



Kawhia Community Board

# MINUTES

28 January 2011

## 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 January 2011 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, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Deputy Mayor S Blackler be sustained.

### **Cr Pilkington / Mrs Bennett**

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He then read an Opening Prayer.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 17 NOVEMBER 2010**

The Governance Supervisor informed Members that at the last Council meeting Mrs Pilkington referred to Item 18, Kawhia/Aotea Refuse Collection in particular, paragraph four and requested that the two sentences be reversed.

Mr Good referred to Item 18, Kawhia / Aotea Refuse Collection, page 4, paragraph six, and requested that it be amended to read "He said there will be a meeting of the Aotea Community on 1 January 2011 where he will present various options on reverting back to the original collection day. Mr Good also referred to page 5, the second paragraph and requested the third sentence reading 'He suggested consideration could be given to an option four - the provision of an additional bin at Aotea and to discuss returning the Collection Day back to Monday' be deleted.

Mr Good referred to Item 15, Cooper Drive Stormwater Drains, the second paragraph, last sentence, and requested this be amended to read "Mr Good replied that the open drain was a health and safety risk and looked unsightly."

## **KAWHIA TRADITIONAL MAORI KAI FESTIVAL**

In reply to Mrs Bennett regarding obtaining signatures of residents and businesses affected by the proposed closure, she was advised that these had all been signed off.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 17 December 2010 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

### **Mrs Bennett / Mr Sherman**

## **REPORTS**

### **Item24            KAWHIA / AOTEA REFUSE COLLECTION**

#### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive referred Members to the Engineering Manager's report on the Board's recommendation 'that staff immediately commence exploration of a potential change of collection day for Kawhia/Aotea to a Monday at no extra cost to the Community.

The Chief Executive informed Members that it was not a straight forward option to simply swap the collection days around. He advised, following the latest discussion with the Contractor that the collection day could be changed back to a Monday however, the Board would lose some of the improvements to the level of service. However, this result would be better than where the Board was previously.

The Chief Executive then circulated two further letters of support for the retention of waste removal facilities at the Oparau Road House. With regard to the suggestion that another Contractor could be engaged to provide the collection service, he envisaged there would not be a large number of Contractors interested.

The Chair commended the Contractor, EnviroWaste, for attempting to work with the Board and hopefully arrive at a suitable resolution. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion he was pleased to hear if a change back to a Monday did take place, that there would be no additional costs to the Community. He said he would oppose anything that would incur extra costs. Members were advised that at the time the petition was taken not all matters relating to the change were identified to Members of the Community. It was felt that should there be any change then the people should know the 'pros & cons' and be made fully aware of the situation.

Mr Good referred to the special service provided to the local camping grounds and said this service would still be supplied as long as they used the official bags. The Chief Executive agreed, but said they will lose the disposal facilities available at the Oparau Road House. He said this facility was offered after the Agreement with the Contractor was signed and was never part of the original 'deal', and as such the removal of this facility should not be considered as a loss.

Mrs Pilkington said she applauded the efforts made by EnviroWaste and referred to the question of the Recycling Depot hours and suggested that these could be reduced at the weekend and this saving could be transferred against the cost of supplying bins at Oparau. She suggested that the Recycling Depot hours could be adjusted that will be of benefit to all concerned. Mr Sherman said that should there be a change back to Monday that the local garage and camping grounds would use the Recycling Depot on a Wednesday as previously. His Worship said that providing bins at the Oparau Road House was to cater for those people going home after the weekend however, should the collection day be changed back to Monday, why have these bins in place after the Board had addressed urban concerns. Mr Sherman referred to the Board's first negotiations with EnviroWaste and in the discussion they indicated that should the Wednesday collection day not work they would do everything in their power to accommodate a change back.

