



Organising the People

December 20, 1917
SEASIDE RESORT AT TURAKINA
HEADS
—
KOITIATA DOMAIN BOARD.
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Organising the People

Projects like the Hall and Causeway are great examples of the Koitiata community's organisational abilities and the achievements of the residents' committees and other bodies that have existed throughout our history.

The first organisation was the Koitiata Domain Board. It was designated by Government in 1917 to administer the newly formed Koitiata Domain. The board was comprised of members of the Rangitikei County Council, and it continued until 1978.

A letter dated November 1962, from RCC to the Turakina Beach Residents Association is the first record to hand of any community committee. There must have been good support for that committee; the chairman's report of the 1978 annual meeting, records *"... at a meeting of 70 members of the Association, a new Committee was elected."*

In May 1980, the RCC proposed to TBRA that they consider, *"In view of number of permanent residents ... the possibility of constituting a residential area ... under the Local Govt Act 1974."*

Meeting of residents in August 1980 moved to go ahead with forming a Community Council. Ratepayers were informed that from April 1981 the new Council would operate, and that in early 1981, *"Ratepayers and (Residents ... to have lived in Koitiata Community district for three months)"* could vote in elections for council members. Seven members then formed the new Koitiata Community Council, which was a sub-committee of the Rangitikei County Council.

A Dec 1988 report states, *"KCC will cease to exist ... with the new Government Scheme of Regional Councils ..."* The final meeting of the KCC was held in Oct 1989. They advised of a public meeting to be held in November to discuss the formation of a new residents committee.

The inaugural meeting of the Koitiata Residents Committee was held January 1990. A separate Social Committee was created in 1992. These established our current residents committee system.

There were hiccups from Nov. 1995, when the Residents Committee went into recess due to a lack of participation. The Social Committee stepped in and carried the can until March 1997 when a new K.R.C. was formed.

The Rangitikei Advocate

December 20, 1917

SEASIDE RESORT AT TURAKINA HEADS

KOITIATA DOMAIN BOARD.

A meeting the above Board, which is comprised of the members of the Rangitikei County Council, was held this morning at the Council Offices, Marton, Mr B. P. Lethbridge presiding.

The following resolutions were carried.—That Mr H. H. Richardson, County Clerk, be appointed secretary and treasurer, to the Board and that Mr A. Thoms be appointed inspector.

That the secretary prepare the report for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and forward a copy to the Minister.

That shooting on the Domain be not permitted.

That the pitching of tents on the Domain be permitted during the pleasure of the Board in such localities as the chairman, secretary or inspector of the Board approves, provided that no public nuisance is created, and that no camp gear or litter is left on the ground when the tents are removed.

That no fire be lit on the Domain except for the purpose of cooking and that all temporary fire-places be constructed to the satisfaction of the Board in such a manner that the fire will not spread to the surrounding vegetation.

That the chairman, secretary and inspector report upon the most suitable position for the setting aside of an area for the erection of cottages.

That a temporary license for one year from the 1st January 1918 be granted to those persons who have already erected cottages on the Domain to occupy the said cottages during the period named upon the payment of £1 each; such payment to be payable within 14 days from the 1st January, 1918.

That the annual meeting of the Board be held on Saturday, 23rd February 1918.

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November 13th, 1962

Mrs Joyce A. Young,
Secretary,
Turakina Beach Residents Association,
44, Koromiko Road,
Conville,
WANGANUI

Dear Madam,

Mr. Connors has referred your letter of 24th October to me for reply.

