



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

25 March 2011

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

25 March 2011

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Boardroom, Jervois St, Kawhia on Friday 25 March commencing at 12.37pm.

MINUTES

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

| ITEM | PRECIS | PAGE |
|--|--|------|
| PRESENT | | 1 |
| IN ATTENDANCE | | 1 |
| ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS | | 1 |
| CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 28 JANUARY 2011 | | 1 |
| REPORTS | | 2 |
| Item29 | KAWHIA HOUSING - REVIEW OF RENTALS | 2 |
| Item30 | DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2010 | 2 |
| Item31 | OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD INVESTIGATIONS | 2 |
| Item32 | KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 28 JANUARY 2011 | 3 |
| GENERAL | | 5 |
| MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC | | 6 |
| Item33 | COMPENSATION FOR PLAN REVIEW HEARING COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL | 6 |
| MEETING CLOSURE | | 6 |

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, Mr DC Clibbery (Chief Executive) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor). Deputy Mayor, Mrs S Blackler, R Chadwick (Engineering Manager), GD Bunn (Finance & Administration Manager), B O'Callaghan (District Accountant) attended at 12.42pm.

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He then recited an opening prayer.

The Chief Executive referred to the Draft Management Accounts to 31 December 2010 and suggested these be considered in conjunction with the Draft Estimates.

NZ POLICE

The local Kawhia Constable, Mr Perry Griffin, gave a verbal report on activities within the area. He said the Community is going fairly well so far and advised it was one year since he had commenced duties in Kawhia. He said to date 30 people have been arrested. Const Griffin reported he has achieved good results and will obtain a full conviction against a local rapist. He reported there has been around five burglaries during last week. Const Griffin informed Members that a local person is assisting the Police to carry out their duties in relation to youth.

The Chair thanked the Constable for his input and congratulated him on his work to date.

Resolved that the Kawhia Police Constable's verbal report be received.

Chair / Cr Pilkington

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items to be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 28 JANUARY 2011

The Governance Supervisor informed Members that, at a meeting of Council held on 15 February 2011, Cr Pilkington made the following amendments -

Cr Pilkington referred to page 4, Item 26 - Potential Support for Water Tank installation, approximately half way through the second paragraph and requested 'Mrs Bennett congratulated...' be corrected to read "Mrs Pilkington congratulated...".

On page 7, Review of District Plan, the word 'further' be inserted prior to submissions in the second line.

Mr Jeffries referred to page 6, General Business, Kawhia Gardens and reported that Mr Sherman referred to this item not himself.

TOM FRENCH GROVE

Mr Sherman reported that the rubbish containers have been removed and the appropriate signage erected.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 28 January 2011, 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

Item29 KAWHIA HOUSING - REVIEW OF RENTALS

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of the Housing for the Elderly rentals in Rosamond Terrace, Kawhia. Mr Sherman reported, following a recent inspection of the units with Council's Community Facilities Officer, that the kitchen cabinets are not in good condition and that the laundry cupboards are near to unusable. The Governance Supervisor reported, following discussions with Council's Community Facilities Officer, that all the laundry cupboards need replacing with automated tub units. The Officer had suggested that these be replaced, one unit per year. Mr Jeffries expressed the opinion that if the work is urgent then it may be desirable to obtain a report on the scheduled work and for the Board to raise a loan in order to carry this work out. He suggested that the rental be increased to cover the amount of interest payable on any loan.

His Worship expressed the opinion it is desirable to have a small increase in the rental each year rather than to go one or two years then recommend a large increase. He said however, it is necessary to bear in mind the Tenants ability to pay the rental. The Chair suggested that costings be obtained for the proposed kitchen and laundry cabinets. Mr Jeffries advised that the Board could be looking at approximately \$20,000 in total. His Worship agreed that if the maintenance is urgent then the Board take out a loan. He said the rental funds the long term maintenance of the units and that consideration should be given to increasing this by around 5 percent.

Members agreed to wait for a report as to the proposed cost in replacing/repairing the laundry and kitchen cupboards and to how this could be funded. It was agreed this item be placed on Matters Referred.

Resolved

That rental charged for the Housing for the Elderly units in Kawhia increase by 5 percent for the 2011/12 year as follows -

SINGLE - \$82 per week

DOUBLE - \$105 per week

Mr Jeffries / Mr Sherman

Item30 DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2010

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010 be received.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

Item31 OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD INVESTIGATIONS

Discussion

The Chief Executive circulated reports by Mr Roger Brady on the Kawhia town centre business opening hours survey and expanding Aquaculture in the Kawhia and Aotea harbours.

