



Kawhia Community Board

# MINUTES

22 July 2016

**KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD**

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Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held in the Community Boardroom, Jervois St, Kawhia on 22 July 2016 commencing at 1.06 pm.

**MINUTES**

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

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## **PRESENT**

Mr CE Jeffries (Chair), Ms A Gane, Mrs DM Pilkington, Mr AJ Rutherford

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

His Worship the Mayor, Mr MM Baxter, Messrs DC Clibbery (Chief Executive), RH Brady (Engineering Manager) and CA Tutty (Governance Supervisor).

The Chair declared the meeting open and welcomed those present.

## **APOLOGY**

**Resolved** that the apology received from Mr D Walsh be sustained.

**Mr Rutherford/Mrs Pilkington**

## **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Resolved that**

Kawhia representation on the District Sports Committee be considered in General Business which may require a resolution.

**Mr Rutherford/Ms Gane**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 18 MARCH 2016**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Kawhia Community Board held on 18 March 2016 as previously circulated, be approved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

**Mr Rutherford/Mrs Pilkington**

## **MATTERS ARISING**

Reference was made to the drainage issues at the Kawhia Community Hall to which the Chief Executive replied that apparently these issues were due to a broken downpipe.

## **KAWHIA WHARF**

The Engineering Manager reported he has requested a couple of signs be made asking charter boat users to park their vehicles behind the Community Hall.

## **KAWHIA NURSERY CONTRACT**

The Chief Executive informed members that the Kawhia Nursery Contract is up for review on 28 February 2017.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chief Executive explained to members the need for them to indicate when there may be a conflict arising between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have, so that they can, where appropriate stand aside from decision making. When asked by the Chair members replied that they had no conflicts of interest in the matters to be discussed.

## **PROPOSED PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD**

Mr Vic Clarke, on behalf of the Kawhia Baptist Church, attended the meeting and informed members that the Church is now holding home services therefore the saving in rental will be put back into the Community. He referred to an AA sign on a pole and advised that this needs to be removed as the Church services are no longer there. Mr Clarke requested consideration be given to the erection of a new public notice board as the previous one has been removed. Mr Rutherford replied that the notice board had rusted away and that the Board would incur a high cost to replace it. Mr Clarke advised that the Church would like to pay for a replacement to be erected adjacent to the present butterfly garden. It was agreed that the matter be discussed further as to the location of the sign and that the Engineering Manager convey the decision back to the appropriate staff.

## **COMMUNITY ARTS**

Dr Carole Sheppard, Sheena Lomas, and Russell Shaw attended the meeting. Dr Sheppard reported that the arts community has valued the support of the Kawhia Community Board and the Otorohanga District Development Board. She said however there is a bigger issue in respect to the survival of the arts within the community. Dr Sheppard referred to the Te Puti Art Studio as the hub of the arts community and the annual Spring Fling event. She said funds raised from the Spring Fling are put back into the community.

Dr Sheppard referred to the closure of four local businesses and advised that this has affected approximately 30 people within the community, 20 of these being artists. She said Kawhia needs tourists input. Dr Sheppard informed members that the art group have looked at other buildings but at the present time are unable to find a suitable place for artists to display and sell their goods.

Dr Sheppard advised that following discussion with Creative Waikato and the Kawhia Art Group the following suggestions have been made:

1. Create murals in town
2. A creative hub be erected i.e. shipping container
3. Use be made of the site behind the Kawhia Museum

Dr Sheppard advised that to provide a gallery/meeting room and retail shop requires funds and legal advice. She said the Kawhia Art Group is a non-profit organisation. In reply to His Worship Dr Sheppard advised that Creative Waikato is happy to assist with applications for a mural however it is not there for fundraising. She said the Kawhia Art Group could seek assistance through the local school and community groups. She said they have people able to produce art works but require a place to sell it. Ms Gane enquired whether the Art Group would consider leasing premises. Dr Sheppard replied yes, this could be an option. Mrs Pilkington queried whether the Art Group would have any funding available to contribute to a proposal say, to obtain a container. Dr Sheppard replied they have little funding but could carry out fundraising. It was agreed that any suitable premises would need to be close to the CBD.

The Chair expressed the opinion he would be interested in the production of a mural. Members were also informed of projects through the school to produce decorative tiles. Mr Russell ? expressed the opinion that it is necessary to have a presence of an Art Group in Kawhia as this is the logical way of getting Kawhia out to the world.

