

Kāwhia Community Board

MINUTES

29 April 2022

1pm

In accordance with Ōtorohanga District Council's COVID-19 requirements,
THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM
and was livestreamed Council's YouTube channel.

Members of the Kāwhia Community Board

Board Member DM Walsh (Chair)
Board Member K Briggs
Board Member G Good

Board Member H Whiu
Councillor C Jeffries

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Kāwhia Community Board

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board held via Zoom on Friday, 29 April 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

12 May 2022

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PRESENT

Deputy Chairperson K Briggs, Board Members H Whiu, G Good and Councillor C Jeffries.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Loe (Group Manager Regulatory & Growth), B O'Callaghan (Manager Finance), R McNeil (Strategic Advisor), N Gower (Group Manager Strategy & Community), A Senger (Manager Rooding), J le Fleming (Acting Manager Services), and K King (Governance Manager).

Board Member Whiu provided the opening karakia.

Deputy Chairperson Briggs then declared the meeting open and moved to the Public Forum as the first item.

PUBLIC FORUM

James Mahara spoke at the public forum as the Opaku whanau spokesperson regarding the roaming horses at Aotea. He sought the matter be dealt with in a culturally appropriate manner. He promoted a solution of education rather than regulation and requested Council staff assistance.

Council's Group Manager Regulatory & Growth, A Loe advised Council do not have an animal welfare officer but the animal control officer would be able to assist as much as possible. Board Member Whiu offered to liaise with James to arrange a meeting so all participants were given the same message. This korero would focus on animal welfare education. In the interim, copies of the 'stock on roads' pamphlet would be sent to James for distribution.

Members thanked James for his liaison role and his collaborative approach to achieve the best outcome for all parties.

APOLOGIES

Chairperson D Walsh tendered an apology for non-attendance.

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

Board Member Whiu | Board Member Good

LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – KĀWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD – 25 MARCH 2022

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

Board Member Good | Board Member Whiu

CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT

The Deputy Chairperson, K Briggs spoke on the reopening of the early childhood education centre which had closed late 2021. He commented the centre was beneficial for the community. He also noted activity in the Kāwhia township seemed to be at a low level. This was evident on the weekends when out of towners visitors were not as frequent.

RESOLVED: That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the verbal update from the Deputy Chairperson, K Briggs.

Councillor Jeffries | Board Member Whiu

KĀWHIA PICTURE FRAME

Mr Loe noted the picture frame project was previously discussed with the Board. He met with Board Member Whiu and selected three sites on the Reserve for consideration as outlined in the agenda.

Board Member Whiu spoke in support of the project and in support of site 1 at the Reserve. She noted the beautiful views that would be captured in the photos.

Councillor Jeffries had received a suggestion to add a second picture frame at the lookout on the road to Kawhia with views over the harbour. He spoke in support of the installation at the Reserve and suggested a second picture frame be considered as a future project.

RESOLVED: That the Kāwhia Community Board:

- a Approve the construction of a scenic 'Picture Frame' to be erected on the Omimiti Reserve and that \$1500 (plus GST) be allocated from the Kāwhia Community Board Sundry Grant Account and,
- b Confirm that the scenic 'Picture Frame' is to be erected at 'site one' as shown on the plan of the reserve attached as Appendix 1 of document number 625435.

Board Member Whiu | Board Member Good

BUILDING CONTROL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2022

Mr Loe took the report as read. He noted a number of factors were contributing to delays in construction throughout the district. In response to a query, Mr Loe noted the qualifications achieved by the building control staff up to 'commercial 3 level' which enables them to inspect the most complex building projects.

Councillor Jeffries advised the Board that Council is looking at buildings in the district that may need earthquake proofing. Mr Loe advised the majority of the buildings will be located in the main street of Ōtorohanga due to the age of these buildings.

RESOLVED: That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the report titled 'Building control activity report for January to March 2022' (document number 625434) from Phil Saunders, Building Control Manager.

Board Member Whiu | Board Member Good

DISTRICT LIBRARY REPORT

Council's Library Manger, H Taylor noted the recent library qualification achieved by a staff member. She noted the holiday packs available at both Kāwhia and Ōtorohanga libraries had been very popular. She referred to the WIFI statistics in the report noting the WIFI at the Kāwhia library was well patronised. Ms Taylor advised the statistics in general were down due to the lockdowns and reduced opening hours however this had resulted in a rise in e-book usage.

In response to a query, Ms Taylor advised the book stock at Kāwhia was refreshed every six months as a large transfer and there were also books sent out each month.

RESOLVED: That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the report titled 'District Library report' (document number 625436) from Heather Taylor, Library Manager.

Deputy Chairperson Briggs | Councillor Jeffries

BOARD MEMBERS' UPDATE

Deputy Chairperson Briggs attended the Anzac Day parade and service noting the road closures were not undertaken as expected.

Board Member Good spoke on the positive comments received for the event and noted there were 63 crosses at the Aotea service. He had attended the Aotea Ratepayers meeting on Easter Monday which had good attendance and was a positive meeting.

Board Member Whiu spoke on whanau who needed support with kai and items such as school equipment.

Councillor Jeffries commented on the number of crosses at Aotea and noted the photos made the event more special. He advised an issue discussed by Council at their recent meeting was a brace to hold up a limb of Te Papa o Karewa. The cost was estimated to be \$45,000 and will be constructed in galvanised steel. The possibility of Waikato Tainui contributing to the costs had been raised at the meeting.

He advised the local artist originally approached for ideas for the sign on State Highway 39 was no longer interested and Board Member Whiu was investigating opportunities.

Councillor Jeffries noted the project to install 300 water meters was underway and was expected to assist in leak identification. He advised the wastewater investigation report was due shortly and noted the harbour water testing results would be included.

He had completed the series of local person interviews in collaboration with John Thompson and advised the Ōtorohanga District Development Board had been approached for a further grant. He also complemented Elle Freestone on her work with the Employment Hub with 55 new permanent employees being placed. He also attended the Kai Festival meeting and noted the event was being planned for Waitangi weekend in 2023.

Board Member Whiu provided a closing karakia.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.58pm.

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