



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

30 September 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 30 September 2011 commencing at 1.10pm.

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, Ms A Gane, Mr CE Jeffries, Mrs DM Pilkington and Mr L Sherman.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

APOLOGY

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

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

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

Item48 NZ POLICE

Discussion

The local Kawhia Constable, Mr Perry Griffin, gave a verbal report on activities within the area. He said he is fairly happy with the town at the present time with crime activities being very limited. Const Griffin reported that the administration side of his position may be transferred from Te Awamutu to Te Kuiti. He advised that during the forthcoming holiday period there should be considerably more Police Traffic Control vehicles out and about.

Resolved

That the Kawhia Police Constable's verbal report be received.

Chairperson / Mrs Pilkington

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were raised for consideration in General Business that may require a resolution –

1. Bollard Project – approval to continue with the project and to utilise a board in Omimiti Reserve to recognise donations.
2. Approval to erect a new noticeboard on Little Park, Aotea.
3. Fire siren relocation
4. NZ Steel – to consider the placing of a buoy on land to carry out a Warrant of Fitness check.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 29 JUNLY 2011

Mrs Pilkington referred to the item Kawhia Medical Centre and requested that the word 'alternations' be corrected to read 'alterations'.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 29 July 2011 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mr Jeffries / Mr Sherman

REPORTS

Item46 ORDER OF ST JOHN PRESENTATION

Discussion

Mr Adrian Gavin, Rural Support Officer for the Order of St John attended the meeting. The Chair informed Mr Gavin that the Board is interested to hear what the situation is regarding the training of volunteer St John staff.

Mr Gavin informed Members that the Kawhia Station is not going to close in 2014. He referred to St John volunteer staff obtaining National Diploma level and said that these volunteers will still be able to treat patients however, when at the Waikato Hospital, they will be met by a higher level of staff. Mr Gavin reported that his Association has taken on six people intending to complete the required course and from this it is hoped that at least two will obtain National Diploma level. He reiterated that volunteers without the National Diploma level will still be able to treat patients. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion that the St John Association is expecting too much from its volunteers. Mr Gavin agreed and said that the volunteers will be required to go to Te Awamutu or Hamilton to receive the appropriate training. Ms Gane informed Mr Gavin that a considerable amount of time is given by the volunteers. Mr Gavin suggested that he draw up a document highlighting what is going to happen in the future. The Chair confirmed that Kawhia wishes to retain a St John service.

Mr Sherman raised a concern that when the Kawhia ambulance leaves Kawhia to transport a patient then there is no ambulance available in Kawhia. He said previously a Te Awamutu vehicle used to meet the Kawhia one half way.

In reply to Mr Sherman, Mr Gavin advised that it was not likely that Kawhia would receive a paid St John Officer. In reply to the Chair, Mr Gavin said that St John Officers do receive some reimbursement and that the training is provided free. He said for an individual to obtain the relevant Diploma, the cost is around \$4,500. Mrs Bennett queried whether the St John volunteers were aware of what is happening. She was advised that they should be as St John do communicate with their volunteers.

The Chair thanked Mr Gavin for his attendance and presentation at the meeting.

Item44 KAWHIA WHARF INVESTIGATION

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented a report on the Kawhia Wharf investigation advising that in May 2009 the Kawhia Community Board requested that an investigation be carried out to determine the future life of the Kawhia Wharf, possible replacement options and the level of depreciation required. He said this investigation has now been completed by Tonkin & Taylor and their report received.

With regard to future Wharf replacement, Mrs Pilkington queried how important it is for the Wharf to have vehicle access. Mr Sherman replied it is critical for NZ Steel however, otherwise not so. Mrs Pilkington expressed the opinion that NZ Steel may wish to contribute to the facility in future particularly if they require vehicle access.

The Engineering Manager reported that perhaps in 15 years time the level of depreciation could be adjusted, if it is known what level of replacement is required.

Resolved

That

1. The Kawhia Wharf Investigation report be received,

2. A minimum level of funded depreciation of \$18,500 per annum plus escalation be retained for the next 25 years to allow for the wharf replacement with a simple timber pedestrian walkway and pontoon.

Mr Sherman / Ms Gane

Item45 APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - KAWHIA ROWING REGATTA AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Discussion

The Engineering Manager summarised the Engineering Support Officer's report on an application received from the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club for road closures within the Kawhia Community for the purpose of holding the Kawhia Rowing Regatta and associated activities. Members were informed that Mr Sherman is also organising the Fireworks Display on New Years Eve therefore in the interest of public safety it is suggested that Council close the road for New Years Eve and combine this with the Rowing Regatta Club road closure under a single road closure application.

