



Kawhia Community Board

# MINUTES

28 May 2010

## 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 28 May 2010 commencing at 1.08pm.

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## **PRESENT**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

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

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Mrs K Workman Beal be sustained.

**Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett**

## **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mrs Pilkington raised the matter of 20km/hr road signs in regard to the public road aspect of the beach. It was agreed this matter be an agenda item and be discussed later in the meeting.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 26 MARCH 2010**

The Governance Supervisor reported that the minutes had been considered at the meeting of the Otorohanga District Council on 20 April 2010 where Mrs Pilkington requested the following matters be corrected -

1. General item - Incorporated Society - the middle sentence should read "Mrs Pilkington queried whether the Museum was an Incorporated Society or not and where **it** sat in terms of this new Society".
2. General item - Wattle trees - the first sentence to read "Mr Ormsby advised he had spoken with **a local** who said that...".
3. Matters Referred - Kawhia Water Supply Issues - the first sentence should read "The Engineering Manager advised a meeting had been held with Mr **Michael** Rothery...".
4. Cr Pilkington referred to the discussion held around the matter of unconfirmed minutes and advised that due to the time frame, Council only 'receive' the minutes of the Board, any recommendations to be adopted by the Board itself at its next meeting.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 26 March 2010, as previously circulated and amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**Mrs Bennett / Chairman**

## **REPORTS**

### **Item106            REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTRACTS**

#### **Discussion**

Mr Sherman reported a meeting had been held with Members, staff and representatives of EnviroWaste to discuss possible refuse collection improvements. He said it was a fruitful get together and the items presented by EnviroWaste appeared to be extremely satisfactory. The

Engineering Manager reported it was proposed to change the Community collection day from Monday to Wednesday. Mr Sherman circulated an EnviroWaste refuse bag and reported this had been made stronger than those previously. The Engineering Manager informed Members that this bag could be introduced immediately. He reported on the proposed introduction of recycle bins and said he could see no problem with these and as long as the bags and bins were adequate for users, why introduce wheely bins. Mr Sherman reported it was proposed to open the Recycling Centre for longer periods at the weekends and not have it open on a Wednesday. The Engineering Manager advised there would be no costs incurred to deposit the official bag at the Recycling Centre. He said, by being open for a longer period at the weekend, this would assist holiday makers on their return home.

Mr Sherman suggested it would be necessary for the Board to consider how EnviroWaste propose to empty the street litter bins. The Engineering Manager replied these would still be part of the Contract and will be emptied a minimum of once a week, more if necessary. He said there will be no extra cost in additional servicing. Mr Sherman reported that the Contractor was not emptying the bins four times a week at the moment. He said the Board needed to know if this was going to be managed properly. Mr Sherman expressed some concern at the proposed extension time of the Contract - three by three years - however, he was advised that the Contract would not be automatically renewed at the conclusion of the first three year term.

During discussion it was agreed that an invitation be extended to Mr Ronnie Puke to attend the next meeting of the Board to acknowledge his services to the Community in respect of refuse and recycling services. It was suggested a Certificate of Appreciation be presented to him.

Mrs Pilkington reported that the meeting with EnviroWaste proved to have very satisfactory outcomes by representatives listening and their concerns being acknowledged with a desire to deliver. The Engineering Manager reported that any recommendations from this meeting will be presented to Council, along with comments from the Otorohanga Community Board, this coming Tuesday. Mr Ormsby felt the proposed changes provided what the people are wanting, ie. better refuse bags and more time available at the Recycling Centre. Mr Ormsby suggested discussions be held between local camping grounds and Marae's with the Refuse Contractor when they have considerable loads to deposit. He then queried what would be happening with the disposal of green waste. It was agreed that this disposal be carried out at the Recycling Centre the same as previously however, the Board has approved amended charges.

### **Resolved**

That the Board recommends to the Otorohanga District Council that the Refuse and Recycling Contracts, 806 and 808, as they relate to Kawhia / Aotea be extended for a period of three years with the option of a further three years, subject to mutual agreement.

