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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the  
KOITIATA RESIDENTS COMMITTEE.

HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON SUNDAY. 2 DECEMBER 1990

AT 11.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr. Lethbridge (Chairperson), His Worship The Mayor J. Wilson, Ms. Fullerton-Smith (Chief Executive), Cr. Carmichael, and 52 Residents.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Bos, Mrs. Burbery.

PURPOSE: The Chairperson stated that the purpose of the meeting was to form a Residents Committee to represent the community of Koitiata.

He recalled that in the past there had been 6 residents and 2 non-residents on the Committee and suggested a similar composition may be desired. It was decided that the term of office for the elected Committee would be of one year's duration.

Nominations were then called for the positions on the Koitiata Residents Committee.

Nominations were- Peter Schellevis.

Peter Fraser.

Geoff. Clark.

Bill Wills.

Ron Sargeant.

Gordon Howatson.

Dianne George.

Cliff Fraser.

Noel Bostock-representing the  
non-residents.

The Chair queried the number of nominations but it was pointed out by Mr. B. Wills that attendance at some meetings could fluctuate so the number of people nominated would cover this eventuality. It was therefore moved that all the nominations be accepted. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

With the Committee duly elected, the Chairperson paused to praise the public-spiritedness of those who had allowed their names to be put forward. He stated that he considered the Committee to be an

essential formation through which the residents concerns could be expressed and, as a facilitating body with the District Council.

The Chair then called for the nomination of a Chairperson of the Committee. Mr. Gordon Howatson was duly nominated and accepted the position of Chairperson of the Koitiata Resident's Committee.

Cr. Lethbridge vacated the Chair.

Mr. Howatson took the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Secretary. Mrs. Dianne George was nominated and accepted the position. The position was then amended to Secretary/Treasurer. Again Mrs. George was nominated and accepted both positions. Mrs. George was nominated and accepted the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Koitiata Resident's Committee.

Mr. Peter Fraser was recalled to the Chair on the request of Mr. Howatson to carry out the agenda formulated from the last meeting which ended 'sine die' through the lack of Chair and Secretary. Mr. Fraser stated the present Committee would operate on a democratic basis carrying out the mandate of the residents in which the majority decision prevailed. Mr. Tim. George asked for the agenda items to be read out. Cr. Carmicheal replied each item would be dealt with in turn. Mr. George added the Differential Rating System to the agenda.

Rubbish Tip contract: Ms. Fullerton-Smith stated that even though the contract with the Planes Trust had lapsed an annual fee was paid by the District Council to the Planes Trust, therefore it was considered that the contract was on-going.

Metal in front of the Hall: Ms. Fullerton-Smith stated that the dialogue on this matter had been interrupted allowing work to proceed without public/Committee knowledge. A Fine Grade 5 chip had been applied to the area in consideration of the fact that residents both walked and drove in the area.

Dog Warden: Ms. Fullerton-Smith stated Mr. Steve Pritchard would be briefed as to the extent of his powers

as Dog Warden and the legal ramifications of any action he may take. Mr. Tim. George asked Ms. Fullerton-Smith as to the clarity of the guidelines and the scope of the duties. Ms. Fullerton-Smith replied that these matters would be attended to and that she and the District Council would give their support and loyalty to the Dog Warden once installed. Furthermore the District Council would accept liability for the actions of the appointee and the person would be given training for the position.

Rates Monies: Ms. Fullerton-Smith reported that there was \$13,000 untagged funds from unspent rates from this community and \$3,700 known as the Community Centre Fund. This money is to be held for 7 years from November 1989, i.e. to November 1996.

Cr. Lethbridge explained about the Uniform Annual Charges incurred by some ratepayers, e.g. \$22 for rubbish collection. The use and the maintenance of the Tip was subsidised by the District Council to a large degree. Also only two houses in the new subdivision are charged for sewage disposal. The meeting was informed that being a small group we were spending 20% more than was being raised on roading and 10% more than our fair share of the cost of administration at District Council level. However, there remains a question of definition of rating terms as applicable to Koitiata. As it stands the township is rated as Urban. This matter is to be followed up.

River Mouth Diversion: The Water Right issue is proceeding.

Ms. Fullerton-Smith informed the meeting that she was seeking an independent Engineer's report on the proposed river diversion. The costs incurred will be levied on all ratepayers in the Rangitikei district not just Koitiata residents. Several residents spoke of the flooding that has occurred in the past. It was stressed by the public that if a flood was to occur that human life could be lost and this was of paramount concern to the residents.

Huts on the Subdivision: Ms. Fullerton-Smith has written to enquire of the owners their intentions either to remove or demolish said establishments. However, it was pointed out that there is no time limit in which to build on the properties.

Firebreak: Ms. Fullerton-Smith has pursued the matter and reports that the Fire Department recommends that 'mowing a defined strip' would be sufficient to retard a fire. Erosion is a major concern if the area was to be stripped of foliage.

Fire Wardens were asked to clarify that this area has a year-round total Fireban placed on it. Notices giving a clear indication of this were asked to be erected at strategic points throughout the community for the information of the residents as well as visitors to the area.

Mowing the Domain: Has been completed. Extra mowing was done by Jim Mant under the auspices of Mr. B. Wills so as to reduce the fire risk over summer.

Ms. Fullerton-Smith stated that formal acknowledgment to written requests made by the Secretary of the Beach Committee to the District Council would endeavour to be made more promptly in the future.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Cr. Carmichael informed the meeting of funds being made available through the Hillary Commission for recreational activities. Koitiata was invited to submit a request for said funds by Tuesday 4 December 1990.

The problem of the cows soiling the road was discussed. Cr. Lethbridge explained the previous action that had been taken and he asked the meeting for advise as to how the problem could be resolved. It was suggested that the present drainage ditches be upgraded and covered to use as a race in the future. The public acknowledged that there still requires some movement towards improvement in this matter.

A vote of thanks was moved for the work of the previous Beach Committee and for the presence of the District Council officials.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, 27 January 1991.

Meeting closed at 12:10p.m.