



Kawhia Community Board

MINUTES

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Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Boardroom, Jervois St, Kawhia on Tuesday 12 February 2013 commencing at 5.35pm.

MINUTES

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

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PRESENT

Mr HW Ormsby (Chair), Mrs J Bennett, Mr K Jeffries (attended 6.05pm), Ms A Gane (attended 6.05pm), Mrs DM Pilkington and Mr L Sherman.

IN ATTENDANCE

His Worship the Mayor, Mr DF Williams and Mr DC Clibbery (Chief Executive & Engineering Manager).

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present. He then recited an opening prayer

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 23 NOVEMBER 2012

MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Bennett noted that the name 'Murtagh' was incorrectly spelt on page 3.

Mrs Pilkington confirmed that the District Development Board was to replace the museum sign, with the design to be prepared by Carol Shephard.

Mrs Pilkington noted that in the minutes Mrs Bennett and herself were to pass on the Board's recognition to the Beachside S-cape Motel, but that Mrs Bennett had done this by herself.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 23 November 2012, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Mrs Pilkington / Mrs Bennett

REPORTS

Item 82 PUTI BRIDGE REFUSE

Discussion

The Engineering Manager presented his report, identifying three possible responses. Mr Sherman suggested that a solution to the litter problem could lie in improving the presentation of the area, including mowing it all. His Worship said that he did not agree with the suggestion that litter collection should cease, feeling that the dumping of litter would continue.

MR JEFFRIES & MS GANE

Mr Jeffries and Ms Gane attended the meeting at 6.05pm

It was suggested that placement of a sign or signs requesting people to treat the area with respect might deter dumping. Mr Sherman offered to speak to a local signwriter regarding such signs.

Mr Sherman suggested that a local person could mow the area. The Engineering Manager said that in the past the area had been mown, and had a litter bin and a toilet, but former Boards had made decisions to cease all those activities for what were considered good reasons at the time.

Mr Jeffries asked what would happen if the Board completely abandoned the area. The Engineering Manager replied that the New Zealand Transport Agency, who control the land, would be unlikely to be concerned.

Mr Sherman asked if Council would contribute towards the cost of maintaining the area. His Worship said that Council could consider it, but in recent times Council has ceased the maintenance of other Reserves in rural areas.

Board Members agreed that they should discuss wording for a potential sign and that staff should obtain a price from Council's mowing contractor for regular mowing of the area.

Resolved

That

1. The Engineering Manager's report on the Puti Bridge refuse be received
2. An item regarding the sign(s) and mowing of the area be put on Matters Referred.

Chairman / Mr Sherman

Item 83 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

Discussion

The Chief Executive presented the accounts. He said that overall the accounts were very 'tidy' with expenditure in most accounts close to what should be expected at mid-way through the year.

Mr Jeffries asked why there had been significant capital expenditure on the water supply, whilst there was no budget. The Chief Executive said that this was because it was work in progress towards a project for which the funding was in the following year.

Ms Gane asked why there is no budget for significant maintenance works to the Aotea seawall. The Chief Executive replied that this is because there is two years of maintenance budgeted for the following year.

Mr Jeffries expressed his thanks to staff for the presentation of the accounts, and said that he found the new format to be helpful.

Resolved

That the Draft Management Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 be received.

Mr Jeffries / Mrs Pilkington

Item 84 KCB MATTERS REFERRED FROM 23 NOVEMBER 2012

Discussion

UNDERSTANDING OF AREAS REQUIRING IMPROVEMENT

Members agreed to discuss prior to the Budget Estimates meeting.

TRIMMING OF PLANE TREE

It was agreed that this matter be removed from Matters Referred.

INFORMATION SUPPLY FOR KAWHIA WEBSITE

This was reported to be progressing through Mr Sherman.

SUITABLE AREA FOR STONE CARVING

Mr Sherman said he is still to progress this matter.

SALE OF FISH FROM BOAT

It was stated that there no longer appears to be a request for this activity, and it was agreed that it should therefore be deleted from Matters Referred.

GENERAL

DUMPING OF RUBBISH

The Chair invited Mr John Dodgson to present a report to the Board on the dumping of rubbish. Mr Dodgson said that a significant quantity of concrete blocks has been dumped behind a 'no dumping' sign at the cemetery reserve, and that a quantity of green waste has also been dumped in a nearby wetland area. He said that this dumping was disappointing given the effort that had been put into improving those areas.

In response to a question from the Chair, the Engineering Manager said that Council could only respond to such issues on a case by case basis. His Worship suggested that other concerned locals might be able to dispose of the materials, without the community having to incur cost.

WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL LYCH GATE

Mrs Bennett informed the Board that a group within the community is voluntarily undertaking the restoration of the World War 1 Memorial Lych Gate at the Anglican Church. She said that they were doing an excellent job, and suggested that the gate should be historically listed. Mrs Bennett advised that the group undertaking the work had enquired if Council might be able to provide some funding towards the cost of the restoration, which she felt had Community benefit.

The Chair also stated a belief that this was a good project, which was worthy of support.

The Chief Executive advised that he had been approached by the group undertaking the restoration, who had indicated a likely total cost in the order of \$1200 to \$1500, and that they would welcome any contribution towards this. The Chief Executive said that he suspected that such a contribution might be supported by the Board.

His Worship said that the request for funding did not follow the usual process, in that it was largely retrospective, and that the Community had not been consulted in advance, with no budget allocation having been made.

It was agreed that if funding was to be allocated to the project, it would have to go through the Budget Estimates process and be in the next financial year.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the group undertaking the work to express the Board's support in principle and appreciation of the work.

LITTER BINS

Mrs Bennett commented that the litter bins at the entrance to Kawhia were scruffy and always full, and that she had informed a Council staff member of the issue. She also said that she had seen unsatisfactory bin emptying practices by the Contractor. Mr Sherman said he would like to see more of the old litter bins replaced. The Engineering Manager said that the extent of replacements is limited by available budgets.

THUNDER BEACH RALLY

Mr Jeffries said that the organisers of the Thunder Beach Motorcycle Rally were interested in basing a similar event in Kawhia, and had asked where information on available accommodation could be obtained. Mrs Pilkington suggested that such information could be obtained from the Kawhia website or 'Book a Bach'.

His Worship said that such events typically seek to provide three levels of accommodation, camping sites, baches and hotels.

FIRE BAN

The Chief Executive reminded Members that a total fire ban is in effect, and that no open fires of any type, including those in oil drums or similar containers, were permitted anywhere in the District.

AOTEA REFUSE

Ms Gane said that she had received a number of positive comments from Aotea residents regarding the kerbside refuse and recycling services.

NURSERY POWER COSTS

Ms Gane asked whether it would be possible for the Kawhia Native Tree Nursery to recover the costs of providing electricity to the water pump that augments the Kawhia Community supply over the peak summer period.

The Engineering Manager said that such a cost recovery is appropriate, and he would arrange for a payment to be made.

FOREST FIRE SIGN

The Chair advised that the fire warning sign at the entrance to the Kawhia Forest has deteriorated, and needs to be replaced.

GORSE ON COUNCIL LAND

The Chair said that he is aware of a complaint from a Kawhia resident regarding gorse on Council land adjacent to his property in Kawhia. The Engineering Manager advised that the complainant had been contacted, and the gorse, which had been previously sprayed, was to be cut down shortly.

TAKING OF WATER

The Chair said that a person had been taking water from the Kawhia Supply without permission, and that he and Mr Jeffries had told the person concerned that they could not do so. The Engineering Manager said that casual permission to take water from the community supply would not be given because of risks of contaminating the supply.

MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: