



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 17 December 2010 commencing at 1.08pm.

MINUTES

Minutes are unconfirmed and subject to amendment at the next meeting of the Board.

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PRESENT

Mr HW Ormsby (Chair), Mrs J Bennett, Mr BG Good, Mr CE Jeffries, Mrs DM Pilkington and Mr L Sherman.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams, Deputy Mayor Mrs S Blackler, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), R Chadwick (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Members of the public. He then read an Opening Prayer.

The Chair reported that the local Police Constable will attend the meeting to update Board Members on Police related matters. He advised that the Constable was doing very well in the Community, a comment expressed by the people themselves. He queried whether the Board should send a letter to this effect to his Superiors. The Chair reported that any local Kawhia Police Officer works, in the main, by themselves and is privy to a lot of local information. His Worship expressed the opinion that the Board should 'give credit when it is due' in relation to the Police Officer.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Jeffries raised the matter of kerb and channel between the Fire Station and the Kawhia Hotel.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 29 OCTOBER 2010

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Pilkington referred to page 6, Item 11, Onepu Trust and requested that in the last sentence the name of 'Pansy Scott' be corrected to 'Daisy Scott'.

Mrs Pilkington referred Members to page 7, Item 12, Aotea, and in the second sentence of the second paragraph requested that the words 'at the meeting' be deleted.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 29 October 2010 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Jeffries

REPORTS

Item22 LIBRARY BUILDING

Resolved

That a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr J Thom for the work carried out on the exterior of the Library building.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Bennett

Item15**COOPER DRIVE STORMWATER DRAIN PIPING****Discussion**

The Engineering Manager referred Members to his report advising that a request has been received from residents of Aotea that the open drain in Cooper Drive be piped. He said this matter was brought up at a public meeting held in Aotea during Labour Weekend.

The Engineering Manager reported that consideration should be given to consider whether this work is carried out during the current financial year or in the next financial year. He said no funding for the work has been allocated during this current year. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion he would have no problems with changing priorities of work. The Engineering Manager reported that when this drain was previously discussed, comments had been made that silt from the drain is getting onto the beach. He said advice had been received from Environment Waikato that the drain was not causing any problems on the beach. Mr Jeffries said his only concern regarding bringing the Cooper Drive drain works forward would be whether the section of pipeline in Jervois Street could last for a further five years. It was suggested that should the Cooper Drive works be advanced then this not be to the detriment of the Jervois Street drain. Cr Pilkington queried whether there was a health and safety risk in respect to the Cooper Drive open drain. Mr Good replied he was not aware of any risk other than the open drain looked unsightly.

His Worship informed Members that they have a real challenge next year due to the current economic climate. He expressed caution in introducing new projects. Mrs Pilkington agreed with His Worship's comments and suggested Community assistance may be required in prioritising any work. Mr Jeffries queried if the Aotea work is thought to be a priority and that this is an opportunity for Aotea residents to contribute towards the work. Mr Good replied that this would only save around \$3,000 and that such a suggestion had already been offered.

Resolved

That

1. The Board agrees to the piping of the Cooper Drive open drain and that this work be included in the draft Estimates using the pipe renewals / extension funding allocation for 2011/12.
2. The Jervois Street work be put back to the 2016/17 year, in the interim should an emergency situation occur with the Jervois Street pipeline then remedial work will have to be considered at that time.

Mr Good / Mr Jeffries**Item16****CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS BEACH PATROL****Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented a report advising a request has been made for financial support of a Beach Patrol in Kawhia. Mrs Pilkington said she endorsed the recommendation contained in the report and advised that the Onepu Trust have purchased and own the bike concerned. The Chief Executive reported there is approximately \$5,000 available that could be used to support the Onepu Trust Beach Patrol initiative as it was felt at the time when Anne Manning resigned it would be prudent for the Board to retain some funding.