Mr Roger Brady gave a presentation to Members on behalf of the Otorohanga District Development Board in relation to the above reports. Mr Brady advised that the Kawhia and

Aotea harbours are a great natural resource. He said concern has been expressed to the opening hours of local businesses.

In regard to Aquaculture, Mr Brady advised that the only way to expand this activity is to make the existing operations larger. With reference to the mussel operations, Members were informed that this has already been carried out by Mr Ross Dockery. Mr Brady advised that assistance could be available from the Development Board and explained that it was not detrimental to the harbour in utilising natural resources. In regard to the oyster farm, Mr Brady reported of the consented seven acres, only three acres of this is being utilised. He said the project was not viable as compliance and testing costs were prohibitively high. The Chief Executive advised that any new activities would incur a change in the Regional Coastal Plan and that the cost of this could be very high. The Chair felt that the legislation has a very negative effect on encouraging activity. Mr Jeffries queried whether there is any action the Board could take such as lobbying, submissions, etc to raise its concerns. His Worship replied the matter was high on the Agenda with Local Government NZ. Cr Blackler queried whether Tainui would be interested in becoming involved.

With respect to local business, Mr Jeffries advised he supported local businesses staying 'local' and queried whether the Board could assist in some way. His Worship referred to a section of the report advising that the opening hours of the Kawhia businesses have evolved eclectically to suit the needs of the Community, tourists and locals including the business owners. The number of businesses open and the times they are open are in harmony with the needs of the market place as observed at that time of year when the survey was undertaken. Mrs Pilkington advised that the reason the Otorohanga District Development Board thought the surveys would be worthwhile was to make Board Members aware of the situation and to back up local businesses.

Mrs Bennett referred to the matter of Aquaculture and queried whether the Board could lobby the local MP concerning Government and Environment Waikato's compliance and legislation. The Chief Executive replied that the issues are extremely complicated and it would be a struggle for the Board to make a difference.

MRS BENNETT

Mrs Bennett left the meeting at 2.05pm.

His Worship suggested that Mrs Pilkington take the information back for consideration by the Development Board. Mrs Pilkington wished to assure people the issues are not environmental vandalism.

With regard to local business hours, Mr Brady put this down to a lack of communication and information and suggested that opening hours be displayed on businesses to let people know. Mrs Pilkington reported that the Development Board was considering obtaining signage where local business could put their hours on.

The Chair extended thanks to Mr Brady for his attendance and presentation.

Item32 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 28 JANUARY 2011

Discussion

UPGRADING OF RUBBISH BINS

Mr Jeffries reported he has been liaising with Council's Engineering Support Officer regarding the upgrading of the Kawhia rubbish bins. He said the Officer has come up with some suggestions and he has obtained information from the internet. Discussion was held on the possible placement of the Maori King's symbol however, it was stressed that approval would need to be obtained to use this. The Engineering Manager advised that the Officer has carried out some research on the matter along with pricing. Members were informed that the existing green bins cost around \$700 each and that the Board has more or less flagged its interest in installing stainless steel ones. Mr Jeffries referred to the Otorohanga recycle bins and queried whether

these would be suitable with Kawhia related signage painted on them. In reply to Mr Jeffries regarding the life expectancy of the bins, the Engineering Manager advised that this would be at least 10 years if handled correctly. Mr Jeffries felt that the replacement of the bins would be expensive up front however, this cost would be off-set depending on their life expectancy. He extended his thanks to the Engineering Manager and Support Officer for their assistance. The Engineering Manager confirmed that no sum had been placed for consideration in the Estimates for upgraded bins. His Worship queried whether any subsidy would be available. Cr Blackler advised that this cost would be funded 50/50 across the District. His Worship reported that the total cost to replace the rubbish bins would be between \$9,500 - \$16,000 depending on which option was accepted. The Engineering Manager reported that an allowance has been included in the Estimates for Otorohanga to obtain five new bins however, there has been no funding provided for Kawhia. The Engineering Manager reported that the condition of the bins in Otorohanga were similar to those in Kawhia.

His Worship expressed the opinion it would be a shame if the finishing touches in the Community could not be carried out, moving forward from the Bollard project. He said with such projects there would not be a large amount of Ratepayer input into providing the finishing touches. He queried whether the project could be funded over two years but to take place at the one time. Mrs Pilkington queried whether the current bins are 'past it' or is it just the condition of the powder coating. The Engineering Manager advised that EnviroWaste carry out maintenance on two or three bins at a time with some of the bins being repainted several times. Mr Jeffries suggested that the main street bins be obtained first with the remainder over a two year period. The Chair suggested that the matter be considered further with the Estimates.

