



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COAST COMMUNITY BOARD HELD AT TE KAHA RESORT,  
STATE HIGHWAY 35, TE KAHA, ON TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017 AT 10.04AM**

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**PRESENT:**

Haki McRoberts (Chairperson)  
Spike Collier  
Gail Keepa  
Jack Parata  
Allen Waenga

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Hopman (Engineering and Services Manager)  
Steve Pickles (Acting Planning and Regulatory Manager)  
Jan Burkhart (Chief Financial Officer)  
Devon St George (Compliance Officer)  
Gae Newell (PA to CEO and Mayor)

**PUBLIC:**

Pearl and Ted Hay  
Ray Tukaki  
Kathleen Thompson

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**KARAKIA**

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a karakia.

*As some new Council staff members were present, all staff introduced themselves to the Board and members of the public who were present.*

*Gail Keepa entered the meeting at 10.07am.*

**APOLOGIES**

Nil.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

*Xmas in the Pa and Upcoming Events/Training*

Ray Tukaki provided the Board members with a written report from the Xmas in the Pa event held last December. The event was very successful and he thanked the Board for its support.

Ray Tukaki mentioned two courses co-ordinated with Eastbay REAP which are being held at Pāhāoa Marae: Learner Licence Tutoring and a Kaumatua Computer Course. He further mentioned that an International Indigenous Peoples Climate Action Summit is being hosted at Te Kaha in April next year.

The Chairperson thanked Ray Tukaki for his attendance.

*Ray Tukaki left the meeting at 10.12am.*

*Ted Hay – Council Reservoir*

Ted Hay and Pearl Hay were present on behalf of the Pearl's family, the Paora family.

Ted Hay advised that the Council reservoir is sited on land belonging to the Paora family. He gave some background to the issues which have prompted him to speak to the Board today.

Originally the land was in parcels and the rates were high. The land was combined for rating purposes and Council was requested to give water to the marae and urupa and not be charged water rates and for the road to the reservoir to be maintained. There are no easements in place and agreements were verbal.

Council was also asked to maintain the road to the reservoir and notify the family when going on to the property. However, only one load of metal has been put on the road. In the past a grader occasionally graded the road but this has not happened for some years. As the stream floods Council put culverts in but this created a mess so have been taken out. The family had asked for a concrete ford. Ted Hay stated that the family has concerns regarding the health and safety of anyone entering the property.

Ted and Pearl Hay met with the Engineering and Services Manager in August last year to clarify and settle the problems with the land. Eight points were agreed with Council from that meeting. Ted Hay noted that a family member (Jim Paora) has written to Council but has not had a reply.

Council has spent money on a consultant and a valuer and an application has been made to the Māori Land Court for easements and Ted Hay said these involved quite a substantial area of land. The family were not notified of this course of action by Council and first learned of it from a newspaper article in the Ōpōtiki News on 13 May 2017. The report to Council sounded like it was a done deal but it is not. The family do not want the \$50,000; they just want the agreement honoured and to be kept informed.

The Chairperson will follow up on the matters raised with the Engineering and Services Manager and a response will be provided to Ted and Pearl Hay.

*Pearl and Ted Hay left the meeting at 10.36am.*

**1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: COAST COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING 28 MARCH 2017** p3

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the minutes of the Coast Community Board meeting held on 28 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Parata/Keepa

**Carried**

**2. ACTION SCHEDULE** p7

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Action Schedule be received.

Collier/Parata

**Carried**

**3. TE KAHA WATER SUPPLY LOAN** Verbal Item

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the Board's loan of \$40,000 to the water supply scheme has been restored and is now in a reserve fund which will earn interest.

**4. ODC ANIMAL CONTROL** Verbal Item

Steve Pickles, Council's Acting Planning and Regulatory Manager, stated that he wished to discuss the level of service by Animal Control on the Coast. He noted that dog control seems to be largely dealt with by the community rather than by Council. Council's animal control work on the Coast is generally reactive type work. The majority of dogs on the Coast are not registered – there is a legislative requirement to register. The funds from dog registrations provides funds for Council to run the Animal Control function and programmes such as the desexing programme.

The Acting Planning and Regulatory Manager asked the Board to consider the following:

Is there an issue with dogs on the Coast?

Do you feel there needs to be more presence around Animal Control, particularly dog control?

Registrations and microchipping for the Coast.