Resolved

That approval be granted for the following road closures:

Purpose: Kawhia New Year's Eve Celebrations and Rowing Regatta Day

Dates: Saturday, 31 December 2011 and Sunday, 1 January 2012

Details of Closure: **Kawhia New Year's Eve Celebrations**

JERVOIS STREET – from its intersection with Tainui Street to Omimiti Street

OMIMITI STREET – No exit

Period of Closure: 6.00pm to 6.00am

Kawhia Regatta

JERVOIS STREET – from its intersection with Tainui Street to Omimiti Street

OMIMITI STREET – No exit

Period of Closure: 6.00am to 5.00pm

With the following conditions imposed:

1. Council will be responsible for management of the first period of the closure from 6.00pm 31 December 2011 to 6.00am 1 January 2012.

During this first period the road will be completely closed with a water-filled barrier, and residents within the section of closed road will be required to make other prior arrangements if they wish to use a vehicle. Council will be responsible for placing the barrier and signs at the start of the closure.

Emergency access for vehicles will be over the pavement on Jervois Street.

2. The Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club will then be responsible for management of the second period of the closure from 6.00am to 5.00pm on 1 January 2012.

During this second period the road will be partially closed, with sections of the water-filled barrier removed so that there is controlled access for vehicles associated with the regatta and properties affected by the closure. The Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club will be responsible for removing the barriers and signs at the end of the closure period.

3. During their relevant road closure management periods, Council and the Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club will be 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.
4. Council will arrange the hire of required barriers and signs, and advertising of the closure in the Waitomo News.
 5. The Otorohanga District Council will be responsible for the total costs incurred for the road closure in respect of New Year's Eve and the Rowing Regatta Day, to be funded 50/50 between the Otorohanga District Council and the Kawhia Community Board.
 6. No objections are received from the NZ Police Department or the NZ Transport Agency.
 7. Persons will be allowed through in the event of an emergency.
 8. Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club 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 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.
 9. Council will prepare a traffic management plan for the closure that complies with Transit New Zealand's Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management.
 10. 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.
 11. The Kawhia Rowing Regatta Club and Council to obtain signatures of residents and businesses affected, confirming notification that the proposal has been received.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

KAWHIA HARBOUR PROTECTION SOCIETY INC

The Chair invited Mr John Dodgson, on behalf of the Kawhia Harbour Protection Society Inc, to speak on the matter of the Kawhia Conservation Fund Project.

Mr Dodgson advised that at the time the Community Conservation Fund was established provision was made to undertake a review of the fund and gain from the knowledge and experience gained by the Community groups involved. He said advice had been received that the Society's project has been selected for inclusion in an assessment of the fund, to be carried out by Boffa Miskell. Mr Dodgson said this will summarise learnings and experiences and assess whether the aims of the fund have been delivered. It is also necessary to obtain whether the Community has received value for the money. Mr Dodgson therefore wished to discuss how the Board sees this. Mr Sherman expressed the opinion it was a wonderfully positive move. Mrs Pilkington said credit must go to all who have been involved.

Mr Dodgson reported that the project has provided a good foundation for any future development work and that it was great to see such projects undertaken without the 'politics'.

Mrs Bennett extended her congratulations to Mr Dodgson for his efforts in the eradication of Privet. Mr Dodgson replied that Kawhia has been highlighted as the most effective eradication of privet within the Waikato region.

Mr Dodgson presented the Community questionnaire in regards to the Kawhia Cemetery Reserve Coastal Lowland Forest Restoration project in particular the questions and proposed answers. Mr Dodgson said these are the views of the various individuals regarding the work undertaken. Members were informed that the Community has been extremely supportive and that the Kawhia Harbour Protection Society needs to be thanked. The Chair endorsed these comments and on behalf of the Board thanked Mr Dodgson for his work. His Worship suggested that where a project has been developed perhaps signs could be erected acknowledging those involved. Mr Jeffries thanked Mr Dodgson and said that the Community certainly benefits from these projects.

Item47

KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 29 JULY 2011

Discussion

The Governance Supervisor took Members through Matters Referred.

INSTALLATION OF BARBECUE – KAWHIA BEACH FRONT

Mr Jeffries reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Community Trust Inc has been held and that fundraising for the proposed installation of a barbecue will commence during the Summer months. Mr Jeffries requested that the Governance Supervisor forwards details of potential funding sources.

RUBBISH BINS

Members were informed that a suitable design for placement on the rubbish bins has been received and that the bins could be installed at any time. Mrs Pilkington reminded Members that the actual location of the bins had not been 'set in concrete'. It was suggested that notice be given to the Chair regarding the bins replacement and that someone from the Bollard group should be involved. It has also been asked whether an old bin could be relocated up by the Library. The question was then asked whether this would encourage people to drop refuse off there. The Engineering Manager said that consideration needs to be given to the servicing of any additional bins.

