



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

15 December 2017

Members of the Kawhia Community Board

Mr CE Jeffries (Chair)
Mrs DM Pilkington (Deputy Mayor)
Mr AJ Rutherford
Mr DM Walsh

Meeting Secretary: CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

15 December 2017

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Hall, Jervois Street, Kawhia on 15 December 2017 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), Councillor DM Pilkington, Mr DM Walsh and Mr AJ Rutherford

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr DC Clibbery (Chief Executive) and Mr CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor)

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

The Chair advised that the Kawhia Community Board had agreed to allow the opportunity for members of the public to attend a public forum section of the meeting. He said it is an important opportunity for members of the public to express any concerns or issues they may have.

The Chair reported that in today's section the following matters will be raised –

- 1) Thrive Presentation
- 2) ANZAC Day
- 3) Playground Creations, Kawhia Community Project Trust

THRIVE PRESENTATION

Mrs. Leanne Apiti (Principal Kawhia Primary School) and Mr. Peter Coventry (Pastor) attended the meeting.

Mr. Coventry reported that he has put together a proposal for the Kawhia Primary School to bring a team of mentors to Kawhia to help students in the transition to the Otorohanga College.

Mrs. Apiti informed members that change is a 'time of opportunity' however, students are not emotionally prepared for the transition from Kawhia to Otorohanga. She said they feel safe in Kawhia and secure with their family and friends.

Mrs. Apiti advised that the mentors being adults will be there for the students to assist them to become part of the Otorohanga College life and to take advantage of the many opportunities.

Members were informed that Thrive is committed for the long term.

Mr. Coventry reported that Thrive has been in existence since 2006.

Members were advised that the geographical change creates substantial stress for a number of the students. It was reported that the same mentor will be available for them at the Otorohanga College giving advice / tools to assist them in coping with College life.

Mr. Coventry reported that Thrive requires a budget of \$72,000 per annum and that it is financially secure for the first year.

The Chair queried whether the programme is only available for students attending the Otorohanga College.

Mr. Coventry replied that the programme is here for Kawhia students and is available to work with anyone, but their mentor will not be attending any other schools other than Otorohanga College.

Councillor Pilkington asked whether assistance will be available to correspondence school children.

Mr. Coventry replied that this will be a part of the programme.

The Chair offered the assistance of the Board.

Mr. Coventry expressed thanks to Council for their contribution for which he is very grateful.

ANZAC DAY

Mrs. Theresa Armstrong then spoke regarding ANZAC Day procedures and advised that the Kawhia RSA has made application to the Te Awamutu RSA to provide street banners. She said the cost is \$100 per banner and asked if the Kawhia Community Board would be able to fund these.

Mrs. Armstrong expressed thanks for the wooden poppies that had been provided and advised that the 'Field of Remembrance' is currently in the pipeline.

The Chair raised the issue of Sister Reddy's memorial to be completed in November 2018 and requested the RSA come back to the Board with the appropriate wording.

The Chair thanked Mrs. Armstrong for the work she has carried out.

The public forum section of this meeting was adjourned at 1.32pm

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolved that the following items be considered in general business which may require resolutions –

- 1 – ANZAC Street Banners
- 2 – THRIVE Programme
- 3 – Playground Presentation / Letter from Mrs J Rutherford
- 4 – Disposal of refuse bags from Beach Cleanups

CHAIR / COUNCILLOR PILKINGTON

LOCAL BY-ELECTION

Councillor Pilkington reported that nominations for the Aotea representative on the Kawhia Community Board close 21 December 2017.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1.35pm to hear the proposed playground presentation.

KAWHIA COMMUNITY PROJECTS TRUST INC – PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

The Chair welcomed Ms. M Clarke on behalf of Playground Creations to the meeting.

The Chair reported that the Kawhia Community Projects Trust Inc. has approached Playground Creations to provide a challenging playground in conjunction with an opportunity for disabled users.

Ms. Clarke reported that her company has been building playgrounds since 2012 and has been invited to prepare a concept providing the best option for the Community.

Ms. Clarke reported it is proposed to provide a facility that will attract visitors to the area and encourage them to stay longer. She said the new equipment will complement the existing equipment already in place.

The Chair emphasised that the project is being promoted by the Kawhia Community Projects Trust and not Council or the Kawhia Community Board. He said the Board will be seeking permission to use the land. He said “all up” the proposed upgrade will cost approximately \$80,000.