Reference was made to the Ngutunui Recycling Centre and Members were advised that this was underway and operating before this situation had arisen so there would be no difference. The Chief Executive agreed there would only be an issue in respect of the changes to the refuse bags and the purchase of recycling bins should the Board discontinue using EnviroWaste. Members were informed that should a decision be made that the Recycling Centre be open on a Wednesday then a reduction or change in the other opening hours might be made separately.

Members were informed that should there be a change back to Monday the Oparau Road House, which is currently serviced free of charge will need to have a cost negotiated to continue this service. Members were advised that currently it is serviced three times per week and 5-8 times per week during the summer period. Mrs Bennett referred to the proposed option 2, that the Board change the collection day back to Monday at no extra cost however, her main concern would be with the service now being provided to the camping grounds and the Oparau Road House. She said however, the existing kerb side collection would still be available to them. Mrs Bennett advised that the majority of the Community wished to revert back to how the situation was, at no extra cost. Mrs Bennett felt that the Board did what it did in good faith, for the good of the Community however, it did not carry out the necessary consultation. Mr Jeffries agreed with Mrs Bennett's comments, particularly that relating to consultation and said that should there be any change then the Board should put every effort into letting the Community know. He said should the Board instigate any change then it must inform the Community and outline the reasons for it.

The Chair suggested it appeared Members were happy to go with Option 2 - revert back to a Monday collection at no extra cost. He queried whether the Board could facilitate the collection at the Oparau Road House. The Chief Executive replied this service has been beneficial to the rural community with the Kawhia Community Board paying for most of the cost. He said the estimated cost is \$6,500 per annum however, it was not appropriate for the Board to fund. He said if the Rural Community required a collection facility at the Oparau Road House then consideration would then need to be given by Council to using the landfill levy for this purpose. The Chief Executive reported that four other schools have approached Council for a recycling facility. Mrs Pilkington advised that there is a rural refuse rate which contributes to the Kawhia / Aotea refuse collection however, she is aware of landfill levies. She suggested a case could be put forward however, this would be an issue for consideration by Council rather than the Kawhia Community Board.

His Worship congratulated the Board on making a decision and said this is the way decisions should be made regardless of egos, personal agendas, etc. He felt that the change back to Monday was the appropriate action.

His Worship acknowledged Council Staff and EnviroWaste in being able to negotiate a solution. He said it is a tribute to how the Management and Staff are able to communicate.

His Worship also acknowledged the Residents being so supportive and people respectful of others. He said the people of Aotea have conducted themselves very responsibly and congratulated Mr Good for managing the situation over the summer period.

The Chief Executive referred to advertising the change and the reasons for it. He said letters will be forwarded to every Ratepayer and an item placed in the local Messenger.

### **Resolved**

That it be recommended to the Otorohanga District Council that the Kawhia / Aotea kerb side collection reverts back to a Monday subject to associated conditions outlined as Option 2 in this report.

### **Mr Good / Mr Sherman**

## **Item25 ANZAC DAY CEREMONY - HIGHLAND PIPE BAND**

### **Discussion**

The Chair referred to previous correspondence on this matter and advised that the Board was adamant for the status quo to remain. The Governance Supervisor circulated copies of letters written by the Secretary of the Te Kuiti & Districts Highland Pipe Band to the Te Awamutu & District Highland Pipe Band and also a copy of a second letter forwarded by Council to the Te Awamutu Band.

Mr Jeffries informed Members that there had been an unfortunate misunderstanding and that there was never the suggestion that any changes would be made to the ANZAC Day service in Kawhia. He outlined the various duties undertaken by Council Staff behind the scene and said this is why Council is involved in organising the Civic Services. He suggested that the local RSA sort out who they wish to have in the parade and just move on. Mrs Pilkington said she had raised the matter at the Council meeting on Tuesday and assured Members that there was basically just a misunderstanding. She said the matter of who plays in the parades should be between the respective RSA and Bands.

