



Kawhia Community Board

# MINUTES

25 July 2014

## 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 25 July 2014 commencing at 1.14pm.

### MINUTES

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr CE Jeffries (Chair), Ms A Gane, Cr DM Pilkington, Messrs AJ Rutherford and DM Walsh.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from His Worship the Mayor Mr M Baxter, be sustained.

### **Mr Rutherford / Ms Gane**

The Chair informed Members of a recent bereavement in the Baxter family. He requested a sympathy card be forwarded to His Worship on behalf of the Kawhia Community Board.

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

Reference was made to the Karewa Wall and Members informed that the seawall in front of the Norfolk Pine tree has been completed and looks very good. Mr Walsh said it would look much nicer if the retaining wall was continued. The Chief Executive advised that this work is District funded and that the account is already overspent. Members were advised that there is a pipe coming up out of the ground most likely from an ex-drinking fountain, which requires attention.

Members agreed that there were no items highlighted for consideration in general business which may require a resolution.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 23 MAY 2014**

The Governance Supervisor advised that at a recent meeting of the District Council, Cr Pilkington referred to the matter regarding the Waikato Mayoral Forum and requested the discussion be amended to read 'Councillor Robyn Klos has been appointed the alternate Council member of the Waikato Spatial Plan Joint Committee.'

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 23 May 2014, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **Ms Gane / Mr Walsh**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **LYCH GATE - PLAQUE**

The Chair advised that the Otorohanga RSA have paid their portion towards the Plaque but the Board is still waiting on the Te Awamutu RSA to pay their portion.

### **PROPOSED AOTEA PLAYGROUND**

Ms Gane reported that the Committee is working through four different funding agencies seeking assistance towards the project. She said it is still the aim of the Committee that work on the playground commences prior to Christmas.

### **KAWHIA STORMWATER DISCHARGE**

The Chief Executive advised that the owners of the property in question have given their undertaking they will remedy the situation.

## **KAWHIA CEMETERY**

The Chief Executive reported that Council's Community Facilities Officer and Mr Ross Dockery are working together regarding the provision of additional plots. He said Mr Dockery has suggested a different approach be undertaken to what has been proposed. It was agreed that the Board wait for the outcome of further investigation.

Mr Rutherford raised the question of maintenance being undertaken on a number of very old graves that require work. He was advised that it is now the appropriate time to commence this maintenance work however, it was suggested whether a Maori blessing be given prior to the work being carried out. It was agreed that this matter be referred to Council's Community Facilities Officer.

## **TOM FRENCH GROVE**

The Chief Executive reported on the possible use of a camera in the Tom French Grove area and advised that such cameras are being used elsewhere but work is still required to inspect the captured images. Mr Walsh undertook to have discussions with a Security Contractor.

## **RUBBISH BINS**

Members were informed that new rubbish bins will be coming in next week.

## **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD – MUSEUM SIGN**

Cr Pilkington reported she raised the matter of the Museum sign at a Committee meeting in June and was advised that this is still being worked on however, Members were not sure about relocating the sign. She said it is necessary for a new skin to be provided different from the existing one. It was agreed that any decision needs to be a joint one between the Otorohanga District Development Board and the Museum.

## **SPORT WAIKATO**

The Chair referred to a comment at a recent Council meeting of Sport Waikato providing Holiday Programmes in Te Kuiti. He requested that these also be considered for Kawhia. Cr Pilkington reported that Holiday Programmes have been provided in Kawhia in the past. It was agreed that contact be made with Ms Robbie Matthews, Otorohanga District Sports Coordinator, on this matter.

## **GIANT POU**

The Chair reported that the Kawhia Community Projects Trust is now just concentrating on getting the carving completed. He referred to a recent meeting with both carvers present and advised that a Consultant with expertise is obtaining funding. The Chair advised that the Trust will call for a price from the carvers and that the Trust will raise money for them to complete the work.

## **REPORTS**

### **Item 29 WATER SUPPLY UPGRADE**

#### **Discussion**

The Engineering Manager presented a report advising that the commissioning of the initial upgrade to the Water Treatment Plant has revealed that a further process stage will be required, if the requirements of the NZ Drinking Water Standards are to be met. The Engineering Manager advised it is a question whether the water needs this level of treatment elsewhere. It has been suggested by the Ministry of Health that the water source be tested for the presence of protozoa. The Engineering Manager advised that the operational costs are not subsidised. He suggested that the water be tested to confirm whether there are any protozoa to remove in order to satisfy

the Ministry of Health. Mr Rutherford suggested it might be more practical to have filters installed at the house. The Engineering manager replied that there are a number of issues around this suggestion, including the responsibility to have filters maintained resting with the property owner. In reply to the Chair the Engineering Manager advised it will be a legal requirement to meet the NZ Drinking Water Standards by 2015. In reply to Mr Rutherford the Engineering Manager advised that an initial testing of the water filters had been undertaken but this was not conclusive.

Further discussion was held regarding commissioning problems. It was agreed that an update on this matter be provided at the next meeting of the Board therefore the item be placed on Matters Referred.

#### **Resolved**

That the Engineering Managers report on the Kawhia Water Supply Upgrade be received.

#### **Mr Rutherford / Cr Pilkington**

### **Item 30 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 23 MAY 2014**

#### **Discussion**

The Governance Supervisor took Members through the Matters Referred.

#### **FORESHORE SEAWALL**

The Governance Supervisor circulated an aerial photograph of the foreshore highlighting the sections owned by Council and the Maketu Marae.

#### **AOTEA SEAWALL**

The Governance Supervisor reported that advice has been received from Council's Finance and Administration Manager that of the 106 properties contributing to the seawall, the Otorohanga District Council paid two capital contributions for titles of Recreation and Esplanade Reserve, totaling \$11,266.20.

#### **ERECTION OF ENTRANCE SIGNS – AOTEA**

The Governance Supervisor reported that this item is on the Roading Manager's 'To Do list' however, he could give no timeframe as to when this will be carried out. Members were informed that the Roading Manager intended to contact the Aotea representative this coming week.

#### **MR A MURTAGH**

The Chair reported that Mr Alan Murtagh has received a letter from Council and that he is working on a reply to include details of his proposal along with costs.

#### **GENERAL**

#### **RATES REBATE SCHEME**

The Governance Supervisor reported that Customer Services staff will be in attendance at the Kawhia Community Hall on Wednesday 13 August 2014 between 10am to 2pm to process rate rebate applications. Members suggested that the visit be advertised in the Kawhia Connection as well as the local Waitomo News newspaper. Members also requested that a copy of the advertisement be forwarded to them.

Cr Pilkington reported on the following –

## **KOTUI SHARED LIBRARY SERVICE**

Following an Otorohanga District Council workshop and presentation of report prepared by Consultant Sue Sutherland, Council agreed to invest in Kotui in order to future proof the District's Library service. She tabled a report for Members information.

As per the District Librarians report in Otorohanga District Council's 15 July 2014 Agenda, Cr Pilkington drew attention to the decline in Kawhia Annual Usage statistics.

## **STREET LIGHTS**

Cr Pilkington reported that following a call regarding street lights not functioning she was advised that the Lines Company (maintenance contract) are dealing with the situation at the present time.

## **OTOROHANGA DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Cr Pilkington advised that as a result of loss of MSD funding, new contracts are in process of being signed with Youth Programme providers. Cr Pilkington informed Members that early responses to the Level of Service survey indicate ongoing ratepayer support for youth initiatives. A strategic district economic development workshop has resulted in the establishment of a Focus Group led by His Worship the Mayor, Cr Pilkington asked members for a recommendation of a representative from the wider Kawhia area to participate in this group.

## **BUSINESS BREAKFASTS**

Cr Pilkington reported that the first of three free breakfasts will take place at 7.30am on Thursday 21 August 2014 in Otorohanga. The guest speaker will be Steven Saunders. The Otorohanga District Development Board will subsidise 50% of cost of one on one business mentoring (1 hour session) provided by Steven. Any/all District businesses are welcome.

## **EARTHQUAKE LEGISLATION**

Cr Pilkington advised that the proposed legislation has not yet passed into law but the Minister announced a more pragmatic approach recently, including an exemption for farm buildings and consideration given to the probability of earthquake damage and associated loss of life, a more focused approach to the parts of buildings most likely to cause death i.e. parapets, over-hanging verandahs etc in an event of an earthquake.

## **SUBMISSION TO ANNUAL PLAN**

It was agreed that the Kawhia Community Board's submission to Council's Annual Plan will be discussed further in a workshop following this meeting. Otorohanga District Council's response is in the 15 July 2014 Minutes.

## **PERIODIC DETENTION WORKERS**

Mr Rutherford reported on discussion he had had with the local Police Constable who advised him that he has not got the resources available to supervise PD workers. He felt it is up to the Board to locate someone else.

## **MOWING CONTRACT**

Mr Rutherford expressed his disappointment at events associated with the awarding of the mowing contract. He said this reflected badly on the Board. Mr Walsh advised that he was the person who did not comply with the process and accordingly apologised to Board Members.

## **DOG CONTROL**

Mr Walsh reported that should he encounter a dog control problem he will contact Council's Animal Control Officer however, it is difficult to get something tangible done at the time. Members were advised that if they are unable to contact Council's Animal Control Officer they

should contact the local Police Constable. Mr Walsh expressed his concern at the number of dogs in the area with no collars.

### **AOTEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Ms Gane reported on the Aotea Community's Quarterly meeting held during Queens Birthday weekend and advised that approximately 300 trees have been planted in a reserve area. She said a barbeque was held with representatives of St Johns in attendance. She advised that the St Johns have offered to provide the consumables for the Aotea Emergency Centre.

### **KAWHIA KAI FESTIVAL**

Discussion was held on the future of the Kawhia Kai Festival and Members advised that an AGM of the Festival Committee is to be held on 20 August 2014.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 3.00pm

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**