The Chair, on behalf of Board Members thanked Daisy Scott for her attendance at the meeting and for the tremendous job she does. He queried whether Council could prepare some documentation confirming the responsibility of the Beach Patrol. The Chief Executive replied that previously Council was to prepare an ID card and is still prepared to do this however, names and photos of those people providing the service will be required. Mrs Bennett referred to the reworking of the relevant Job Description for the position and queried whether the Trust has to have this. The Chief Executive replied that the service is being provided by the Trust not

Council. His Worship said this would be an ongoing service as long as the Trust is doing what the Community wants. The Chief Executive confirmed that the Onepu Trust will be paying the other costs of the service provided. Mrs Pilkington acknowledged the work that the Onepu Trust is doing.

Resolved

That the Board approves financial support, at a level of \$1,500 per annum, for a Beach Patrol to be operated by the Onepu Trust. Such funding would be reviewed in early 2012.

Mrs Pilkington/ Mr L Sherman

Item22 KAWHIA POLICE CONSTABLE

Discussion

Local Police Constable Griffin attended the meeting. He asked Members what the Community's opinion is of the job he is doing. Mrs Daisy Scott said, from a Beach Control point of view, the local Constable is carrying out a terrific job. Const Griffin reported, from a policing point of view, he has been successful with 11 recent arrests. He said however, he is still carrying out reactive policing but, the business Community appear to be happy. Const Griffin reported he has the support of the Community with information being provided by locals which is assisting him in being so successful. Mr Jeffries reported that Const Griffin has fitted well into the Community both from a policing point of view and socially. He said he is a willing volunteer to various Community projects. Mr Jeffries extended congratulations to the Constable and his wife on the recent birth of their child. Mr Sherman congratulated the Constable on behalf of the Board. Mrs Pilkington also congratulated the Constable and the Community on their input. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion that the Community Max scheme has also assisted the situation. Const Griffin agreed that local kids need to be given an opportunity.

The Chair thanked Const Griffin for his attendance.

A Member of the public, Mr John Dodgson, extended thanks to Const Griffin on behalf of the public.

Resolved

That Police Constable Griffin's verbal report be received and a letter of appreciation and endorsement on his work in the Kawhia Community be forwarded to his superiors in Te Awamutu.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

Item17 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - WETLANDS TOUR

Discussion

The Chief Executive referred Members to a request for Council support of a tour of wetlands in the Kawhia/Aotea area received from the National Wetlands Trust.

Resolved

That the request for financial assistance be declined.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

Item18

KAWHIA / AOTEA REFUSE COLLECTION

Discussion

The Chair referred Members to the Engineering Manager's report advising that, since the change to the refuse and recycling collection day in Kawhia and Aotea a number of complaints have been received and the Kawhia Community Board received a petition with 172 signatures on it at their meeting on 29 October 2010 requesting that the kerbside collection day change back to Monday. The Chair informed Members that option one in the report was not an option therefore leaving options two and three to be considered. The Chief Executive informed Members that should consideration be given to option one there are other items that could be introduced, such as a steel container being provided in the Community to be open on a Sunday. He said the other two options in the report are very difficult and will have substantial costs.

The Engineering Manager advised an extension of what has been supplied at the Oparau Service Centre could be introduced. He said additional costs will be incurred to send trucks out, particularly for the camping ground operators. He said the option of wheelie bins or bags will be taken away.

Mr Jeffries, in commenting on option one, expressed the opinion that an additional collection container would have no value for the Kawhia Community.

She said there had been a drop in the kerb side level of service. Mrs Pilkington felt that the provision of an additional container would not be of much advantage.

Mr Sherman agreed with Mr Jeffries comments and reported that in Kawhia Council's Engineering Support Officer had provided him with flyers which he had delivered all over the Community. He said however, people are still leaving on a Sunday and that an additional bin would not help. Mrs Bennett agreed that an additional container will not work effectively as holiday makers leaving Sunday evening or perhaps Monday morning are only left with depositing their rubbish at the Oparau Service Centre. She said people do not wish to place refuse in their car and felt that consultation on this issue should have been carried out earlier.