Mrs Edith Dockery, who attended the meeting, said the matter was a 'storm in a tea cup' however, had brought other issues to light. She said it was pleasing to hear support will continue for the Te Awamutu & Districts Highland Pipe Band to take part in the Kawhia ANZAC Day services as previously.

## **Resolved**

That

1. The Kawhia Community Board supports the Te Awamutu & District Highland Pipe Band, Mrs Edith Dockery and Kawhia Sports Club comments,
2. The Board agrees to the Te Awamutu & Districts Highland Pipe Band taking part in the Kawhia ANZAC Day services as it has done previously.

## **Chair / Mrs Pilkington**

### **Item26 POTENTIAL SUPPORT FOR WATER TANK INSTALLATION**

#### **Discussion**

The Chief Executive presented a report requesting consideration of a potential subsidy towards voluntary installation of on-site water storage tanks in Kawhia. Mr Sherman reported that there were not as many people in Kawhia during the Christmas/New Year break as in previous years. The Chief Executive said it is still worthwhile for the Board to consider providing an incentive for people to conserve water. He said the proposal has the support of Health Waikato. The Chief Executive reported that there was no direct economic incentive to install a tank, and suggested that if a subsidy is provided, subject to certain conditions as detailed in his report, it would be beneficial.

Mr Jeffries said he agreed with the proposal however, there were a number of aspects to it. He said there is value from a conservation point of view however, economically a 10,000 litre tank would only provide a small benefit to the property owner therefore why should this be Ratepayer subsidised. He queried whether subsidies to upgrade their sewerage disposal system may be more advantageous. In reply to Mr Good, he was advised that the tank could be topped up from the Community supply. The Chief Executive agreed that the benefit to the Community would not be huge. Mrs Bennett referred to the upgrading of a property and queried that if a property already has a large tank with the appropriate piping that these properties would not be expected to install a new tank as long as they had a certain volume of storage. Mrs Bennett congratulated the Community Board Members and Council Staff on how the process worked over the Christmas/New Year holiday period and said it was wonderful to receive a letter of endorsement from Health Waikato. Members were informed that a sum of \$5,000 would equate to half a percent on the Community Rates. Mrs Bennett said she would endorse the proposal however, the Board did have to consider other matters and were attempting to keep rates down. The Chief Executive reported he was also pleased to receive the letter from Health Waikato regarding Kawhia's drinking water supply. He said a retrospective subsidy on the new Water Reservoir was being sought. Mr Jeffries queried whether the proposed \$5,000 per annum would not be better utilised towards the upgrade of the water quality standards. His Worship replied that the proposal is part of the education programme to encourage and reward water conservation. He said it may be more prudent to only provide three subsidies making a total of \$1,500, in the first year. The Chief Executive reported that the cost of managing the supply over the Christmas/New Year holiday period was probably more dependant on the actions of each owners than those of permanent Residents.

Mr Sherman expressed the opinion that the Board should be encouraging property owners to install tanks as the Board does not have the capacity in the natural springs for any expansion. He referred to the quantity of water that is used for flushing toilets, washing machines, etc and felt that 5000l tanks would be more than adequate if utilised for the supply of toilets, laundries, etc. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion that it was not appropriate for the rest of the Community to subsidise one particular property, the money may be better utilised elsewhere. Mr Sherman suggested assisting a maximum of five properties rather than the 10 proposed. The Chair said he was encouraged by the subsidy proposal even if it only assisted two or three properties. Mr Jeffries suggested any proposed funding could be used for water conservation promotion, if supported in principle.

## **Resolved**

That consideration is given during the forthcoming budget Estimates process for provision of a \$500 subsidy towards the voluntary installation of on-site water storage tanks in the Kawhia Community from 1 July 2011, subject to the following conditions:

- The tank is being installed on a voluntary basis, and is not associated with any development of the property for which installation of a tank would be required.
- The installed system incorporates a tank of at least 10,000 litres capacity.
- At least 7,000 litres of the installed storage capacity is allocated to rainwater. Meeting this requirement will also enable the property to be exempted from hose and sprinkler bans.
- The tank is thoroughly integrated with the household plumbing so that it provides water for at least toilet flushing and laundry purposes on the property, and is installed in accordance with a Council approved specification that reduces potential for backflow of water from the tank to the public water system.
- A maximum of five such subsidies will be provided in the Community in any financial year, assigned on a first come, first served basis.

