

**KAWAU ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES:** of a meeting of the Kawau Island Advisory Committee which commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Committee Room, Centreway Road, Orewa on Tuesday, 22 September 2009.

**PRESENT:** Michael Marris (Chairperson)  
Lyn Hume  
John Pryor  
Cr Dave Parker

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan)  
Harbour Master (David Thatcher)  
Democracy Services Officer (Elaine Stephenson)

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2.00 p.m. Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari), Manager: Building Consents (Richard Ritsma), Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) and Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) in attendance.

*Note: John Sinclair (Kawau Island resident) was present for the meeting.*

**623/09/09 APOLOGIES**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

There were no apologies.

**624/09/09 UPDATE ON KAWAU VISION STATEMENT**

**FILE REF EA/15/2; TP/9/72**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

2.05 p.m. The Mayor, Penny Webster present.

Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) provided copies of the Kawau Island Vision (hard copy on file).

John Sinclair congratulated the Council for producing the Vision Statement and highlighted the following points:

- the uniqueness of Kawau Island;
- the need to find the best way to protect the island;
- the establishment of the relationship between the Kawau Island Advisory Committee (KIAC) and the Council to give effect to the Vision Statement document;
- the possibility of the establishment of a design advisory group.

It was pointed out by Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari) that any recommendations made would be subject to legal constraints but that non statutory documents could be used as a base for decision making. Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan) said that the Waimauku Structure Plan had stood a similar test recently.

In discussions it was noted that Vision Rodney was the initial, wide-ranging document giving rise to Planning Rodney and asset management plans, which then contributed to RDC's Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and that the Kawau Vision Statement was in line with the District Plan, which would allow consent planners to give consideration to it with regard to resource consent applications.

2.20 p.m.           Manager: Resource Consents (Ian Dobson) present.

The Mayor, Penny Webster, said that the Council's focus was on getting strategies into place before the amalgamation of councils into the Auckland Council in November 2010.

2.25 p.m.           The Mayor, Penny Webster retired from the meeting.

The importance of a collaborative and strong relationship between KIAC and the Council was noted by Cr Parker and Mr Marris.

Mr Vari said the Vision was specific and detailed and that it withstood analysis in terms of the District Plan, allowing it to achieve its aims. The Vision Statement was included in the Auckland Transition Agency's (ATA's) list of strategies and plans.

In response to a question Ms Robertshaw said that the objective was that design guidelines would be completed before Oct 2010.

#### **Hume/Pryor**

**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

2.34 p.m.           Policy Planner (Wendy Robertshaw) retired from the meeting.

#### **625/09/09                   UPDATE ON DISTRICT PLAN APPEALS AFFECTING KAWAU ISLAND**

**FILE REF                   EA/15/2; TP/14/5/128**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.       3**

#### **Pryor/Hume**

**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

#### **626/09/09                   SUMMARY OF RESOURCE CONSENT INFORMATION FOR KAWAU ISLAND: SEPTEMBER 2008 – SEPTEMBER 2009**

**FILE REF                   EA/15/2**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.       4**

Manager: Resource Consents (Ian Dobson) noted that, as was the general trend, the number of resource consent applications for the Island had reduced dramatically from the previous year.

Discussions followed on minimum lot sizes and Mr Dobson said that each subdivision application was considered on its own merits but that applications for smaller lot sizes would be subject to a higher threshold of scrutiny and were more likely to be publicly notified.

In response to a question regarding consultation with KIAC on all resource consent applications relating to Kawau Island, Mr Dobson said that notice of applications could be provided to KIAC for information but that KIAC should guard against the expectation of its wishes being taken into account and that there would be a tight timescale for its comments to be made. It was noted by the Chairperson (Michael Marris) that any KIAC comments would only be in an advisory capacity.

Assistant Executive (Warren Maclennan) pointed out that a similar system was in place with iwi and that it would be helpful if a process could be developed to deal with this.

2.42 p.m. Democracy Services Manager (Ellen Barrett) in attendance.

John Pryor brought up the issue of incorrectly addressed posted material from the Council to the Advisory Committee and requested that this be dealt with; Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) was requested to liaise with Mr Pryor and act upon this matter.

It was decided that Lyn Hume would be the contact person for KIAC with respect to resource consent application information and that email would be the best method of communication due to time constraints.