Devon St George, Council's Compliance Officer, stated a proactive approach to the issues is better than a reactive one. Registration fees are \$40.00 for a working dog, \$55.00 for a neutered dog and \$110.00 for complete dogs.

The Acting Planning and Regulatory Manager asked the Board members if they feel there is a need for an increased presence on the Coast and what the reaction would be.

The Compliance Officer suggested that someone [in the community] could be the first point of call in the event of a dog attack.

The Chairperson advised he is on Council's Dog Committee which has two meetings per year.

Mike Collier stated that there is also stock on the roads, and horses.

Allen Waenga thought there was more of a dog issue in town. On the Coast farmers shoot dogs that are worrying stock. If Council has a high presence on the Coast, there is a risk to the safety of Animal Control officers.

Gail Keepa agreed that it would be better to create a position to be filled by someone from the local community.

The Acting Planning and Regulatory Manager said creative thinking was needed as to how promoting dog registrations on the Coast would be handled. He further said there was an opportunity to get put an initiative in place, maybe as a trial.

Gail Keepa raised the matter of no information being available on the Coast, e.g. where you can go with dogs, where a lead is required or not.

The Chairperson thanked the Acting Planning and Regulatory Manager and the Compliance Officer for discussing animal control issues with the Board.

*Mike Russell and Brodie Brown entered the meeting at 11.10am.*

## **NZTA DISCUSSION**

The Chairperson welcomed Mike Russell, NZTA Network Manager for Bay of Plenty East and Brodie Brown, Higgins Project Engineer to the meeting.

Mike Russell gave an overview of restructured maintenance areas and procurement, which is now the same for all of the country. NZTA are currently undergoing a restructure and the focus is on outputs, e.g. customer service and delivery. There is the One Network Road Classification which classifies local roads and State Highways and Corridor Management Plans, of which there is a plan for State Highway 35; the whole route from Ōpōtiki to Gisborne. The plan looks at the issues on the route. There is some good news regarding priorities –

State Highway 35 is subject to weather events and geological under and over slips – there is an increased emphasis on securing the route and keeping it open to an acceptable level of service. NZTA realise this is a vital route, connecting with Ōpōtiki, medical and emergency services, kiwifruit and other economic developments.

The bad news is that NZTA are stretched for resources. There are so many projects currently on the go and it is hard to get consultants and contractors who can do the work.

Mike Russell explained that there is regular maintenance; then there are major items which require extra funding from NZTA (those funds have to be applied for) and then there are minor items. The road block is not the funding but trying to deliver on time and that is what NZTA is trying to improve.

The Board discussed with Mike Russell and Brodie Brown some specific issues on the Coast. Mike Russell confirmed that there is some time set aside following the meeting to have a first-hand look at some of these local issues.

Gail Keepa requested that updates be provided regarding work on State Highway 35 in order for the community to be informed.

The Engineering and Services Manager asked for a projects priority list which Mike Russell will provide.

*Kathleen Thompson entered the meeting at 11.25am.*

## **5. COAST INITIATIVES FUND**

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### **RESOLVED**

**(1) That the report titled “Coast Initiatives Fund” be received.**

Parata/Waenga

**Carried**

## **6. COAST INITIATIVES FUND – FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

**(i) Kai Oranga**

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The Board would like some further information regarding the project and confirmation of who the applicant is.

Mike Collier will contact the applicant for clarification of the above.

### **RESOLVED**

**(1) That Board member Mike Collier will contact the applicant for further information regarding the project and confirmation of who the applicant is.**

McRoberts/Waenga

**Carried**

**(ii) Te Whānau a Apanui Waka Ama Club Inc**

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The Board expressed some confusion as funding was provided last year to the Te Whānau a Apanui Waka Ama Club Inc. It needs to be clarified that there is no double up with funding items which may have already been funded.

Gail Keepa will seek the information required by the Board.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That Board member Gail Keepa will obtain further information from the applicant to ensure there is no double up with funding items previously funded.**

Collier/Keepa

**Carried**

*Item Raised by Gail Keepa*

Gail Keepa stated that the Kahaki family have approached Council about renaming their road due to difficulties with rapid numbers. They put in a request for the name to be Kahaki Road.

The Engineering and Services Manager said he would follow up on this matter.

The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting with a karakia.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.25PM**

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE CERTIFIED AS BEING A  
TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD AT A SUBSEQUENT  
MEETING OF THE COAST COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON  
TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2017.**

**HAKI McROBERTS**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**COAST COMMUNITY BOARD**