## **Chair / Mr Sherman**

### **Item27            KAWHIA SEWERAGE DISPOSAL PROPOSAL**

#### **Discussion**

Members were referred to the Chair's report advising that a request had been received from a member of the Kawhia Golf Club that consideration be given to utilising part of the Kawhia Golf Course for the pumping of treated sewerage. The Chief Executive suggested that the Board proceed with caution as there were major issues associated with the proposal. The Chair said he had been approached by a Member of the Kawhia Golf Club regarding whether the Clubs Management and Council could look at the disposal of sewerage and the feasibility of the proposal. In reply to Mr Jeffries regarding what were the major issues, he was advised that cultural issues were most significant. The Chief Executive advised that the Board would need to have very careful discussion with local Iwi as he understood that they believed that a flow of water under the Golf Course area fed the springs on Tahuri Street. His Worship reported there was a lot of history behind this issue and the matter could be a very sensitive one. He said Council's preference is for Council staff to carry out some exploratory work for report back to the Board. The Chief Executive suggested that discussions might commence with the local Iwi for a tracer substance to be placed into the ground at the Golf Course, to obtain evidence of whether this would enter the springs. Mr Sherman said that there is a need to look into what treatment systems are currently available. Mr Jeffries stressed the point that the Board hasn't yet obtained buy-in from the Community and if there was no subsidy available that the Board could take this issue as far as it can, then it would be in a position to move when required.

#### **Resolved**

That preliminary discussion be conducted between the Kawhia Community Board Chair, relevant Staff and Iwi in respect to waste water disposal on the Kawhia Golf Course.

## **Mr Jeffries / Chair**

### **Item28            KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 17 DECEMBER 2010**

#### **Discussion**

#### **KAWHIA METHODIST CHURCH**

Mrs Dockery expressed the opinion that the use of the Kawhia Methodist Church by other Churches was not a matter for the Board's consideration. The Chair replied that this issue had come about by the Kawhia Baptist Church asking for land. Mrs Dockery thanked the Board for their interest.

### **UPGRADING OF RUBBISH BINS**

Mr Jeffries reported that, at the present time, all that is needed is a painting and smartening up of the existing bins. It was agreed that the Engineering Manager make some investigation into obtaining suitable emblems, logos, etc. The Chief Executive reported that Council is currently looking at the rubbish bins in Otorohanga and suggested that the Board waits to see what options are available.

### **KERB AND CHANNEL**

The Chief Executive advised that Staff had looked into the suggestion to install kerb and channel from the Fire Station to the Kawhia Hotel on the opposite side of the road, which would be a straight forward matter, the cost of which would be in the order of \$10,000. Mr Sherman suggested the Community Max workers could be involved.

### **GAS BARBEQUE - ADJACENT KAWHIA MUSEUM**

The Chair referred to an approach from Mrs Jane Rutherford regarding the installation of a gas barbeque by the shelter at the Kawhia Museum. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Engineering Manager for staff to obtain costings. Mr Jeffries queried whether the proposal could be included under some form of fundraising. Mrs Bennett queried the cleaning of such a facility.

### **GENERAL**

#### **KAWHIA TREE**

Mr Jeffries referred to the cutting down recently of a Kowhai tree and said this needed to be tidied up.

#### **KAWHIA BEACH FRONT**

Mr Jeffries referred to the lack of shelter on the Kawhia beach front and suggested an alternative might be to install a sail cloth on removable poles concreted into the ground. Mr Sherman reported that the Kai Festival Committee have considered installing a similar shade covering however, they do not have sufficient funds as yet.