The points raised in your letter are answered as follows:-

- (1) The provision of power to the settlement was taken up with the Power Board some months ago. Following a request from the former Chairman of the Association the Council sent a circular re power connection to all residents and it was ascertained that thirtyfive residents were interested in connecting to power supply. An approach was then made to the Power Board.
A copy of the Power Board's reply is enclosed for your information.
It was subsequently advised by the Power Board that the annual guarantee would probably be \$450. As the Council has no authority to make this guarantee no further action was taken beyond advising the former Chairman of your Association of the position.
- (2) The rates from the area are not accounted for separately. They form part of the general funds of the County. The annual rentals from the sections are accounted for separately and must be utilised within the Domain area. The account appears each year in the published Annual Accounts of the Council. Receipts last year amounted to £184.18.8. consisting of £172 rentals and £12.18.8. P.O.S.B. interest. Payments were £271.8.0, the main item being £144 for survey fees for the new area, the balance being for labour and machinery hire for work in the Domain. The funds in hand at 1st April 1962 were £355.1.6.
- (3 & 4) (lighting of fires and tree planting).
These matters would require to be taken up with the Council.
- (5) Recent leases have been at a rental of £10 per annum with right of renewal after 21 years and review of rental every seven years. The reasons for the increased rental figure *are* firstly, one of supply and demand and, secondly, the need for considerable finance for the development of the area as a public domain.

Mr. W. B. Connors,
WANGANUI

Yours faithfully,

Copy for your information

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COUNTY CLERK

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE KOITIATA DOMAIN BOARD HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARTON, ON THURSDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 1965 AT 10.45 A.M.

PRESENT: Crs.G.B.Chrvstall (Chairman), F.A.Holland, W.F.Jurgens, G.E.Gordon,
W.B.Connors, J.P.Skou, J.Bull, H.J.Livingaton, E.H.Duncan, L.G.McNeill,
W.A.Williams and H.Davis.

MINUTES: Moved Cr.Skou:
"That the Minutes of a Meeting of the Board held on 10th December 1964,
as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed"
Seconded Cr.Gordon and carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

The Chairman reported on the inspection of the Koitiata Domain, carried out
by himself and Crs.Connors and Skou and the County Engineer.

It was resolved that the erosion of the banks of the Turakina River be kept
under surveillance and that the Engineer confer with the Catchment Board
Engineer and bring down a report on the diversion of the river, away from
the built-up area.

Moved Cr.Skou:
"That application be made to the Post & Telgraph Department for the
installation of a telephone call box at the beach"
Seconded Cr.Duncan and carried.

Confirmed

Chairman

Date

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held at Koitiata 13th April, 1968.

Meeting called by Koitiata Beach Section-holders at 10 a.m. at home of Mr. Huijs
Approximately 40 people present including Councillor Gordon and County Engineer.
Chairman of Meeting - Mr. L. P. Anderson.

After Councillor Gordon outlined the Council's programme for metalling the 2½ miles of road from the beach to the existing seal this financial year, a full discussion developed on possible improvements to the Koitiata Domain.

The following works were recommended to Council for action this year:-

1. Top course and seal of 40 chains of main road through the settlement.
2. Formation and metal 10 chains road access along beach frontage.
3. Formation of rubbish tip area.
4. Speed limit of 20 m.p.h. in Domain.

Other works mentioned:-

1. Public telephone
2. Street lighting
3. Public water supply (estimate)
4. River erosion west of township
5. Camping ground levelling and grassing
6. Tree planting
7. Improved access to river mouth.

The Meeting concluded at 12 noon.

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Meeting of section holders held in residence of Mr.J.Tunnell
at Turakina Beach on Saturday, 2nd August, 1969.

Councillor Gordon, County Engineer and County Clerk attended
as Council representatives.

Thirty-one section holders were in attendance.

The following matters were discussed:

Councillor Gordon outlined roading work carried out in
the past year and the proposals for the forthcoming year,
comprising $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of sealing in the township and a further $\frac{1}{2}$
mile extension from existing seal on Turakina Beach Road.

Speed restrictions

The meeting favoured the erection of 30 m.p.h. signs and
the Council is asked to approach Transport Department on this
matter.

Rubbish Dump

The area set aside is now filled and the Council is
requested to open up a new site.

Access to Sections from road

Some section holders queried whose responsibility it was
to restore access after road construction.

Public Telephone

The Council is asked to approach P & T Department for
information on the provision of a call box when the new Turakina
Exchange is operational.

River Erosion

The main concern of the meeting appeared to centre around
river erosion. The Council is asked to make a further approach
to the Catchment Board for an inspection of the encroachment by
the Engineers of the County Council and Catchment Board and also
by representatives of the section holders. Mrs.Farr and Mr.
Huddleston were appointed as representatives.

Water Supply

The meeting expressed support in principle for the
establishment in future of a permanent reticulated water supply
as outlined by the County Engineer.