The Chief Executive felt that the Contractor will most likely remain with the Contract price quoted. His Worship queried what would be acceptable to the Residents concerned. Mr Sherman queried whether Otorohanga could change its collection day from the present Wednesday to a Monday. Mr Good expressed the opinion he struggled with the proposed additional costs of \$40,000 per annum and reported that the change to a Wednesday has been given sufficient time to 'bed in'. He said there will be a meeting of the Aotea Community on 1 January 2011 where discussion will be held on reverting back to the original collection day. He said that should the extra costs to change still be in the vicinity of \$40,000 then the Board will consider option three.

His Worship queried whether there is an interim option to get the Community through the Christmas holiday period. The Chief Executive reported that there will not be many Contractors tendering for a Kawhia / Aotea portion of the Contract. He said it is most unlikely to get the interest of any external Contractor. Cr Blackler expressed the opinion that the Christmas/New Year period shouldn't be a problem based on how the statutory days fall. The Chief Executive reported that this matter is not just for consideration by the Contractor, it will also involve receiving approval for any change from another District Council and that any change will not be of any particular benefit to them. The Chair said he would like to see change and to test this option. The Engineering Manager reported that any change would not only affect the kerb collection but also the street litter bins and the Recycling Centre.

Mrs Pilkington asked for staff to clarify the last sentence in the report stating that the cost of the Kawhia/Aotea Refuse Contract is funded approximately 90 percent by Kawhia / Aotea and 10 percent rural.

Mr Jeffries referred to option two and said he was inclined to think that going back to the Contractor will not get the Board anywhere, as if they have Contracts for different days, this will only shift the problem onto someone else. This could also incur additional costs for some other area. Mr Good suggested that consideration be given to 're-jigging' the collection day with

EnviroWaste. His Worship said this request could be made to EnviroWaste and that they be told the Kawhia/Aotea kerb side collection needs to be on a Monday and how they can work around this to make it 'do-able'. He said the Contractor should be made aware that Monday is the only acceptable day and that EnviroWaste makes this happen or consideration be given to go out to Tender for that part of the Contract. The Engineering Manager advised that Council is currently still working under the original Contract however, it has agreed to extend this for a further three years with the option of a further three years extension, subject to satisfactory performance. The Chief Executive said Council has committed to the Contract in writing. The Engineering Manager advised Members that the Contractor supplied the recycling crates free on the commitment of the renewal.

Mrs Pilkington pointed that the petition had not just been signed by Aotea Residents. Mr Good reported that 69 of the signatures on the petition were from Aotea residents, the remainder collected during the week from Kawhia residents. He suggested consideration could be given to an option four - the provision of an addition bin at Aotea and to discuss returning the collection day back to Monday. His Worship said refuse collection and disposal is an activity of Council but it is a service and if this is not adequate something will have to change. He said some times things take time to 'bed in' however, the Board needs to work on how it can come up with a suitable resolution which is affordable. He said this is on the table now. Mr Jeffries queried how the Board will be able to provide what is requested at no extra cost.

With regard to option two the Engineering Manager reported that from a safety and economic perspective EnviroWaste has purchased new trucks as they cover a very large area. He said the two trucks are fully utilised all week. The Engineering Manager informed Members, from a health and safety point of view, it is no longer acceptable for EnviroWaste to use a truck and trailer unit. He said should a return be made to Monday it will be necessary for EnviroWaste to put on two additional trucks and four people. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion that should any change cost in the vicinity of \$40,000 pa then this is not an option. Mr Good agreed and felt that then consideration would need to be given to option three. Mr Jeffries said any additional cost is concerning as the Board has made a mistake. He queried how would the public feel if as result of this mistake there is extra costs to the Community. As a result of further discussion the Engineering Manager suggested discussions be held with EnviroWaste and firm figures obtained. He queried whether there would be another Local Authority out there that would be happy to change to a Wednesday. Mrs Pilkington said it is necessary for the Board to establish good reason why EnviroWaste cannot change the collection day.

The Chair referred to option three and said the Board needs to know the estimated costs for this option, as its Plan B. The Chief Executive reported that the proposed additional \$40,000 pa is politically unacceptable and even \$20,000 pa the same. He said the only option would be that some other Community is prepared to give up their day. In reply to Mr Jeffries, the Chief Executive reported that any change would involve a long drawn out process as EnviroWaste would have to consult with another Community and then the appropriate Council.