The Chair reported that the Board / Trust will be approaching Council, at some stage, for funding. He said however, the Trust will make separate applications to other organisations for funding of this project.

The Chief Executive requested that when an estimate of the cost is obtained that this be forwarded to Council to be included in Council’s Long Term Plan.

The Chair on behalf of Board members thanked Ms. Clarke for her attendance.

The Public Forum section of the meeting concluded at 1.57pm.

MEETING RECOMMENCEMENT

The Board recommenced the meeting at 1.57pm

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 13 OCTOBER 2017

The Governance Supervisor reported that the Kawhia Community Board minutes dated 13 October 2017 were placed before a meeting of Council held on 21 November 2017.

He presented the following comments from the Council meeting:

Councillor Pilkington referred to page 1 – Tainui Kawhia Incorporated and reported she was surprised to read that the road and carpark would need to be closed to the public while the harvesting is underway.

She said this is not her understanding of the situation and that the carpark would only be closed for one or two days when the harvesting is being undertaken.

The Chief Executive advised that he was of the same opinion.

Councillor Phillips had referred to the Public Forum section of the meeting and expressed the opinion that it was a good idea to note in the minutes the actual time the forum concluded and when the Board meeting commenced. He said it is great to see people participating however, at times the forum runs too long.

Councillor Pilkington referred to page 4 regarding her comments on recent heavy rain and advised that this event did cause massive damage to areas west of Pirongia.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 13 October 2017 as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

COUNCILLOR PILKINGTON / MR WALSH

MATTERS ARISING

Tainui Kawhia Incorporated

Members asked whether a response has been received from TKI regarding postponing the harvest until after Waitangi Day to ensure the safety of the local people and visitors over the holiday period, particularly so for the large number of people who stay for the Kai Festival.

Mr. Rutherford reported that TKI will have prepared a schedule in the New Year.

Councillor Pilkington reported that she had unofficially heard that TKI will be pushing the harvesting work out. She said no application for road closures have yet been received.

Footpath Repair

The Chair reported on areas of footpath which require attention, one being past the local Pub and two areas within the Main Street where the concrete has lifted. He requested that these be attended to as soon as possible.

Kawhia Nursery

Members were informed that the Rangitahi group have moved into the Kawhia Nursery and the driveway has been graveled.

The Chief Executive reported that costs associated with the leasing of the Kawhia Nursery will amount to around \$10,000.

WAIWERA STREET SUBDIVISION

The Chief Executive informed members that the sale and purchase transaction has been completed and the funds are in Councils bank account. He said this will be available for distribution between Council and the Kawhia Community Board.

Councillor Pilkington acknowledged and expressed thanks to all staff involved in obtaining a result.

CIVIL DEFENCE

The Chair referred to an Emergency Management Plan for Aotea and queried whether this could form part of the basis for a Kawhia plan.

The Chief Executive replied that to date no action has been taken in this matter.

Councillor Pilkington reported she had been made aware of a guide for Councils and Community Boards encompassing coastlines.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The Chair asked members whether they were aware of any situation where they could stand to make personal and/or monetary gains in any particular matter to be discussed at this meeting.

The Chair and Mr. Rutherford declared an expression of interest in the Kawhia playground concept.

ITEM 88 PETITIONS FOR SEALING OF COWELL AND WETERE STREETS

The Chief Executive referred members to his report on petitions received for the sealing of Cowell and Wetera Streets. The Chief Executive reported that Council has previously given consideration to this matter in particular, Council undertaking to look at its current policy for seal extensions. He said there is however no short term solution.

Mr. Rutherford queried whether a cost estimate has been obtained for the proposed seal extensions.

Mrs. Raimata Pikia asked why Council hasn't got a seal extension policy for these roads. She said in summer it is very dusty and there is a large number of vehicles using the road. Mrs. Pikia reported that in the winter time the road becomes narrow and tyre marks turn the road into mud which runs down in front of their properties.

She said Council needs to prepare a policy setting out new targets.

Mr. Merv Lane spoke in respect to Cowell Street and reported that there has never been any maintenance work carried out on their road. He said the roadway is getting wider and wider because people are driving down on the grass edges. Mr. Lane reported that there are five ratepayers on the street who pay their rates every year. He said for a street in the middle of town used day and night the situation is disgusting.

The Chair queried if Council does not have a policy for seal extensions what has happened to the rates for this purpose.

The Chief Executive replied that these would have been redirected to another activity. The Chief Executive reported that there is now no subsidy available from Central Government for this work.