MAORI TRUSTEES

Ms Gane undertook to email Members a draft reply to the Maori Trustees regarding the land rental increase. She said in this reply a clear message will be sent that the Board cannot support the Leasehold Rent Review but hoped that any outcome would be for the good of the Community.

LOCAL DIRECTORY

Members were informed that the Directory is completed. The Chief Executive outlined discussions that had taken place when Council had revised the layout of the Directory. It was suggested that the Board accept the revised booklet and that Mr Sherman have discussions with Ms Linda Wix.

WAIWERA STREET BANK

Mr Sherman reported that Council's Engineering Manager and himself had looked at the Waiwera Street bank below the Methodist Church. Members were informed that the bank itself appeared to be stable enough. The Engineering Manager reported that Mr Sherman is to try to obtain cheap rock and provide labour to install a limestone wall along the bottom of the bank or alternatively this just be planted out, as is. It was agreed that the Chair investigate obtaining suitable rock.

GENERAL

His Worship reminded Members of the funding review to be held next Tuesday 4 October 2011. He said this is conducted once every three years and provides important discussion for Councillors and Board Members. His Worship said Kawhia Community Board Members are doing a fantastic job and that he is now receiving a very low number of phone calls regarding matters relating to Kawhia. He said the Kawhia Community has a real level of confidence in Board Members and that it is good to see Board Members challenging themselves. He suggested they keep it up.

His Worship was asked about the costs and time involved in the review of the District Plan. His Worship replied that the review will take approximately three and a half years and to date \$1.5M

has been spent. He said it is the objective of the review Committee that the matter does not go to the Environment Court as this will cause delays and additional costs.

HIS WORSHIP

His Worship left the meeting at 3.00pm.

Item49 BOLLARD PROJECT

Discussion

Mrs Pilkington raised the matter of the bollard project and requested Board approval to go onto the next stage. A plan of the site was tabled highlighting the fencing off of access, grassed areas and the moving of some bollards. It was proposed to provide one way access to the parking area behind the Community Hall. The Engineering Manager advised he was comfortable with that proposal. The Chair reported that manual labour was required for the project. The Chief Executive recommended that a budget for this be established through the Estimates process. He said the whole proposal needs to be considered by both the Board and Council and agreed through the Estimate process.

Resolved

That permission is granted for Bollards to be placed to restrict access around the Community Hall as shown in the presented Kawhia Foreshore Landscape Plan and that associated work be included in the budget Estimates for the 2012/13 year, if required.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Sherman

Item50 OMIMITI SIGN

Resolved

That permission is granted for a noticeboard acknowledging contributions for the Pou and Bollard project to be erected at a suitable location in the Omimiti Reserve.

Mrs Pilkington / Mr Jeffries

KAWHIA WATER SUPPLY

Mrs Pilkington referred to the Kawhia water supply and queried whether it is ready for the forthcoming holiday period.

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Mrs Pilkington referred to the grants approved under the recent SPARC Rural Travel Fund in particular to the Coastal Junior Rugby receiving a \$2,000 grant and the Maui Dolphins Basketball Team receiving \$1,000.

KAWHIA HALL COMMITTEE

Mrs Pilkington requested a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Kawhia Hall Committee for the ongoing work in restoring and upgrading the hall. She said general renovations have been carried out, in particular to the kitchen and supper room.

The Chair tabled correspondence from the Kawhia Community Centre including minutes of meetings held 7 April and 29 August 2011 and a list of the milestones achieved.

Item51 FIRE SIRE RELOCATION

Resolved

That the Kawhia Community Board approve the installation of the Community Fire Siren adjacent to the Telecom installation above Tahuri St.

Chair / Ms Gane

Item52 PUBLIC NOTICEBOARD – AOTEA

Discussion

Ms Gane raised the matter of erecting a public noticeboard in Little Park on Lawson Drive. She said the Aotea Ratepayers Association will fund the provision and erection of the noticeboard.

Resolved

That the Kawhia Community Board approve the installation of a Community Noticeboard at 'Little Park' in Aotea, to be funded and erected by the Aotea Ratepayers Association.

Ms Gane / Chair

NZ STEEL

The Engineering Manager informed Members of discussions with Mr Alan Rutherford of NZ Steel regarding their loading buoy requiring a Warrant of Fitness and therefore it will have to be brought up onto land. It was envisaged that this will take place after Christmas. The Engineering Manager advised that the option is to bring the buoy into the Kawhia Harbour and onto the beach adjacent to the Wharf. It is envisaged that the time required on the beach will be 4-5 days. Mrs Pilkington felt that the Board needs to support NZ Steel as they have been extremely good to the Community. She said however, consideration needs to be given to the timing and safety of the public.

Members agreed to the proposal in principle however, will confirm any decision at the next meeting of the Board. It was suggested that the buoy not be brought up onto the beach until after 7 February 2012.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: 25 November 2011