Upgrading of Side Streets

It was agreed that no further upgrading of the side streets
was required at this stage.

REPORT OF MEETING OF KOITIATA RECREATION RESERVE LEASEHOLDERS HELD AT THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL, MAIN ROAD, TURAKINA, COMMENCING AT 10.05 A.M. ON
SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 1978

Approximately 60 Leaseholders of the Koitiata Domain attended.
The Rangitikei County Council was represented by Councillor G.J.W. Briant,
the County Clerk and the County Overseer.

Mr L. Anderson was Chairman of the meeting and Mrs Farr was the Secretary.

The notes of the previous meeting held on 22 July 1972 were read for the
benefit of the meeting and were confirmed as being a true and correct
record.

The following matters were discussed in varying detail.

1. The provision of 50 kilometre per hour speed limit signs and warning
signs relating to pedestrians and the lack of footpaths are required
and it was agreed that the County should be asked to look into these
matters.

2. Fire Fighting Equipment.

The meeting proposed that a portable pump be provided that could
operate from the existing domestic water tanks to provide some means
of containing a fire until the arrival of a fire brigade from either
Marton or Ratana.

3. The County Clerk was requested to provide a financial statement each
year with the Rate demands.

4. Freeholding of Sections

The County Clerk reported that with the passing of the Reserves Act
1977, the existence of the Beach Settlement at Koitiata becomes an
anomaly. In recognition of this Crown Lands representatives had
intimated that the Minister of Lands could give favourable consideration
to an application from the County to purchase the Reserve area and
in so doing the Reserve classification would be revoked. This would
give the Council the opportunity to sell sections to the leaseholders
and it might enable the County to extend the subdivision. The following
resolution was passed :

'THAT the County Council be asked to enter into negotiations
with the Minister of Lands to have the Reserve classification
of the Koitiata Recreation Reserve revoked and for the
purchase by the Council of the Reserve land for subsequent
sale to section holders.'

5. A comment was made that the open drain near Section 30 was in a
dangerous state so far as small children were concerned.

6. Misuse of Motor Vehicles

The meeting asked the Rangitikei County Council to take appropriate
action against the misuse of motor vehicles within the Recreation
Reserve.

7. The question of a public telephone at the Domain was raised and a member
of the meeting was given permission to raise the matter with the

Post and Telegraph Department.

8. Several residents requested that street names be signposted. One resident complained that his road was known as the Rubbish Dump Road.
9. Considerable discussion arose concerning street lighting but the meeting overwhelmingly voted against any action being instituted.
10. Office bearers

The meeting spent some time deciding on the size of the committee and its representation. It was eventually decided that the committee should consist of five members, three of whom would be elected from the permanent residents and two from the "weekenders". The Chairman and Secretary were to be drawn from the three permanent representatives. Nominations were called and the following were elected to office :

Permanent Representatives

Mr N. Abbott
Mr J. Davis
Mr P. Cornish

Weekenders

Mr J. Tremaine
Mr B. Bayley

The permanent representatives then elected Mr J. Davis as Chairman and Mr Noel Abbott as Secretary.

Addresses and Telephone No.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
J. Davis	Beach Road, Turakina Beach Settlement	Turakina 755
N. Abbott	Turakina Beach Settlement	Turakina 709
P. Cornish	Turakina Beach Settlement	Turakina 844
J. Tremaine	63 Bryce Street, Wanganui	Wanganui 44565
B. Bayley	204 Vogel Street, Palmerston North	Palm. Nth 86268

11. A question was asked whether any road sealing in the Beach Settlement was programmed and the answer from Councillor Briant was 'No'.
12. Heated complaints were heard about the amount of cow dung on the Turakina Beach Road leading to the Settlement.
13. A resident complained about the caterpillars occurring on lupin on the bare sections and these caterpillars become a pest during certain seasons. It was agreed that the County would take some action.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11.57 a.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
TURAKINA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION 1979

15 NOVEMBER, 1979

On the 26 August, 1978 at a meeting of 70 members of the Association, a new Committee was elected.

In attendance were representatives of the Rangitikei County Council Messrs. M. Griffiths, L. Vincent and Mr. Bryant a County Councillor.