Councillor Pilkington expressed the opinion she would love to see all metal roads sealed in order to be fair to all ratepayers. She said consideration should be given to reviewing the current roading strategy as there is a lot of pressure coming from rural property owners living on metal roads. Councillor Pilkington said she has sympathy for these property owners as she has lived on a metal road for a number of years.

The Chair said this isn't a new matter and referred to the two separate petitions received by the Board. He said the property owners are getting fed up and that Council needs to take more notice of their concerns.

Resolved that the Kawhia Community Board recommends to Council that –

- 1) During 2018 Council review its strategy for District road improvements and that seal extensions of up to 2kms per annum of the District's local roading network be reintroduced in the 2019 / 2020 financial year, all such extensions to be considered on either a requested case by case or identified needs basis;
- 2) As part of the process to develop the District's 2018 – 2028 Long Term Plan (LTP), Council considers lifting its target for sealed local carriageways within the District to 70% reviewable thereafter during the preparation of successive LTPS;
- 3) In recognition of concerns raised in the December 2017 petitions from Kawhia property owners on both Wetere Street and the unsealed extension of Cowell Street, financial provision be made during the 2019 / 2020 financial year to have both streets sealed.

CHAIR / MR RUTHERFORD

The Chair thanked the property owners for their attendance.

ITEM 89 REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ACCESS – RESEVOIR TRACK

The Chief Executive presented a report on a request to permit public pedestrian access along the track to the water reservoirs in Kawhia.

Mr. Walsh expressed concern regarding dogs in the area and expressed the opinion that if any signage is removed the dogs will just go in.

The Chair reported that a local resident had expressed concern on what would happen to the town should a fire take hold in the forest. He said there are trees too close to the timber reservoirs.

The Chair also referred to an exposed plastic pipe leading into one of the tanks and suggested that this could be covered.

Councillor Pilkington queried whether with the harvesting of the trees this would take away any concerns in relation to fires. She suggested that the opening up of the track be delayed until the TKI log operation has been completed.

The Chief Executive reported that a couple of trees around the facility could be felled.

Resolved that the Kawhia Community Board recommends that –

- 1) The application for public pedestrian access along the track through Council owned land from the end of Ahurei Street to the water reservoir be approved.
- 2) A stile or similar pedestrian-only access restriction be created at the Ahurei Street entrance to enable such access.
- 3) A viewing area with a seat be established at the top of the track and vegetation be pruned or removed at that point to allow viewing of the town and harbour.
- 4) Staff consider appropriate signage for the area.

MR RUTHERFORD / COUNCILLOR PILKINGTON

ITEM 90 SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2018

The Governance Supervisor referred members to a report on the schedule of meeting dates for 2018.

Resolved that the proposed meeting dates for 2018 be –

Friday 2 February 2018 – **Commencing at 10.30am**

Friday 6 April 2018 – Commencing at 1pm

Friday 8 June 2018 – Commencing at 1pm

Friday 10 August 2018 – Commencing at 1pm

Friday 12 October 2018 – Commencing at 1pm

Friday 7 December 2018 – Commencing at 1pm

MR RUTHERFORD / COUNCILLOR PILKINGTON

ITEM 91 MATTERS REFERRED

The Governance Supervisor took members through the matters referred.

ANZAC DAY

Members were informed that the ANZAC Day ceremony has grown significantly in Kawhia.

Resolved that the Board approve the purchase of five ANZAC Banners at \$100 each to be funded from the Sundry Grants account.

MR RUTHERFORD / MR WALSH

FOOD AMBO

The Environmental Services Manager who attended this part of the meeting reported that the Food Ambo has been licensed as a mobile trader since mid-September 2017. He said it is the intention of the Licence that the applicant manages the sale of safe food. He said there is no restriction placed on the location of the outlet.

PATSY SCOTT'S LEASE

Councillor Pilkington requested staff be advised that Peter Scott is now deceased and matters be placed under his wife Patsy's name. Councillor Pilkington reported that Councils Land Management Officer is unclear as to which part of the fence is being referred to. Clarification of the portion of fence is required.

The matter of weed control not being carried out was also raised.

Members were informed of the gorse that is growing on the Ministry of Education's property, up on the bank above the Kawhia School.

It was reported that this is the Maori King's land and that a letter should be written to the King's office regarding this.

GENERAL

Water Supply

Councillor Pilkington reported that \$45,000 of unbudgeted cost has been incurred to replace the clarifier. She said this will however have no impact on rates.

Aotea Subdivision By-election

Councillor Pilkington referred to a timetable in respect to the Aotea Subdivision By Election and advised that nominations close on Thursday 21 December 2017.

Members were informed that to date a nomination has been received from Mr. George Fletcher.

Signage

Councillor Pilkington raised the matter of proposed new signs to be designed by Carole Shephard located 500 meters north of the Ngutunui Road intersection with State Highway 39.

Mr. Rutherford reported that he had approached Ms. Shephard requesting that she refurbish the existing signage.

Councillor Pilkington advised that Ms. Shephard needs to know the restrictions on the placement of new signage to enable her to come up with a new concept.

The Environmental Services Manager reported that this matter comes under Transit Highway's Bylaw and said there are several conditions such as size of the sign and for it not to be too busy.

The Environmental Services Manager undertook to get the appropriate information to Ms. Shephard.

Santa's Grotto – Otorohanga

Councillor Pilkington reported that the Santa Grotto established in the Otorohanga District Council Chambers foyer is now open.

Kawhia Museum and Information Centre

Councillor Pilkington reported that the Kawhia Museum and Information Centre are operating very well and extended thanks to the officers and volunteers for their contribution.

Season's Greetings

Councillor Pilkington extended season's greetings to all members and staff.

Jervois Street

Mr. Rutherford acknowledged the building work redevelopment commencing in Jervois Street.

Wharf Pontoon

Mr. Rutherford requested that Councils Engineering Manager be notified that some of the upstanding bollards on the Kawhia Pontoon need to be replaced.

Rubbish Bags – Beach Clean

The Chair reported that he had organised fifty rubbish bags which he has been entrusted to issue when required. He said he currently has twenty bags left for distribution which are also available for Aotea.

A member of the public Mr. George Fletcher reported that he had taken full bags to the tip, paid the fee and obtained a receipt, which will be reimbursed by the Board.

'No Dog' Signage

Mr. Walsh referred to the placement of two 'no dogs' signs within the triangular area at Kawhia.

The Environmental Services Manager replied that this area is not a dog restricted area, only the playground and foreshore are.

It was agreed that the dog prohibited areas should be reviewed.

Mr Walsh / Mr Rutherford

Charter Boat Signage

Mr. Walsh raised the matter of signage for Charter Boat users advising that there is all day parking up in Tainui Street.

It was agreed that costs be obtained for the provision of such signage.

Waiwera Street

Mr. Walsh reported that the edge of Waiwera Street towards the Boat Ramp on the left hand side above the Kawhia Camping Ground needs to be tidied up.

Liquor Ban

The Environmental Services Manager updated members on the Liquor Ban.

It was agreed that he give the relevant information to Ms. Anne Young to include in her newsletter and also to ensure the local Police Constable receives a copy.

The matter of a periodic cleanup of signs particularly those overhanging the State Highway was discussed and the situation regarding the McLeod's house on Lake Road,. It was confirmed that a Licence to occupy had been issued to Mr. McLeod.

Kawhia Whale Boat

The Chief Executive reported that the Whale boat group are concerned about the ramp in front of their shed consisting of a significant drop due to the sand being washed away.

The Chief Executive reported that Mr Ross Dockery has indicated that he could replace the sand which has been washed away. He said that Council would give approval for this to be undertaken.

Ramp adjacent to Makatu Marae

The Chair raised the matter of the boat ramp adjacent to the Makatu Marae and said pressure would be placed on the user themselves should an honesty box be installed.

Pouewe Street

The Chair informed members of a speeding issue on Pouewe Street just past the Kawhia Hotel where people are coming and going all the time.

He queried whether a speed hump could be installed outside the hotel to slow traffic down.

Councillor Pilkington reported that often these humps are removed as people living in the area do not like the noise created when vehicles drive over them.

The Chief Executive reported that this matter has been discussed before therefore he will check earlier minutes.

Thrive Presentation

Councillor Pilkington referred to the Kawhia sundry grants account in particular as to what is available to assist the Thrive programme.

It was agreed that this matter be deferred for consideration at the February 2018 meeting when the amount of funding available in the sundry grants account will be identified.

Christmas Greetings

The Chair thanked members for their contribution to Kawhia affairs and expressed appreciation of Board Members for the input from the Chief Executive and Staff. He extended a Happy Christmas and a great New Year to all.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 3.43pm.

CHAIRMAN: _____

DATE: _____