### **Mrs Pilkington / Mr Ormsby**

## **Item107            WAIWERA STREET UPDATE**

### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented the Finance & Administration Manager's report providing an update on the Resource Consent Application for the proposed subdivision at Waiwera Street. Members were informed it was proposed to hold a meeting this coming week with Objectors in attempts to overcome their objection. The Chief Executive said however, it may still be necessary to hold a hearing. Mr Ormsby queried what happens after the Hearing of submissions. Mrs Pilkington advised that the Resource Consent is valid for five years from the time it is formally granted and that a decision would need to be made within that time whether to proceed with the subdivision or sell the property with the Resource Consent in place. She expressed some concern as to the costs being incurred in this proposal, which continue to rise. Cr Pilkington asked Members to be mindful of this. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion that the Board could have carried out a considerable amount of discussion with the submitters. Mr

Jeffries advised that the timing was not good due to the down turn in the property market. In reply to Mrs Pilkington, the Chief Executive advised he would like to wait until after the meeting with submitters next week before providing any further information. Mr Jeffries said he would be inclined to let the current Consultants move on with the project as they have the necessary experience.

### **Resolved**

That the Finance & Administration Manager's report be received.

### **Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington**

## **Item108 PROPOSAL TO CLOSE WALKWAY**

### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented a report, following public consultation, on a proposal to close the public walkway linking Jervois and Retemeyer Streets, stating that the Board will now need to consider an appropriate response to this issue. He said Council had gone through the process with seventeen submissions being received. He summarised these submissions by reporting that two were clearly opposed to the proposal, one more or less undecided and 14 in favour. The Chief Executive referred to a potential solution which could include the construction of two short retaining walls, together with some changes to track maintenance practice and possible placement of signs to inform the public of the significance of the area and request its respectful treatment. He reported the initial costs of such works would be expected to be in the order of \$1,500.

A member of the public, Mr John Dodgson, said he would be prepared to contribute to such work. Mrs Bennett expressed the opinion she supported Option C, to leave the Walkway open, but with modifications to the structure and/or maintenance of the Walkway. Discussion was held on the possible raising of the Walkway however, one submitter had indicated that the provision of any form of accessway facilities would be a problem. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion that once the bones had been unearthed then this issue was suddenly a problem and everyone was getting involved. Mrs Bennett said she felt that should the area be a European Cemetery then the Board would not allow access through. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion that European Cemeteries are readily accessible to visitors. Mr Ormsby declared his interest in the matter as he is a Member of the Ngati Hikairo Committee. He said however, at a recent meeting a unanimous decision was made to close the Walkway. He said under the Heritage & Protection Management Plan there is provision for the area to be protected. He said Members were insulted by the submitter's 'power' comments relating to Maori. He said personally he would agree with Option C, to have signs erected and to beautify the area as it contained Ngati Hikairo ancestors. Mrs Pilkington replied that there are not just Ngati Hikairo descendents in the area, and any action would be out of respect for the deceased. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion that the tribes need to involve their young in the protection of the area. Mr Jeffries expressed caution at making a compromised decision as sometimes this does not satisfy anyone. Mrs Pilkington referred to two of the submitters whom she had deep respect for their concerns and passions however, both talked about the word 'compromise' and 'avoiding Community polarisation' and therefore the Board could feel comfortable going down this path. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion the matter was more relating to the history of the site rather than an ancestral cemetery.

Mr Ormsby referred to Option C, and the need to think of participation and made reference to the wording on the signs. He said although there are limited funds available, to allow Ngati Hikairo the option to work through the compromise. Mr Jeffries said it is important that the compromise decision is conveyed to all parties that it has been made in the interest of the wider Community. Mrs Pilkington agreed that such a decision would be in recognition of the wider Community. Mr Jeffries suggested a working group could be established between the Board and Ngati Hikairo.

Mrs Pilkington asked that the reply to the submitters include the Board's sincere thanks for their sharing of information and exposing their emotions both culturally and spiritually in this matter.

