



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2019

1.00pm

Members of the Kawhia Community Board

Board Member CE Jeffries (Chair)
Councillor DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor)
Board Member G Fletcher
Board Member AJ Rutherford
Board Member DM Walsh

Meeting Secretary: Mr. CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

20 SEPTEMBER 2019

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held at Kawhia Community Hall, Jervois Street, Kawhia on Friday 20 September 2019 commencing at 1pm.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr. CE Jeffries (Chair), Cr DM Pilkington, Mr. G Fletcher and Mr. D M Walsh.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor MM Baxter, Ms. T Winter (Chief Executive) Mr. RH Brady (Group Manager - Engineering) and Mr. CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

The Chair declared the meeting open and extended a special welcome to His Worship, Members of the public and the Waitomo News reporter.

APOLOGY

Resolved that the apology received from Mr. AJ Rutherford be sustained.

Chair/Councillor Pilkington

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. John Dodgson referred to the proposed removal of the Pohutukawa trees at the entrance to Kawhia and stressed the need for the Board to represent and work with members of the public on this issue.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 9 AUGUST 2019

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 9 August 2019, as circulated be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Councillor Pilkington / Mr. Fletcher

MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were raised:

- Aotea Seawall Steps – the permanent removal of one set of steps and maintenance work will be carried out prior to Christmas.
- Parking enforcement in Kawhia - On Target.
- Alternative sites for Kawhia Playground - no progress to date.

ITEM 124 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (VERBAL)

The Chair reported that the previous month has been relatively quiet however, he has attended or been directly involved in the following events.

- Council / Boards Workshop – He found this to be a very useful day.
- Candidate Evenings
 - Kawhia – approximately 50 – 60 persons attended.
 - Otorohanga – over 100 persons attended.
- Monthly Quiz Night

Resolved that the Chairperson's verbal report be received.

Chair / Councillor Pilkington

ITEM 125 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT 20 AUGUST – 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Chief Executive referred members to her report of the key focus areas for her during the period 20 August – 16 September 2019.

She said she was happy to take any questions on the report.

In reply to the Chair regarding Iwi relationships Mr. Derek Wooster, member of the public, was given permission to speak by the Chair. Mr. Wooster advised that the proposed working group will be tasked with establishing a process on how Iwi – Council relationships can be improved.

Resolved that the Chief Executive's report for the period 20 August – 16 September 2019 be received.

Chair / Councillor Pilkington

ITEM 126 REMOVAL OF POHUTUKAWA TREES POUWE STREET, KAWHIA

The Group Manager – Engineering referred members to his report the purpose of which is to make a decision on the future of the Pohutukawa trees which have been planted along Pouewe Street at the entrance to Kawhia.

He advised that the wrong type of trees have been planted in this location and in his position as a Group Manager it is necessary for him to ensure that Council's assets are protected. He asked members whether they had any questions on the report.

During discussion the following points were highlighted by Board members.

- Trees are currently forcing the seawall to collapse and their root system is traveling under the roadway.
- It seems like a straight forward decision, practically the trees need to be removed.
- Some work needs to be carried out however, consultation with the Community should be undertaken.
- The question was asked whether the seeds / cuttings of the current trees came from the Historic Pohutukawa Tree.
- The current trees were planted without any public consultation.
- Substantial costs would be incurred should the seawall require replacing.
- A Communication Plan to be provided for presentation back to the Board, including reasons as to why the Board is proposing to remove the trees.

Resolved that

1. The Board Recommends to Council that the Kawhia Community Board approves the removal of the Pohutukawa trees without the need for public consultation.
2. That up to \$11,000 be approved for this work and that this be funded from the road maintenance budget.

Mr. Walsh / Chair

ITEM 127 ROUTINE ENGINEERING REPORT - MAY TO JULY 2019

The Group Manager Engineering referred members to the routine report on Engineering matters for the period May to July 2019.

The following items were highlighted.

- Council is almost halfway through the NZTA three yearly cycle.
- Should a major slip occur on State Highway 31 Kawhia would be isolated.
- Kawhia Youth are able to access the Youth Driver Training Program.
- Report to be prepared regarding the Kawhia Wharf, condition of piles, cleaning up under the Wharf.
- Routine testing to be carried out on the old landfill site.

Resolved that the Routine Engineering report for May – July 2019 be received.

Chair / Mr. Fletcher

ITEM 128 ROUTINE PLANNING REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

The Chair referred members to the report on Resource Consents and planning approvals granted during the period 1 April to 30 June 2019.

The Chief Executive reported that Council has had a consent lodged for a processing plant to be established at Oparau.

Received that the Planning report for April to June 2019 be received.

Councillor Pilkington / Mr. Walsh

ITEM 129 ROUTINE BUILDING CONTROL REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

The Chair referred members to a report on Building Control activity for the Period 1 April to 30 June 2019.

The Chief Executive reported that Council has received a positive response for the position of Building Control Officer. She said a shortlist has been prepared and interviews commenced.

His Worship referred to the proposed Harper Avenue Subdivision and advised that a Hearing will be held later this month on the proposal.

Resolved that the Building Control Report for the period 1 April – 30 June 2019 be received.

Councillor Pilkington / Mr. Fletcher

ITEM 130 ROUTINE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2019

The Chair referred members to the Group Manager – Environmental report on Animal Control for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019.

Mr. Fletcher requested that a schedule of basic rules relating to dog control be prepared and circulated to members. He said he is encountering problems with visitors to Aotea and the control of their dogs.

It was suggested that an appropriate item be placed in the next Council Newsletter.

Resolved that the Group Manager – Environmental report for Dog and Animal Control for the period 1 April to 30 June 2019 be received.

Mr. Fletcher / Councillor Pilkington

ITEM 131 KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD ACTION LIST

The Group Manager – Engineering took members through the list of items which need to be monitored and updated.

His Worship advised that staff are aware of the water leak at the corner of Waiwera Street, Kawhia.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Councillor Pilkington reported that she attended the following:

- West Coast Zone Catchment Committee meeting.
- Otorohanga District Development Board – meeting and AGM. Mr. Duncan Coull elected as new Chairperson.
- Tabled a Notice of Discharge of herbicide over land and water for the control of pest plants under the Resource Consent number 124871 – Waikato District.
- Extending her best wishes for those members who are standing in the forthcoming Board and Council elections.

A presentation was made by Mr. John Dodgson on behalf of the public to Councillor Pilkington for her service to the Kawhia Community.

The Chair congratulated Mr. Fletcher on his reelection to the Aotea Subdivision of the Kawhia Community Board. He extended good luck to Mr. Walsh in the forthcoming elections.

The Chair said he has really enjoyed his time on the Kawhia Community Board and thanked Council Staff for their support during this time.

The Board made a presentation to Councillor Pilkington acknowledging her tremendous dedication and service to the Kawhia Community and Ward.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 2.25pm