The new Committee comprises as elected:

Chairman:	Joe Davis
Secretary/Treasurer	Noel Abbott
Committee:	Phil Cornish
	Jack Tremaine
	Brian Bayley

A vote of thanks was recorded to the outgoing Committee.

Matters dealt with during the year.

- (1) Street Lights: 10 Street lights have been installed after a postal vote of residents and back owners was taken. (14 were for lighting and 23 against).
- (2) Poollers cut and left on the spot by the County Council were cleared by a Working Bee. Special thanks in this regard to Messrs. Walker, Fraser and Richards.
- (3) Street Names: Streets have been renamed in accordance with the County Council's plan and street name signposts have been erected.
- (4) House Numbering: The Committee hopes to complete house numbering and deliver them to residents. It is proposed that the committee will hold a Working Bee to provide wooden house numbers for each section.
- (5) Speed Limit Signs: have been erected and in view of no footpaths and many children playing, it is in the interest of all beach residents to observe these.
- (6) A Public Phone Box was suggested but a definite "NO" reply was received from the Post Office. However, many residents have telephones for use in emergencies.
- (7) Mr. Griffiths of the County Council made it clear that it is unlawful to discharge or carry a loaded firearm within the confines of the domain.
- (8) The County Council replied in response to a request for firefighting equipment (namely a pump) that the County was doing a Survey of the area and the matter would be taken to the Fire Service Commission at a Council level.

To date no decision has been reached.

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- (9) Section Freeholdings: This possibility was put to the Council who will have to take the matter to Crown Lands. This matter is still under investigation.
- (10) Raffles: 2 small raffles were run last Christmas, to raise money for postage.
- (11) Thanks to Mrs. Leighton for her care and maintenance of the showers and toilets.
- (12) Certain matters are still under discussion for the coming year, including:
- (a) Water hole vent on main road
 - (b) Caravan points in the domain and possible drinking water supply for campers.
- (13) Request to all Section Owners:

It would be greatly appreciated if residents and section owners who have questions or suggestions, that they put them in writing and give to a Committee member to be discussed at the following Committee Meeting. If this is done in writing, it will ensure that all matters of concern will be given the attention of the Committee and that the person forwarding the written question will receive a reply.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their help and co-operation in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

J. Davis
J. Davis
CHAIRMAN

The address of your Beach Property will be:-

....43....Rapanea Street.....

The Rangitikei Mail

August 31, 1978

Suggestions by Turakina Beach Residents

At the annual meeting of the Turakina Beach Residents' Association on Sunday, the retiring chairman, Mr Les Anderson, welcomed the county riding member, Mr G J Briant, the Rangitikei County Council clerk, Mr M C Griffiths, and the county overseer, Mr Les Vincent, and a large gathering of about 70 residents.

The meeting passed several proposals for improving conditions at the beach. They included a request for more road restriction signs, such as 50 kph speed limits, and "Drive Carefully - No Footpaths". It was also suggested that street names should be erected.

Following complaints about the discharge of guns in the beach area, the County Clerk, Mr Grif-

fiths, said it was unlawful to discharge or carry a loaded firearm in the confines of the Koitiata Domain, as the beach is known. Steps would be taken to ensure that no misuse of motor vehicles would be permitted in the Domain.

Discussions were held on the purchase of a portable water-pump and hoses for temporary firefighting purposes until a permanent fire service was established.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr Joe Davis; secretary-treasurer, Mr Noel Abbott; committee, Messrs Phil Cornish, Jack Tremaine, Brian Bayley.

The new chairman thanked the retiring chairman, Mr Anderson, the retiring secretary, Mrs Mavis Farr, and the committee for their past efforts. He also expressed the hope that closer liaison between the new committee and the County Council would be a benefit to all the residents in the Domain.

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16 May 1980

The Secretary,
Turakina Beach Residents Committee,
N. Abbott,
56 Wainui Street,
R.D.
TURAKINA BEACH

Dear Sir,

re: Constitution of a Community Council for Koitiata

In view of the growing number of permanent residents at Turakina Beach and the obvious interest being taken in matters of general concern by the residents, my Council has directed that I put to your Committee the possibility of constituting a residential area of Turakina Beach as a community under the Local Government Act 1974.

