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OPEN MINUTES

Kāwhia Community Board Te Poari Hapori o Kāwhia

Membership:	Chairperson	Upoko	Geoff Good
	Deputy Chairperson	Upoko Tiriwā	Hinga Whiu
	Community Board Member	Mema o te Poari Hapori o Kāwhia	Dave Walsh
	Community Board Member	Mema o te Poari Hapori o Kāwhia	Richard Harpur
	Councillor – Kāwhia-Tihiroa	Kaikaunihera - Kāwhia-Tihiroa	Kit Jeffries

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held in the Kāwhia Community Hall, Jervis Street, Kāwhia on Thursday, 1 June 2023 commencing at 4.00pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

12 June 2023

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Kāwhia Community Hall

Public excluded

PRESENT

Chairperson Geoff Good, Deputy Chairperson Hinga Whiu, Board Member Richard Harpur and Councillor Kit Jeffries.

IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Executive Tanya Winter (via Zoom), Group Manager Regulatory & Growth Andrew Loe, Chief Advisor Ross McNeil, Manager Property Trish Ambury (for workshop 3), Executive Assistant Day Dowd, PA to the GMs Cathy Plowright (until 4.30pm), and Manager Governance Kaia King.

OPENING FORMALITIES**COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING | TE TĪMATANGA O TE HUI**

Chairperson Good declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

OPENING PRAYER/REFLECTION/WORDS OF WISDOM | KARAKIA/HURITAO/WHAKATAUKĪ

Deputy Chairperson Whiu provided the opening karakia.

APOLOGIES | NGĀ HŌNEA

RESOLVED K27: That Kāwhia Community Board receive and accept the apology from Board Member Walsh for non-attendance.

Board Member Harpur | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

LATE ITEMS | NGĀ TAKE TŌMURI

Chairperson Good advised a request had been received from Kelly Dockery *“for support from the Kāwhia Community Board as I apply for \$5,000 worth of funding from Waikato Regional Council to develop a Kāwhia Pest Control Programme.”*

He sought confirmation that the Board supported a letter being sent in support of the application.

RESOLVED K28: That Kāwhia Community Board support the provision of a letter of support to Kelly Dockery for the application to the Waikato Regional Council to develop a Kāwhia Pest Control Programme.

Chairperson Good | Councillor Jeffries

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST | TE WHAKAPUAKANGA PĀNGA TAHARUA

There were no declarations.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES | TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI

RESOLVED K29: That the open minutes of the Kāwhia Community Board meeting held on 4 May 2023, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting with the minor amendments on page 5 as noted below:

- a) 'community of influence' be amended to 'community of interest); and,
- b) 'exclude several maraes' to be amended to 'exclude local marae).

Board Member Harpur | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

PUBLIC FORUM | HUI TŪMATANUI**Hano Ormsby and Daisy Scott**

Hano spoke on behalf of Te Taio o Kāwhia Moana noting they are a kaitiaki group focussed on coastal erosion. He noted the group was formed four years ago as a result of concerns over the trees falling into the inner harbour, but the focus had expanded to include concerns over beach access from Kāwhia township to Ocean Beach.

Daisy spoke on behalf of Onepu Charitable Trust and noted that five vehicles had been stuck on the beach in the previous three months. She noted most vehicles were becoming stuck due to incoming tides and an alternative accessway from Tom French Grove to Ocean Beach would reduce the number of vehicles becoming stuck. She advised the Trust were seeking assistance from Ōtorohanga District Council for the alternative accessway which requires an easement from a private party and engineer's report.

Hano then spoke on the alternative accessway proposal and noted the group were working with scientists from Tane Mahuta Trust. Trials were being held with various native plants to restore the coastal belt to the harbour mouth. The plants were all eco-sourced from within the community.

Hano advised a series of community meetings would be held to raise awareness of the project along with meetings to be held with local groups.

DECISION REPORTS | NGĀ PŪRONGO WHAKATAU

No reports.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS | NGĀ PŪRONGO MŌHIOHIO ANAKE

Item 15: Kāwhia/Aotea concept plan – project update

Council's Chief Advisor, R McNeil spoke on the upcoming open day to be held at the Kāwhia Community Hall on Saturday 3 June from 12noon noting there would be activity sessions for children and a rangitahi session from 2pm. He noted the second mana whenua hui was scheduled for Friday 16 June in the Ōtorohanga District Council Chambers.

Mr McNeil advised the rural concept plan would hold two open days, the first at Arohena and the second at the Village Green in Ōtorohanga township. The dates were yet to be confirmed.

In response to a query from Councillor Jeffries, Mr McNeil advised all ratepayers in the area covered by the Kāwhia/Aotea concept plan who had provided an email address would be sent an email. He noted the feedback was currently being received via the online platform and encouraged the community to visit the webpage.

In response to a query from Board Member Harpur, Mr McNeil advised all the feedback received would be collated and presented to the Board. He noted a slight extension of the project timeframe but expected Ōtorohanga District Council to adopt the final plan prior to the Christmas holiday period.

RESOLVED K30: That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the report titled 'Kāwhia/Aotea Concept Plan – project update' (document number 691024) from Ross McNeil, Chief Advisor.

Chairperson Good | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

Item 16: Civil Defence Emergency Management quarterly report

Council's Group Manager Regulatory & Growth, A Loe commented on the Government announcement on the Cyclone Gabrielle properties that could not be re-inhabited.

Mr Loe spoke on a meeting with Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) regarding the development of a wildfire response plan which will involve planning for the evacuation of dwellings in the town. These changes will be included in the Kāwhia Community Response Plan.

Mr Loe noted the most recent long term weather forecasts indicated a move from the current La Nina weather pattern to an El Nino pattern over the 23/24 summer period. This would bring a dry westerly wind from Australia and could result in fires and/or drought conditions.

RESOLVED K31: That the Kawhia Community Board receive the report titled 'Civil Defence Emergency Management quarterly report' (document number 691087) from A Loe, Group Manager Regulatory and Growth.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu | Councillor Jeffries

PUBLIC EXCLUDED | TAKE MATATAPU

No reports.

The meeting adjourned for a short break due to technology issues at 4.44pm and recommenced at 4.46pm.

BOARD PROJECTS**PROJECT 1: KAWHIA STORYBOARDS**

Board Member Whiu advised narratives on four sites of significance had been captured with more anticipated shortly. Local rangitahi have been involved as part of the project group's succession planning. The narratives will be presented to the Board before the next phase of the project. She noted there was the opportunity to link with the Kāwhia Fitness Trail project to merge activities with storyboards. She then thanked all the project group for their efforts.

OTHER BUSINESS | ĒTAHI ATU TAKE**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Board Member Harpur and Deputy Chairperson Whiu both commented on the Kāwhia Library upgrade which the Board visited prior to the meeting.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu spoke on a visit by approximately 65 Waikato Tainui staff at the commencement of a four day paddle on waka ama. This was the first occasion that the event started in Kāwhia and incorporated sessions on the history of the Kāwhia area. She expressed disappointment that the group were not able to use the Kāwhia Community Hall (due to a prior booking). She noted the group had stayed at Te Kauri Lodge as Maketu Marae was also booked out.

Chairperson Good noted a new community constable was appointed to Kāwhia and commenced the day of the Board meeting. He also commented on The Sands of Kāwhia opening. He advised there would be a function for the outgoing Kāwhia Community Hall Committee who had handed management back to Ōtorohanga District Council.

RESOLUTION REGISTER

RESOLVED K32: That the Kāwhia Community Board confirm the removal of resolution K24 from the Register.

Board Member Harpur | Deputy Chairperson Whiu

CLOSING FORMALITIES**CLOSING PRAYER/REFLECTION/WORDS OF WISDOM | KARAKIA/HURITAO/WHAKATAUKĪ**

Board Member Harpur provided his pepeha.

Deputy Chairperson Whiu provided the closing karakia.

MEETING CLOSURE | KATINGA O TE HUI

Chairperson Good declared the meeting closed at 5.04pm.

WORKSHOPS | HUI AWHEAWHE

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