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RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF A MEETING OF THE RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF KOITIATA HELD
IN THE TURAKINA SCHOOL HALL, TURAKINA ON SATURDAY, 26 MARCH 1983 AT 9.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Councillors N.N. Abbott, J.H. Richards, A.J.L. McIndoe,
M. Burbery, L.J. Tremaine, S.V. Robb, A.D. McKenzie and
G.J.W. Briant (Otakapu Riding Member).

A. Nation, R. J. Price, M. Leighton, K. S. Huddleston R. B. Jurgens, L. Litchfield, H. Farr, M. Farr, T. J. Widt, B. Calkin, J. Sheridan, A. C. Voss, L. H. Cornish, F. J. Young, R. Te Huia, L. Smith, K. Robb, R. J. Hill, A. G. Unsworth, E. C. Hammond, M. R. Hammond, M. F. Bostock, M. A. Parker, N. A. Parker, M. K. Osborne, G. F. Osborne, E. L. McLeay, S. Arthur, B. Bayley, M. Blythe, G. Austin, T. Hunt, P. A. Lucas, J. Blythe, G. P. Clark, L. M. Wills, W. A. Wills, E. R. Ross, P. K. Rawcliffe, L. E. Hancox, C. H. Hancox, B. Leighton, A. D. McKenzie, C. Fraser, N. Fraser, P. Fraser, T. Jurgens, F. Pedley, V. Pedley, A. Sheridan, E. Philpott and C. Philpott

Also present the County Clerk, the County Engineer, the County Overseer and the Rates Clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Mr A. Nation, Mr & Mrs Newman, Mrs Abbott, Mr & Mrs L.R. Weller and Mrs N. Cameron.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Future subdivision of Koitiata

The County Clerk advised that the County Council has purchased two parcels of land from the Department of Lands and Survey for subdivisional purposes and the establishment of a camping ground, the total area was 4.45 hectares.

The proposal was to draw up a subdivision for that area which has already been levelled and developed as a Reserve and to move the camping ground to the foreshore adjacent to the toilet blocks. The remaining area was to be developed at a future date.

Considerable discussion followed this proposal. Points raised included:

- (1) Standards required
- (2) Approximate cost of sections
- (3) Who pays for the cost of development of the subdivision
- (4) What effect the subdivision would have on values of present properties

The County Clerk advised that the County would be undertaking the cost of planning and development of the subdivision. No costing had been done and therefore no accurate estimate on the cost of each section could be given although present indications would put the figure at \$5,000.00. The standard of subdivision would be appropriate to a beach settlement. The subdivision would have some effect on the value of the present properties at Koitata but it would not necessarily have any effect on the rates. In fact, because there will be more rateable properties the rates could be reduced in comparative terms.

Moved: Mr B. S. Bayley

"That the Reserve and Camping Ground remain in the same area that they presently occupy and that the staff of the Rangitikei County Council prepare a subdivision for the remaining half of the domain area recently purchased by the Rangitikei County Council."

Seconded: Mr G. P. Clark and carried.

Resiting of Camping Ground

As the proposed subdivision of the Domain area in which the Camping Ground is presently sited is not going ahead, the Camping Ground will not be resited.

Community Centre

It was advised that the fire shed was available for Community purposes at a charge of \$5.00 per night.

A social Committee was formed to organise further social functions. Those nominated to for the social committee are:

Mr Rex Price
Mr Terry Hunt
Mrs Rangitikei Hunt
Mr Geoffrey P. Clark
Mr Leslie Smith
Mrs Margaret Blythe

Fire Drill

Ratepayers and Residents expressed concern that no one was trained to operate the fire equipment. Councillor Abbott pointed out that the New Zealand Forest Service gave a practical demonstration on 25 September 1982, and very few residents turned up for the demonstration.

It was decided to hold another fire drill on Saturday, 9 April 1983 at 9.00 a.m. at the Community Centre for the purpose of forming a volunteer fire brigade and to hold another demonstration, all section holders would be circularised of the time and place.

It was pointed out that several of the vacant sections were overgrown and presented a potential fire hazard.

Councillor Abbott advised that he had devised a system of signals for the fire siren. Short blasts would indicate a fire in the village area and a long continuous wail would signify a Civil Defence or emergency.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Local Body Elections:

The County Clerk advised that the Electoral Roll would be open for public inspection on 17 June 1983. The Election will be held on Saturday, 8 October 1983. Nominations for election would be called on 1 August 1983 and nominations would close at noon on Tuesday, 2 September 1983.

There are seven positions available on the Council, if 7 members are nominated there will be no election. Those nominated will become the Koitiata Community Council. If more than 7 members are nominated an election will be held in the normal manner.

Those eligible to be nominated to the Council are persons with a ratepayer qualification, usually the person shown first on the valuation roll is the ratepayer. This person can reside in the community or outside. A resident can also be nominated for the Council but must actually reside within the Koitiata Community.

Public Toilets

Mrs Leighton has advised that she wishes to discontinue her duties cleaning the public toilets, however, she will continue her duties until a suitable replacement is found. Any person wishing to fill the position should contact the County Overseer.

Roading

Ratepayers and Residents advised that the surface of Rapaki Street was not upgraded satisfactorily and that water was flooding and running into the sewerage systems of nearby properties. The County Overseer advised that the uneven road surface will be corrected in the next financial year when the road is sealed and that the drainage problem will be taken care of at the same time.

Cattle

The ratepayers and residents advised of their concern at the use of the Turakina Beach Road as a cattle race because of the damage to the road and to vehicles using the road.

The County Overseer advised that talks were continuing with the farmer concerned and that a bridge will soon be constructed to remove the congestion on the one-way road bridge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.