Within the County the towns of Hunterville, Mangaweka and Ratana are all designated as communities which elect their own Community Council.

The general purposes of a community council are:

- (a) To co-ordinate and express to the County Council the views of the community on any matter of concern to the community; and
- (b) After consulting and obtaining the consent of the County Council, to take such action in the interests of the community with respect to any matter of concern to the community as is appropriate, expedient, and practicable; and
- (c) To undertake, encourage, and co-ordinate activities for the general well-being of the residents of the community; and
- (d) To perform such functions and exercise such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the County Council under section 632 of this Act or under any other Act.

Under section 632 of the Act the County Council may delegate to the Community Council any functions which in its opinion could best be handled by the Community Council except for the following:

- (a) The powers under the Public Works Act and the Town and Country Planning Act.
- (b) Power to borrow money, to make a rate, to make Bylaws or to enter into contracts.
- (c) The power to own property.
- (d) The power to appoint or remove staff.

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The Community Council is deemed to be a committee of the County Council.

In practise the communities of Hunterville, Ratana and Mangaweka make all of their own decisions but in the form of recommendations to the County Council. It is very rare indeed for the County Council not to agree with these recommendations.

All the rates collected within a community are spent within that community subject to certain administration charges etc. which are paid back to the County Council.

The community council is elected each three years and it is administered by the staff of the Rangitikei County Council. Meetings of the community council are attended by, usually, one member of the administration staff and one member of the engineering staff together with the riding member (Mr G.J.W. Briant).

If this action is taken then the following benefits will be derived:

- (a) The residents and section holders will have a far greater say in the management of the affairs of the Turakina Beach area; and
- (b) The County Council will have a formally constituted body to which it can delegate certain functions.

I would be pleased to attend the meeting of your committee to more closely examine this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

.....
M.C. Griffiths
COUNTY CLERK

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TURAKINA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD AT
PRESBYTERIAN HALL, TURAKINA, ON 2 AUGUST 1980 AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr G. Briant (Riding member), Mr M. Griffiths, (County Clerk), Mr I. Cumberworth (County Engineer), Mr McIlroy (Crown Lands), Mr B. Bayley, (Acting Chairman) Mr N. Abbott (Secretary/Treasurer) and 40 residents and section holders.

APOLOGIES: Apologies from A. Nations, E. Daue, A. Young, G. McLeary and P. Smith were received and accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: Street Lights etc

The Acting Chairman reported on this matter.

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr B. Bayley gave a full report on the Beach Committee's business, past and in hand since the last report given by the ex Chairman, Mr J. Davis in November 1979.

Mr Bayley also complimented residents and section holders on the way they had upgraded their sections and houses.

FREEHOLDING OF SECTIONS: Mr Griffiths explained delays on Freeholding and that it seems that the stage has now been reached when freeholding could go ahead subject to Crown Land's value of the land.

Mr Griffiths then called on Mr McIlroy. He explained, how, under the Reserves Act 1977 freeholding of the Domain sections could be arranged either by the County or Crown Lands.

A lengthy discussion took place on freeholding of sections but nothing can progress until Crown Lands had put a purchase price on the residential area of Domain and it was then put to the motion.

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Moved: J. Tremaine

"That the Rangitikei County Council act on our behalf as agents re freeholding."

Seconded: J. Richards and carried.

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Mr Griffiths stated Pros and Cons for County Community and when questioned said that it was early days but not too soon to set wheels in progress for constitution as a Community Council.

Moved: Mr Anderson.

"That we go ahead with the idea of forming a Community Council."

Seconded: B. Bayley and carried.

A Special Order now has to be put by County and advertised open to objections. If a Special Order is confirmed by 1st April 1981 a postal ballot will be held to elect the Community Council, which will consist of at least five members and not more than seven.

OFFICERS:

The following nominations were received:

Mr B. Bayley, Mr N. Abbott, Mr J. Richards, Mr L. McIndoe, Mr P. Cornish, Mr J. Tremaine and Mrs M. Barberry.

Moved: Mr Hancock

"That the seven names put forward all be elected and the Committee will appoint its own Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer."