Resolved

That staff immediately commence exploration of a potential change of collection day for Kawhia / Aotea to a Monday at minimal additional cost to the Community.

Mr Good / Mrs Pilkington

Mr Jeffries moved an amendment - 'That staff immediately commence exploration of a potential change of collection day for Kawhia / Aotea to a Monday at no additional cost to the Community.

The amendment was seconded by Mr Sherman and when put, it was carried.

Item19 REQUEST FOR LEASE OF DOMAIN LAND

Discussion

The Chief Executive spoke to the Executive Assistant's report advising that the Kawhia Baptist Church are currently discussing options for their future location within Kawhia. He said staff have not considered the request. A Member of the public Mr Vic Clark reported that the Church is happy where it is however, the Church family may in the future want a Church of their own. His Worship said the request needs an opinion from its Kawhia counterparts and suggested that the Tauranga Pastor communicates with them. Mrs Pilkington referred to the newly refurbished Kawhia Methodist Church and queried whether this could be made use of.

Mr Clark suggested that should the Domain land be owned by the Board, would the request be an option. The Chief Executive replied that more specific information on the proposal is required outlining extent of local support, building details and proposed rental. In reply to Mrs Bennett, Mr Clark informed her that the current size of the congregation is between 20 to 40 Members.

The Chair advised that the Methodist Church is forming a new Committee and he will mention the request to them.

Resolved

That the report be received.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

Item20 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – KAWHIA TRADITIONAL MAORI KAI FESTIVAL

Discussion

The Engineering Manager referred to the Engineering Support Officer's report on an application received from the Kawhia Traditional Maori Kai Festival Committee for road closures within the Kawhia Community for the purpose of holding the Kawhia Kai Festival and associated activities. Mrs Pilkington stressed the point that it be clarified that no businesses will be barricaded off due to the closure.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Kawhia Traditional Maori Kai Festival
Date: Saturday, 5 February 2011
Details of Closure: **TAINUI STREET** – from its intersection with Charleton Street to its intersection with Jervois Street
 JERVOIS STREET – from its intersection with Pouewe Street to its intersection with Omimiti Street
 OMIMITI STREET – entire length
Period of Closure: 5.00am to 5.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department, or Transit New Zealand.
2. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
3. The Kawhia Kai Festival Committee is responsible for obtaining public liability insurance (and paying the cost thereof) to a minimum value of \$2,000,000. This is required to

indemnify Council against any damage to property or persons as a result of the additional food and beverage stalls and associated activities during the road closure period. Council requires that it is held covered under the terms of such policy and accordingly the policy is required to be in both parties' names on the form prescribed by Council.

4. The Kawhia Kai Festival Committee is to pay all advertising costs in appropriate newspapers.
5. The Kawhia Kai Festival Committee is to provide a detailed copy of their Traffic Management Plan to Council. This must comply with Transit New Zealand's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management and will require the services of STMS Level One qualified personnel for preparation of the plan and supervision of setting out and control of all temporary traffic management. The Temporary Traffic Management Plan (TTMP) is to be submitted to Council's Roading Department for approval no later than 10 working days before the closure.
6. The Kawhia Kai Festival Committee is solely responsible for adequate sign posting and policing of the roads to be closed to ensure that no vehicles have access to the closed portion of road, which includes arranging delivery, erection and staffing of all road closure barriers and the removal thereof after closures.
7. Signs advising of the road closures are to be erected at the start and end of the closed portions of roads and on each intersecting road two weeks prior to the road closure. All signs are to be removed immediately after the closure. A Kawhia Kai Festival Committee representative is to meet with Council Engineering Staff regarding the required signs format, size, location and quantity of signs for approval before they are manufactured and erected.
8. The Kawhia Kai Festival Committee is to obtain signatures of residents and businesses affected, confirming notification that the proposal has been received.
9. Any damage to the road surface or roadside furniture shall be made good to the satisfaction of the Otorohanga District Council Engineering Manager, at the cost of the applicant.
10. All litter is to be removed from the road reserve prior to re-opening the road.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

Item21 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 29 OCTOBER 2010

Discussion

KAWHIA MUSEUM

The Chair reported that the President of the Kawhia Museum Society has carried out work on the exterior of the Museum building. He said Mr Brian Davies will be replacing the rotten boards. The Chair reported that all materials have been obtained and that some windows need re-igning. He said there will be very little left that will require painting.