### **Pryor/Parker**

**That the information be received.**

**Carried**

2.55 p.m. Manager: District Planning (Peter Vari) retired from the meeting.

**627/09/09                      NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY REPORT – KAWAU BAY AREA**  
**FILE REF                      EA/15/2; RG/37/1**  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.        5**

The Harbour Master (David Thatcher) expanded on the key points of the report. Discussions followed on mooring licences which included the following issues:

- relinquishment of mooring licences when properties were sold;
- Council policy on moorings that have not been in use for six months;
- the priority of allocation for mooring.

It was noted by Mr Thatcher that Kawau Island had special needs and it should be remembered that leniency with regard to the six months use policy was required as it was a holiday area and that in a recent visit to the island he noted that only one quarter of the moorings were in use.

In response to a question from the Chairperson (Michael Marris), as to whether it would be helpful if the Kawau Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association (KIRRA) and KIAC collaborated to produce a document together on the issues, Mr Thatcher said that he would be happy to receive this but that Council policies were also required to take any other NZ legislation into account.

### **Parker/Hume**

- (a)        That the report be received.**
- (b)        That the Harbour Master work with KIAC to develop a draft set of mooring licence conditions for RDC to consider.**

**Carried**

3.12 p.m. Manager: Building Consents (Richard Ritsma) retired from the meeting.

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**628/09/09**                    **SANDSPIT REFUELLING FACILITIES**  
**FILE REF**                    EA/15/2; PK/29/1  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.**        6

The Harbour Master (David Thatcher) said that the Council was looking at future options for refuelling, noting that a marine fuel supply was important. He said that an Oil Spill Response Plan was being finalised and that for the present, it was felt that the provision of diesel fuel by Minitankers was the best option.

**Pryor/Hume**

**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

**629/09/09**                    **KAWAU VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE FORCE**  
**FILE REF**                    EA/15/2; RG/37/1  
**AGENDA ITEM NO.**        7

It was pointed out by John Pryor that the correct name for the force was the Kawau Island Volunteer Rural Fire Force and that the force had been established by a group of local residents. The Committee were assured that the correct information would be included in the formal report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

It was decided that John Pryor and Marty Duytshoff would work with Manager: Community Development (Paul Green) and Communications Advisor (Mike Isle) to establish a liaison.

**Parker/Hume**

**(a) That the report be received.**

**(b) That any comments from members of the Kawau Island Advisory Committee be tabled at the 8 October meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.**

**Carried**

**630/09/09**                    **KIAC SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**FILE REF**                    EA/15/2

The Chairperson (Michael Marris) tabled a copy of the KIAC submission on the Auckland Council Bill to the Local Government Select Committee which had been presented to the Select Committee by Paul Harper and himself (hard copy on file).

**631/09/09**                    **KAWAU ISLAND REPRESENTATION**  
**FILE REF**                    EA/15/2

The members of KIAC pointed out that they had concerns regarding representations made to the Council on behalf of the island, when in fact KIAC was the only authority representing the island. A request was made that the Council assist KIAC to ensure the island spoke with one voice and present any requests through KIAC. Assistant Chief Executive (Warren Maclennan) said that the Council must have regard to the democratic right of any individuals to make requests of it, this point was noted by the Chairperson (Michael Marris) who clarified that KIAC's concerns were only with representations

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made to the Council on behalf of the island, as KIAC should be recognised as the source of pan-island representation acting on behalf of the whole island community.

Communication Advisor (Mike Isle) pointed out the uniqueness of KIAC and the need to raise its profile. Cr Parker said that the meeting had been of value for all concerned and should continue on a more regular basis; a six monthly meeting cycle was suggested.

Mr Maclennan said that the next phase in the Auckland Governance Reform was that the Local Government Commission was starting to determine the boundaries of wards and local boards and would call for public submissions on 20 November 2009 with a final determination being made by 31 March 2010. He said that KIAC needed to think about its submission, commenting that it might be valuable to mention the uniqueness of KIAC and of the Vision Statement.

*Note: Manager Democracy Services (Ellen Barrett) clarified the process for committee members when claiming allowances and expenses, noting that it was important that specific reasons were given for meetings, that travel receipts were provided and requesting that claims be forwarded regularly. A request was also made that minutes of any KIAC meetings taking place without the Council be forwarded to the Council, this was noted by Mr Marris, who said they would be provided.*

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2009

MAYOR

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