#### **KAWHIA GARDENS**

Mr Jeffries referred to the Community Garden opposite the public toilet block and suggested that this be placed back into grass. Also at the eastern end of the beach front area this garden could also be dispensed with. It was suggested that perhaps the Community Max workers could attend to this with two Board Members working with their Supervisor, Mr Wayne Pu. Members requested that an item be placed on Matters Referred regarding the Kawhia Reserve, in particular to the provision of shade and the levelling off of rocks.

#### **AOTEA RATEPAYERS**

Mr Good expressed the thanks of the Aotea Ratepayers to KCB representatives who attended their meeting and for the effort they have put into matters relating to Aotea. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion that Aotea Ratepayers have confidence in Mr Good.

#### **PUKE FAMILY**

Congratulations were extended to Kawhia and Aotea Ratepayers and Residents for their contribution towards the Puke Family Fund.

His Worship said he was proud of the Community in their reaction to the Puke family's tragedy and it highlighted the fact that Members are in touch with their Community and are there for them.

### **REVIEW OF DISTRICT PLAN**

Members were advised that the public notice of the Summary Paper will be advertised shortly and that submissions to the District Plan will close on 3 March 2011. Members were advised that 145 submissions had been received.

### **REMOVAL OF RUBBISH BIN**

Mr Sherman requested that thanks be extended to Council's Engineering Support Officer for the removal of the rubbish bin at the end of the Kawhia wharf.

### **TOM FRENCH GROVE BINS**

The Chair referred to the forest park area and advised that the containers are still in place and rubbish is accumulating. It was agreed that the bins be removed from the Tom French Grove Reserve and that appropriate signage be erected.

### **BUTTERFLY GARDEN**

Mrs Bennett reported that the Monarch butterfly is on the increase however, no grants have been received towards this project, all works have been carried out voluntarily.

### **PRIVET**

Mrs Bennett reported that Mr Andrew Buckley is working with Environment Waikato in an attempt to get Privet removed from the Waipa District. It was agreed that Mrs Bennett write a letter of support to Mr Buckley in particular, regarding the health problems associated with Privet.

### **CEMETERY RESERVE**

Mrs Bennett reported that Ms Virginia Shaw and Mr John Dodgson are doing a wonderful job at the Kawhia Cemetery Reserve. She queried whether help would be available from the Community Max workers. The Chief Executive suggested that there was already an abundance of work for Community Max.

### **ST JOHN VOLUNTEERS**

Mrs Bennett reported that Mr John Dodgson had mentioned to her that when you become an Ambulance driver for St John, by 2014 you will have to have carried out two years study before you can take an Ambulance out. Mr Sherman said to be involved with St John and the like, you have to continually upgrade qualifications, this is a Nation-wide issue. Mrs Pilkington suggested a letter should be written to Midland Health expressing the Board's concern as Kawhia relies on its volunteers and this would have an enormous effect on the Community. Members agreed that an invitation be extended to representatives of Midland Health to attend the next meeting of the Board on 25 March 2011, to explain the situation.

### **BIRDSONG GALLERY**

Mrs Bennett reported on the business operation of the Birdsong Gallery in Pirongia and advised that it was now taking work from 20 Otorohanga District Residents. As a result these people are now receiving an income from the sale of their products.

### **NATIONAL HARLEY DAVIDSON RALLY**

His Worship informed Members of the forthcoming National Harley Davidson Rally in Raglan next month and the benefits this will bring to the Kawhia area.

### **CIVIL DEFENCE**

The Chair queried what the Civil Defence organisation set up was for Kawhia. His Worship suggested that Council's Environmental Services Manager attend the next meeting of the Board to inform Members of the situation. He said Civil Defence is now regional and based in Hamilton. He said the Environmental Service Manager will give an explanation of the roles and responsibilities at Kawhia.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 3.25pm.

### **CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:** 25 March 2011