## **Resolved**

That

1. In the interests of the broader Kawhia Community the Board indicates its preference for a solution in the form of Option C, possibly also including landscaping works -  
*To leave the walkway open, but with modifications to the structure and/or maintenance of the walkway that will prevent or adequately mitigate the problem identified by Ngati Hikairo.*
2. Council staff engages with Ngati Hikairo RMC to attempt to define the details of such works (including wording of signs) that are to the satisfaction of the RMC and affordable for Council.

## **Mr Jeffries / Chairman**

### **Item109            REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION - WATER SUPPLY PROBLEMS**

#### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive referred Members to his report on a claim that has been received from a Kawhia business for losses incurred due to the water supply problems over the New Year period. The Chief Executive felt that any decision must be made by the Board and that whilst he was happy to answer questions, he did not wish to lead the discussion. Mr Jeffries informed Members that when this matter was first raised his point of view was that he did not believe the Community should be footing the bill for compensation. He said Ratepayers would be asked to contribute to the Applicants loss and therefore how would other Camping Grounds react to this. Mr Jeffries said it was an awful situation for the business concerned and as the Community Board has no discretionary funds available for this purpose any compensation would have to be funded via rates and this he could not support.

Mr Sherman suggested the Applicants need to investigate the alternative water supply arrangements that are available in respect to their new ablution block. He said, although available, spring water may be contaminated, this could be utilised for toilets, etc. He suggested that instead of the Board considering payment of compensation that help be made available for them to provide such an alternative supply. Mr Ormsby expressed the opinion that any help being provided to the Applicant would indicate that the Board is accepting responsibility for the loss.

Mrs Bennett reported she still felt there was some responsibility on behalf of the Water Services Contractor. She said the Board does not have the finances available however, she believes there is 'Contractors liability'. Mrs Bennett acknowledged that there was some human error during this period.

Mr Sherman outlined discussions he had had with Council's Chief Executive in that Council had given the Contractor a substandard facility to work with. Mr Jeffries referred to the equipment used at the Treatment Station and said this could most certainly be improved. Members queried if the monitoring system had provided adequate early warnings which would alert Contracting staff. Mrs Pilkington advised that the Contractor was aware of the situation at the time. The Chief Executive reported that the information available at that time was misleading. Mr Jeffries suggested should the Board be going to commit any funding that this should be put towards upgrading the supply rather than a compensation payment. He felt this would be a 'selling' point in that funding would be provided in an attempt to provide a better supply.

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Pilkington expressed their support for a recommendation along the lines that the Kawhia Community Board does not have funding available and that it could not support an increase in rates to cover any cost of compensation.

With regard to Council lodging a claim against its insurance, Mrs Bennett queried what the excess would be. The Chief Executive replied Council would incur a \$10,000 policy excess on any professional liability claim. Mr Jeffries suggested whether Council's Solicitors, Gallie Miles, should be contacted regarding a suitable response to the Applicant. Mr Ormsby queried with Mr Jeffries whether he was expecting other parties to request compensation. Mr Jeffries replied that there could be some people out there waiting to hear of the Board's decision in this matter. Mr Ormsby agreed and supported any decision that Ratepayers not be asked to pay towards compensation. Discussion was then held on an appropriate reply to the Applicants.

It was agreed the Governance Supervisor prepare a draft letter for consideration by Members.

### **Resolved**

That a letter be prepared on behalf of the Board to the Anderson's expressing the supportive sentiments of the Board but declining the request for compensation.

### **Mr Jeffries / Chairman**

## **Item110 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 26 MARCH 2010**

### **Discussion**

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

### **Beach Warden**

Mrs Pilkington advised that it was not necessary to prepare a submission to Environment Waikato's (EW) Annual Plan as no Beach Warden has been in place. She reported that the Onepu Charitable Trust had called a meeting last Saturday in regard to Beach Care. She said this meeting was well attended and although the provision of a Beach Warden was not specifically discussed, the result was that the Community is there and want to be involved. Mr Ormsby referred to the involvement of TKI and EW and in regards to an alternative access to the Beach, he said TKI require someone to monitor this.