## **T MOKE - JERVOIS STREET DEVELOPMENT**

Mr Tom Moke attended the meeting and reported on Taharoa C Block Incorporation's proposed development for the end of Jervois Street. Mr Moke thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting to report on his organisation's project.

Mr Moke informed members that Taharoa C Incorporation have purchased a block of buildings in Jervois Street, Kawhia however the operation of these will be undertaken by Taharoa Tourism. Mr Moke advised that Taharoa C have been in existence for more than 40 years, receiving royalties from the Iron Sands and that Taharoa Tourism has been in existence for approximately 3 years and owns and operates several hotels in New Zealand.

Mr Moke reported that the organisation now wishes to commence investing in its own community, but this must be 100% commercially focused. Mr Moke informed members that the Waitomo Hotel has one of the highest occupancy rates of their hotels as it is a place where people will go to. He said Kawhia needs to become a destination and therefore a centre of reasonable size is required. Mr Moke said there are opportunities to grow the Kawhia business as a substantial amount of traffic goes to the hot springs. Mr Moke reported that the building permit process for the acquired buildings is underway. He said in regard to local employment the proposal will not greatly enhance this initially however there is potential in the future.

Mr Rutherford expressed thanks to Mr Moke for his Company looking at development in Kawhia and wished them all the best. The Chair advised that there is potential for the Board to work with them. He said it is a commendable undertaking. The Chair further thanked Mr Moke very much for attending the meeting and offered the Boards assistance. Mr Moke replied that the support from Council and the Community Board, to date, has been wonderful.

### **WOOLLY NIGHTSHADE**

Mr John Dodgson displayed a woolly nightshade plant he had obtained from the Kawhia Water Reservoir. He said fortunately this plant has no flowers or seeds as the problem occurs when the plant seeds. Mr Dodgson reported that this particular species is not wide spread however there is a need to have an awareness of such plants especially by Council staff. Mr Dodgson suggested that in future employment of staff Council encourages those that are qualified in noxious plants, where appropriate.

### **ROUTINE INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE REPORT 2015/16**

The Engineering Manager presented a report to provide the Kawhia Community Board Members with an update on the maintenance tasks identified and subsequent action taken in Kawhia and Aotea over the last 6 months.

With regard to the Kaora Track, Mr Rutherford requested that the Board continue with work on this track and that this be budgeted for. The Engineering Manager replied that further work will be carried out as and when required and that this may go over budget. The Chair congratulated all those involved with the work on the Kaora Track and said he had received a comment that if discussion had been held better planting could have been provided. The Chair reported that the standard of work was excellent and expressed his compliments to Ross Dockery and his staff.

### **AOTEA SEA WALL**

Ms Gane reported that the work on the Aotea Sea wall, as far down the road as you can get, is on the verge on being completed.

The Chair requested that reports similar to that presented today be provided at future meetings of the Board.

### **Resolved**

That the Engineering Managers report be received.

### **Chair/Mr Rutherford**

## **TOM FRENCH GROVE**

The Chief Executive reported that as the cameras were not recording anything they have been removed.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD**

Mr Rutherford expressed the opinion that it is necessary to consider where any proposed notice board is to be erected. Members were informed that no planning consent is required as this will be treated as a temporary sign. It was agreed that the project proceed and for Mr Clarke to liaise with Council staff regarding its location. The Chair undertook to advise Mr Clarke of the Boards decision and for him to contact the Engineering Manager. Mrs Pilkington expressed the opinion that more information is required as to the make-up of the sign.

## **ARTS ACTIVITY**

Members were agreeable to use of the land behind the Kawhia Museum and at the rear of the Community Hall for the purpose of encouraging arts within the community. It was agreed however that more detail of any proposal is required. Mrs Pilkington said it would be necessary for the Kawhia Art Group to prepare the relevant applications for funding.

## **MATTERS REFERRED**

The Governance Supervisor took members through matters referred.

## **NEW RESIDENT PACK**

The Chair reported that he is currently working on Councils New Resident pack to include issues of a local nature.

## **MOWING CONTRACTOR**

Members were informed of the legal opinion that the current mowing contract was awarded to a company rather than an individual and therefore the family will continue to carry this work out.

