

Kāwhia Community Board

MINUTES

25 March 2022

1pm

In accordance with Ōtorohanga District Council's COVID-19 requirements,
THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM
and was livestreamed and recorded for webcasting to Council's YouTube channel
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Members of the Kāwhia Community Board

Board Member DM Walsh (Chair) Board Member H Whiu
Board Member K Briggs Councillor C Jeffries
Board Member G Good

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Kāwhia Community Board

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held via Zoom on Friday, 25 March 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

20 April 2022

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PRESENT

Chairperson DM Walsh, Board Member K Briggs, Board Member G Good, Board Member H Whiu, Councillor C Jeffries.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, M Baxter, Councillor A Williams, T Winter (Chief Executive), A Loe (Group Manager Regulatory & Growth), N Gower (Group Manager Strategy & Community), G Bunn (Group Manager Business Enablement), M Lewis (Group Manager Engineering & Assets), B O'Callaghan (Manager Finance), R McNeil (Strategic Advisor), A Senger (Manager Roading), J le Fleming (Acting Manager Services), and K King (Governance Manager).

Chairperson Walsh declared the meeting open and a karakia was provided by Board Member Whiu.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies as all members were present.

LATE ITEMS

Board Member Hinga Whiu requested an item be included on the agenda for 'Te Puti camping' following discussion of this matter at the Ōtorohanga District Council meeting on 15 March 2022. It was agreed the matter be raised under the Board Member updates item.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public had requested to be heard.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – KĀWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD – 25 FEBRUARY 2022

The unconfirmed minutes of the Kāwhia Community Board meeting held on 25 February 2022 are attached on the next page.

RESOLVED: *That the open minutes of the Kāwhia Community Board meeting held on 25 February 2022, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.*

Board Member Briggs | Board Member Whiu

CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT

Chairperson Walsh commented on the impact the COVID mandate easing would have on businesses who have been struggling.

RESOLVED: *That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the verbal update from the Chairperson, D Walsh.*

Councillor Jeffries | Board Member Briggs

ITEM 71: TRAFFIC CALMING IN KAWHIA

Council's Roading Manager, A Senger took the report as read and noted the subject site was a pedestrian heavy area with potential for conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. He advised the proposal is a common solution for similar areas e.g. Hamilton and also was able to be installed easily.

Mr Senger advised implementation would be hampered by contractor resourcing and in response to a query noted no works would be undertaken prior to ANZAC Day as it was part of the parade route.

In response to a query around the design, he advised all three platforms would act as crossing points but would not be formal pedestrian crossings. The height of the platforms would allow accessibility from the platforms to the footpaths.

RESOLVED:

- a) *That the report 'Traffic calming at the intersection of Jervois and Pouewe streets in Kāwhia' from Andreas Senger, Roading Manager be received.*
- b) *That three raised pedestrian access platforms are installed at the intersection of Jervois and Pouewe Streets.*
- c) *That the budget of \$54,120.00 from the subsidised Low Cost/Low Risk budget be approved for the project.*

Chairperson Walsh | Board Member Whiu

PLANNING REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021 TO DECEMBER 2021

Council's Group Manager Regulatory and Growth, A Loe took the report as read. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

RESOLVED: *That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the 'Planning report for October 2021 to December 2021' report from Andrew Loe, Group Manager Regulatory and Growth.*

Chairperson Walsh | Board Member Briggs

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2021 TO DECEMBER 2021

Council's Group Manager Regulatory and Growth, A Loe took the report as read. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

RESOLVED: *That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the 'Animal control officer's report for October 2021 to December 2021' report from Andrew Loe, Group Manager Regulatory and Growth.*

Board Member Briggs | Board Member Whiu

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2022

Council's Manager Governance took the report as read. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

RESOLVED: *That the Kāwhia Community Board:*

- a) *Receive the 'Change of meeting dates for 2022' report from Kaia King, Manager Governance is accepted; and*
- b) *Confirm, in accordance with clause 19 (6) Schedule 7, LGA 2002, the meeting schedule for 2022 as follows:*
 - Ordinary meeting 29 April*
 - Ordinary meeting 27 May*
 - Ordinary meeting 23 June*
 - Ordinary meeting 22 July*

Ordinary meeting 26 August

Ordinary meeting 23 September

Board Member Whiu | Board Member Briggs

BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATE

All Board Members were invited by the Chairperson to provide a verbal update to the meeting.

Board Member Whiu commented on the Te Puti camping matter noting the area was outside the Kāwhia Community Board area. She advised concerns were raised around hygiene. Council's Group Manager Regulatory and Growth, A Loe advised under the Freedom Camping regulations there were no restrictions other than staying overnight on the streets of Kāwhia, Ōtorohanga and Aotea. Council's Group Manager Engineering and Assets, M Lewis advised the area was managed by Waka Kotahi although as a community good the area was maintained by Ōtorohanga District Council to a higher standard than it would be under Waka Kotahi's level of service criteria.

Board Member Briggs advised he was unavailable since mid-February due to illness so had no update for this meeting.

Councillor Jeffries commented the local government elections being held in October would elect two new Māori ward councillors and suggested the community consider who might be a good representative for the area. Council's Group Manager Business Enablement, G Bunn advised candidate briefing sessions would be held throughout the District to talk about the level of involvement. He noted a strong push was being planned to encourage people to get enrolled, to stand and to vote. Council's Chief Executive, T Winter advised Ōtorohanga District Council had signed up with Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā to work together on encouraging people to stand. She noted Waikato-Tainui have put together a resource for Māori who want to be involved. In response to a query, Mr Bunn advised anyone can stand for the Māori ward and are not required to live in the ward area however only people on the Māori electoral roll would be able to vote for the Māori ward candidates. Māori are able to change from the General roll to the Māori roll, or vice versa, once every 5 years in alignment with the census. Unfortunately, he noted, Māori currently on the General roll would not be able to change to the Māori roll and would not be able to vote for Māori ward candidates in the 2022 elections.

Councillor Jeffries noted Board Member Whiu had previously raised the possibility of story boards for Kāwhia and also a photo frame which could potentially be funded from the Board's discretionary budget, subject to location agreement.

Councillor Jeffries advised a local graphic artist would be able to provide suggestions for a Kāwhia sign on the State Highway coming from Pirongia and at the State Highway 39/State Highway 1 intersection if the Board wanted to consider proposals. Mr Loe noted any proposal would need to confirm to the State Highway regulations around signage and would be required to have Waka Kotahi approval prior to installation.

Board Member Good commented on the comprehensive report on the Aotea seawall and Council's Group Manager Engineering and Assets, M Lewis advised design work for the repairs was underway. Mr Loe noted the cell tower site did not pay a rental but did pay rates on the infrastructure. He noted a lot of building activity was underway around Aotea which was experiencing an increase in permanent residents.

In response to a query, Council's Group Manager Engineering and Assets, M Lewis advised the recent onsite groundwater investigations were well-received by the community and staff were awaiting a second round of stormwater sampling results to form a picture of what the water is like flowing into the harbour from the more major outlets. Mr Loe had sent through soil reports from building consent applications etc. to help inform the investigation.

His Worship the Mayor, M Baxter advised the 3 Waters Reform technical working group for rural water schemes had recently discussed potable water for marae and papakainga, including catering for tangi which sees a big influx of people. He noted the Ōtorohanga Employment Hub were operating one day per week at Kāwhia but funding for

the 2022/23 financial year had not yet been confirmed from the Ministry of Social Development. Mr Baxter announced he would stand for election in the October local government elections.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.03pm.