The Chief Executive suggested an amount could be allocated and then consideration be given to the style and the number of bins to be purchased as the funding would allow.

Resolved

That the replacement of the rubbish bins be referred for consideration at the Estimates meeting.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Bennett

KERB & CHANNEL

The Engineering Manager confirmed that the installation of kerb and channel from the Fire Station to the Kawhia Hotel would be on the same side as the Kawhia Hotel. He advised this has been arranged to be carried out by the Community Max staff along with assistance from Otorohanga Contractor Michael Watson.

PROPOSED GAS BARBEQUE - KAWHIA BEACHFRONT

The Engineering Manager informed Members that Council's Community Facilities Officer has carried out some investigation into the purchase and installation of a gas barbeque on the Kawhia Beachfront however, to date she has been unable to find a supplier.

KAWHIA MUSEUM

Members were informed that all the maintenance items on the building including replacing the spouting, rotting boards, etc have been carried out.

CIVIL DEFENCE

The Chair reported that he is not aware of any Civil Defence system in place in Kawhia and referred to a previous request that Council's Environmental Services Manager come to Kawhia and brief Members on this matter. His Worship replied that there is a system in place for Kawhia and that the Council Manager needs to explain this to Members.

BIG DAY OUT

The Chair reported on a market day to be held during Easter on Saturday 23 April whereat the Community will raise funds for the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal. He said the event is being led by Mrs Edith Dockery.

TAINUI-TE PAPA

His Worship reported that Tainui have secured an exhibition at Te Papa Museum in Wellington. He said this will be very significant for Tainui with most of their members attempting to be at the Opening Ceremony.

TV SIGNAL

His Worship informed Members that advance warning has been received advising that from November 2013 Kawhia will no longer receive the existing TV signal and that Residents will be required to upgrade. He said Mr Andrew Bailee will explain the situation and is prepared to deliver a presentation. Brochures etc, will also be supplied.

FUTURE EVENTS

His Worship informed Members of future events such as the Father & Son Breakfast, Mothers Morning Tea and Parents Evening in Otorohanga on 14 April 2011 with renowned expert Celia Lashlie. He said he would encourage all parents to take advantage of Celia's presentations.

CAR RALLY

The Chair reported he had indicated to the Organisers of a car rally that they would be able to park on the Omimiti Reserve.

GENERAL

STATISTICS NZ CENSUS

Mrs Bennett reported, when she was employed as a Census Collector she signed a Contract with the Department of Statistics. The Department made a decision to honour that Contract by paying the Collectors under the terms of full employment even though the Census Collection was cancelled due to the Christchurch earthquake. This District's Census staff opened a bank account to which donations could be made by those Census Collectors if they wished to do so. Accordingly Mrs Bennett's Supervisor agreed to lay a challenge to Census staff of other Districts to match this Districts donations.

ART EXHIBITION

Mrs Bennett informed Members of the 'Art on Main Street' exhibition of paintings, prints, photographs and drawings from Artists in the Kawhia Region being held this coming week in Maniapoto Street, Otorohanga. She said local businessmen John & Karam Haddad are assisting with the promotion. The proceeds of an auction will be donated to the Christchurch Earthquake Relief Fund.

KAWHIA WHARF

Mr Sherman reported how pleasing the Kawhia wharf is since the rubbish bins have been removed.

TE PUIA SPRINGS ROAD

The Chair referred to the toilets situated on Te Puia Springs Road and said that the Toilet Cleaning Contractor is having a problem with rubbish being left there. He queried whether a sign could be erected encouraging people to take their rubbish away. The Chair also reported that

there is no signage indicating where the hot springs are and queried whether one could be erected.

HOTUROA STREET FOOTPATH

The Engineering Manager referred to a letter addressed to the Chair regarding driveway access on Hoturoa Street. He reported that the letter was written before any reinstatement work had been carried out.

KAWHIA BOAT CLUB

The Chair reported that high tides are undermining the road adjacent to the Kawhia Boat Club and that this needs to be investigated.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

"THAT the Kawhia Community Board, pursuant to Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public."

Mr Jeffries / Mr Sherman

Item33 COMPENSATION FOR PLAN REVIEW HEARING COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONFIDENTIAL

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 2.57pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 27 May 2011