## **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY RENTAL REVIEW**

The Governance Supervisor presented a report on the review of the Housing for the Elderly rentals in Rosamond Terrace, Kawhia.

Mr Rutherford raised the issue of insulation under the recently introduced regulations. The Chief Executive reported that he has been requested to review Council's involvement in Housing for the Elderly, and hopes to do so within the next 6 months.

### **Resolved**

That the rental charged for units at Rosamond Terrace, Kawhia, be increased by 10% effective from 20 September 2016, with the new rentals being:

Single person - \$99.00 per week

Double (couple) - \$124.30 per week

### **Chair/Mrs Pilkington**

Ms Gane and Mr Rutherford voted against the recommendation.

## **JERVOIS STREET DEVELOPMENT**

Council's Environmental Services Manager attended the meeting and circulated copies of a non-notified application received by Council in respect to the proposed development in Jervois Street. The Environmental Services Manager advised that in terms of Council's District Plan this is a complying application. He said however there are two issues to be considered being:

1. Historic Pa Site identified
2. Pedestrian Precinct

The Environmental Services Manager further reported that the matter of the disposal of waste water is a big issue in Kawhia for future development. He said it is encouraging to see local people making a huge investment in Kawhia. In reply to Ms Gane he confirmed that this application is a public document.

## **GENERAL**

### **KAWHIA POUND**

Mr Rutherford referred to the proposed sale of the Kawhia Pound. The Chief Executive replied that this matter has not progressed any further as Council's Contract Surveyor is busy with other matters. Mr Rutherford referred to the change of designation of the land to which the Chief Executive replied this could cost in the vicinity of \$15,000. The Chief Executive queried who would fund this.

### **NZ POLICE**

Mr Rutherford reported on his personal experience recently in regards to the duties of the Community Constable. He said it is very important for Kawhia to have a Community Policeman in place. Ms Gane advised that she had received quite different feedback to that of Mr Rutherford. Mrs Pilkington suggested that Mr Rutherford take his concerns up with the NZ Police Department.

### **ENTRANCE ROCK**

Ms Gane reported that the carved entrance rock into the Aotea Village looks magnificent.

In regards to people riding on the sand dunes on the Kawhia side of Aotea Ms Gane was advised to contact Daisy Scott regarding this matter.

### **HORTICULTURAL COURSE**

Ms Gane reported that 17 people are enrolled in a horticultural course which will commence next week at the Kawhia School. She said as a result two men will gain work out of this course.

### **RURAL BOOK DELIVERY SERVICE**

Mrs Pilkington highlighted the new rural book delivery service available through the Library, at the applicants cost.

### **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES**

Mrs Pilkington advised that the Assessment Committee of Creative Communities is building up a database of local art related persons.

### **STAFF REPLACEMENT**

Mrs Pilkington reported that Ms Dianne Hooker, Councils Community Facilities Officer is resigning from Council in early August 2016. She said her replacement is local plumber Mark Lewis. It was agreed that a card of appreciation be forwarded to Ms Hooker.

### **AOTEA RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

Mrs Pilkington reported that she attended a recent meeting of the Aotea Ratepayers Association which she said was a good meeting and very interesting. She said there are a number of people on the association keen to get things done.

### **Wi-Fi**

Mrs Pilkington informed members of the free Wi-Fi launch next Thursday in Otorohanga. She said this will commence at 6pm followed by a number of activities around the Village Green.

### **DISTRICT SPORT COMMITTEE**

Ms Gane reported she had approached the Kawhia School which covers a number of sporting activities and suggested that Karen Bishop would be a good choice for Kawhia's representation on the District Sports Committee. Members were informed that this committee is not just for junior sport it covers a much wider age group.

The Chief Executive reported that the function of the District Sports Committee is to determine how best to support sporting activities throughout the District. He said one meeting has been held which included some very motivated and smart people. Ms Gane queried whether Kawhia could bring two people along to the next meeting as she was keen for Board member Dave Walsh to also be involved.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

His Worship advised that nomination forms are now available for the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

### **POU PROJECT**

The Chair updated members on the Pou Project reporting that the unveiling date will be Saturday 1 October 2016. The Chair advised that a further 6 small bollards have been carved for the replacement of damaged ones.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting concluded at 3.58pm

**CHAIRMAN:**

**DATE:**