said local residents were prepared to carry out the labour content of the work.

DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN

Mrs Workman Beal said she was concerned about building issues under the Draft District Plan and reported on a section opposite her property which was sold with a Resource Consent. This will allow the section to be built on whereby they are unable to carry out any work on their own property. His Worship advised that under the Resource Management Act the Applicant is allowed two years to act on the Consent.

Members were informed that the identification of potential High Risk Zones means that Council will be legally liable for any future loss if new building is permitted in these zones. Under the draft plan it is saying that due to the risk, existing houses can stay but no new housing, subdivision or extensions will be allowed.

CONGRATULATION

Mrs Pilkington requested congratulations be forwarded to Ms Karen Bishop and Raewyn Sayers to acknowledge their nomination for the Volunteer Awards in the Sport Waikato District Sports Awards.

Mrs Pilkington reported on the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Committee and Te Waitere Committee whale boat racing events.

KAWHIA POLICE

Mrs Pilkington queried the Policing situation in Kawhia.

COMMUNITY MAX SCHEME

Mr Ormsby reported that EW, TKI and Forestry Management people were forming a Trust in relation to the Community Max scheme. He advised that EW have been discussing a Beach Care Scheme and advised that TKI and Forestry were not prepared to be monitoring traffic. He referred to a public meeting regarding education of the Beach Care Scheme. Members were informed that the Chairperson and Mr Ormsby had met before the public meeting and were aware of the issues.

Mr Ormsby said he was disappointed that no Beach Patrol had been carried out during the holiday period. He advised that some fencing and locks had been cut.

HIS WORSHIP/DEPUTY MAYOR

His Worship the Mayor and Deputy Mayor left the meeting at 3.30pm.

LIBRARIANS REPORTS

Mr Jeffries referred to the Council Agenda of 26 January 2010 in particular the District Librarian's report. He said the quarterly issues statistics highlighted a considerable reduction from the 2008 year. Mrs Pilkington replied that the District Librarian had reported to them that this was not a 'big deal' as there were discrepancies with the method of collecting the earlier data/figures. The Chairperson reported that the Library seems to be used more.

BOLLARDS

Mr Jeffries reported that prior to Christmas a further \$3000 was received making a total funding pool of \$8,500 for this project. He said this will be sufficient to complete stage one of the project. Mr Jeffries reported there will be a meeting this coming Monday at 10.00am to discuss what the Committee wish to do with the first working bee. He said there are issues to discuss on matters such as removing the existing structure, concrete, etc. Mr Jeffries said the Committee would look to Council to take the concrete away. He confirmed that the project was getting progressively closer and that in March the Lottery Application will be considered. Mr Jeffries reported that Anne Young has come on board with the Committee and that Mr Bill Davey is prepared to do work for the Committee.

WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE

The Chairperson suggested thanks be forwarded to Mr Michael Rothery for his input over the water shortage period and to acknowledge his contribution to the Community.

MOTORBIKE RIDING

The Chairperson queried whether consideration could be given to establishing an area for the riding of motorbikes.

KAWHIA COAST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Church expressed their warm appreciation regarding the considerable contribution made by some of the Board Members for the provision of the lights that have been attached to the street lights in Kawhia. This was really appreciated.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

The Governance Supervisor reported on the issue of rental arrears, that he had been in contact with the Collection Agency and that a final attempt will be made to serve a 'Notice of Proceedings' within the next couple of days. He said should this not be successful consideration will be given to transferring the collection of these arrears to another Collection Agency.

The Governance Supervisor reported contact had been made with a housing resident regarding occupancy of the flat allocated to her. He said the Tenant has been paying the rental however, is prepared to relinquish the flat as at 6 February 2010, due to family commitments she is unable to occupy the flat on a permanent basis.

Contact has also been made with the Tenant of Flat 2, Rosamond Terrace, who has requested that she be given until the end of March 2010 to make a decision whether or not she will permanently occupy the flat. To date the rental is being paid.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 3.54pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 26 March 2010