Mr Jeffries reported that Mr John Thom has offered his services. He queried whether it would be ok to place a sign in the library window stating that the painting has been sponsored by him.

Mr Jeffries reported that there is substantially more activity going on within the Community where people are prepared to help themselves. The Chair outlined planting work to be undertaken by Ms Virginia Shaw.

RUBBISH BINS

Mr Jeffries reported he has carried out little investigation into alternatives on the upgrading of rubbish bins however, personally he liked ones at a cost of \$1,600 each, which was not an option. He said feedback has favoured a stainless steel type with the provision of a Kawhia or

Council logo. He said it will be necessary to find a funding provider to which His Worship suggested he talk to the Kai Festival Organisers. Mr Jeffries requested that this item remain on Matters Referred.

GENERAL

NEW RESERVOIR

The Chair referred to the installation of a new water reservoir. The Engineering Manager replied it is up and running.

ONEPU TRUST

The Chair confirmed that the new 20km / hr beach sign has been erected.

Mr Jeffries complimented His Worship on his involvement with work for youth.

COUNCIL TOUR

Mr Sherman referred to the Council tours of the District held last week and said it would have been nice to have the Chair with them. He said Members knew nothing of the tour. Mrs Bennett agreed that it would be an opportunity to showcase what has happened in the Community. His Worship replied that the purpose of the tour is an identification process effectively for the new Councillors. He said, in future, consideration will be given about the geographical layout. Mrs Pilkington felt that in future Board Members be advised that the tour is happening and the purpose of it.

KERB & CHANNEL

Mr Jeffries referred to the installation of kerb and channel from the Fire Station to the Kawhia Hotel, on the opposite side of the Hotel, and reported that water runs down the road, crosses over it and into two sections owned by Mrs Betty Smith. He queried whether it would be possible for staff to look at the suggestion.

His Worship acknowledged the work undertaken by the Board and that of the previous Board. He said there is an air of working together and of expectation. He referred in particular, to the Bollard project and the great result and the number of people it involved. His Worship also referred to such matters as the new Reservoir, Kawhia Community Max programmes, Walkway consultation, of which the Board has undertaken the process and achieved very good results by working in partnership with the Community. He said he is extremely proud of their performance and reminded Members of the challenges in the New Year. His Worship suggested that Members get involved in the funding Review Process.

His Worship acknowledged Members efforts and said that any rate increases should be palatable and over the next year or two Members will be challenged but suggested they work as a team with Council and staff.

On behalf of Council His Worship extended Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period to Members.

Cr Blackler said she was very impressed with the Bollard project and acknowledged the work undertaken by Members. She extended Christmas greetings to Members.

Mr Sherman advised that it is desirable to keep the Community involved. The Chair reported that Waimahera is keen for Council to be a part of their training programme for youth. He said they wish to take ownership of such programmes and hopefully this will eventuate.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Engineering Manager highlighted the erection of a new blue water restriction sign coming into Kawhia. He reported Council has now received the renewed water take Consent to take up to 600m³ per day from the springs.

The Engineering Manager advised that Council's Public Health Risk Management Plan for Kawhia water has been completed and will be submitted to Health Waikato.

The Engineering Manager reported notices will be distributed to Camping Grounds, Businesses, etc regarding water use and general information along with flyers to householders. Mrs Pilkington made Members aware of the Restricted Fire Season which commenced 13 December and will go through to 31 March 2011. It was agreed that this be placed in the local Messenger.

Cr Blackler referred to a Statistics NZ meeting held this morning and reported that people are being sourced to carry out next year's census. She said these will be paid positions.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 3.47pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 28 January 2010