Mrs Bennett reported that the local Police were keen to attend meetings of the Board. It was agreed however, that the Board wait and see what comes out of the Beach Care group. With regard to monitoring the Beach, Members were informed that other than the Police, there are Maori Wardens available.

## **GENERAL**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs Pilkington referred to the Otorohanga District Development Board Strategic Planning workshop and advised this will be followed up by a further meeting in Otorohanga.

### **KAWHIA HALL**

Mrs Pilkington tabled a letter to the Kawhia Hall Committee expressing concern at the lack of provision for hygiene in the toilets in the Kawhia Community Hall.

Mr Ormsby referred to his attendance at a recent Kawhia Community Hall meeting and reported that Mr RuBay and his team have carried out a wonderful job on the hall. He said there is a reasonable amount of funding available to carry out other work. He said hall bookings were very good and it was still the intention of the Committee to modify the kitchen. The Chief Executive

reported discussion had been held on works for a septic tank system and that the Committee were willing to seek funding for this. He said it is necessary for Council to put forward the specifications.

The Chief Executive further reported that the Committee had expressed interest in modifying part of the hall to include the Library. It was felt this proposal would bring Community activities together. It was agreed a letter be forwarded to the Kawhia Hall Committee extending the Board's thanks and appreciation to them for the recent work carried out on the Hall.

## **ZONE 2 COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

Mrs Pilkington reported on her attendance at a recent Zone 2 Community Board meeting held on 30 April in Otorohanga. She said it was very well attended and informative.

## **ZONE 1 & 2 MEETING**

Mrs Pilkington reported on her attendance at a combined Zone 1 & 2 Local Government meeting on 14 May 2010 in Paeroa. She referred to the effects of the three year drought and its ongoing repercussions. She said there is an awareness that the area will be economically effected.

## **KAWHIA MUSEUM**

Mrs Pilkington referred to the quality of the paint work carried out recently on the Kawhia Museum. It was agreed this matter be left with the Engineering Manager to inform Members 'where to from here'.

## **BEACH SIGNAGE**

Mrs Pilkington referred to the Karewa beach 20km/hr signage and said there is a need to make this more visible. This matter was left with the Engineering Manager to liaise with the Onepu Charitable Trust.

## **PRIVET**

Mrs Bennett reported that the disposal of Privet has been relatively successful. Mr Ormsby advised that it appeared only cutting of the Privet has been carried out with no spraying taking place. Mr Sherman reported he had seen spraying being undertaken.

Mrs Bennett referred to a private property owner in Waiwera Street who has cut down several large privet trees. She said everyone appears to have taken this initiative on board for which she congratulated them.

## **BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

Mrs Bennett reported that the Butterfly Garden had not yet been finished. She said there was funding available for the provision of signage.

## **HORSES ON ROAD**

Mrs Bennett reported she had spoken to the local Police and Council's Animal Control Contractor regarding horses on the road.

## **KAWHIA ARTS GROUP**

Mrs Bennett reported five Members of the Kawhia Arts group had purchased a Pirongia Art & Craft business and hoped to have this open this coming Friday evening. She said the business will provide work for approximately 15 people.

## **OMIMITI RESERVE**

Mrs Bennett referred to rubbish bins in the Reserve and said these require up-grading. She also referred to the 'No Dogs' signs which need to be re-positioned.

### **LAKE ROAD SIGNAGE**

Mr Sherman reported he had received a call regarding Lake Road and the fact that no Cemetery sign was positioned there. He advised he requested the Complainant to contact Council.

### **WASTE WATER DISPOSAL**

With regard to the disposal of waste water on part of the Kawhia Golf Course land, the Chief Executive advised that this matter had been discounted as it was multiply owned Maori land.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNITY MEETING**

Members were informed it is proposed to hold a further public Community meeting during June/July 2010.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 3.57pm.

### **CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:** 30 July 2010