Seconded: Mrs Bayley and carried.

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Noise, motor cycles etc.

Mr Phillpot suggested that an area away from the Domain be set aside for them, as to cause no danger to public at the Domain.

After a great deal of comment on the state of the main road (Beach Road) with cow droppings and dirt etc caused by the moving of the herd up and down the road, Mr Cumberworth stated that Council will investigate, with the idea of farmers driving herds along side of road, dirt area, behind electric fence, where possible.

RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL ORDER

The Rangitikei County Council by way of Special Order constitutes pursuant to Section 57 (b) of the Local Government Act 1974 a Community within the Rangitikei County Council: AND the name of the Community shall be the "Koitiata Community": AND the boundaries shall be as shown on Scheme Plan No. L.321: AND the Community shall be constituted on 1 April 1981: AND the Koitiata Community Council shall consist of seven members to be elected at large from the Community in accordance with the Local Government Act 1974.

THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL SHALL BE:

- (a) To co-ordinate and express to the County Council the views of the community on any matter of concern to the community; and
- (b) After consulting and obtaining the consent of the County Council, to take such action in the interests of the Community with respect to any matter of concern to the Community as is appropriate, expedient, and practicable; and
- (c) To undertake, encourage, and co-ordinate activities for the general well-being of the residents of the Community.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SHALL IN PARTICULAR:

- (a) Consider and recommend to the Rangitikei County Council the estimates of expenditure for each financial year commencing with the year commencing 1 April 1981.
- (b) Consider and recommend to the Rangitikei County Council all matters pertaining to rates and charges for the provision of revenue to meet the aforementioned estimates of expenditure.
- (c) Consider and recommend to the Rangitikei County Council all matters of policy relating to the provision of works and services for the Community.
- (d) Consider and recommend action on reports from Council Officers pertaining to works and services within the Community.
- (e) Act as administering authority subject to the approval in all matters of the Rangitikei County Council of that portion of the Koitiata Recreation Reserve contained within the boundaries of the Community District.
- (f) To undertake such other activities authorised for a local authority and delegated to it by the Rangitikei County Council from time to time.

THE ABOVE SPECIAL ORDER WAS PASSED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON 14 AUGUST 1980 AND SHALL BE CONFIRMED AT AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 1980.

REPORT TO RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS OF KOITIATA SETTLEMENT
ON ACTIONS SINCE AUGUST 1980

COMMITTEE. The Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting on August 2nd 1980 was:-

Mrs Mary Burbery	Housewife	Turakina Beach
Mr. N. Abbott	Painter	Turakina Beach
Mr. B. Bayley	Watch repairer	Turakina Beach
Mr. P. Cornish	Plumber	Turakina Beach
Mr. L. McIndoe	Chartered Accountant	Turakina Beach
Mr. J. Richards	Photographer	Wanganui
Mr. J. Tremaine	Contractor	Wanganui

COMMUNITY TOWN. Those present at the general meeting of section holders held on 2nd August 1980 supported the constitution of a community within the Rangitikei County.

On 14th August 1980 the Rangitikei County Council passed a Special Order to constitute the Community.

In October 1980 no objections having been received to the proposal to constitute a Koitiata Community was confirmed by the Rangitikei County Council.

The Koitiata Community will operate as from 1st April 1981.

Before that date an election will be held to elect members for the Council. The present Committee will be disbanded on 31st March 1981.

Ratepayers or permanent residents at the Beach will be entitled to vote for the members of the Committee to function from 1.4.1981.

The electoral qualifications is by way of

- (a) Ratepayers qualification
(b) Resident qualification
- or

RATEPAYER QUALIFICATION. A person is qualified as a ratepayer if his or her name appears as the occupier in the Valuation Roll.

Where two or more names are listed in the occupier column of the Valuation Roll then the law requires the County to take the first name listed as being the occupier having the ratepayer qualification as an elector.

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION. To hold a residential qualification it is necessary for a person:-

- (1) to have lived in New Zealand for twelve months.
- (2) To have lived in the Koitiata Community district for three months
- (3) To be eighteen or more years of age.

The roll has been prepared by the Rangitikei County of ratepayers and residents of the district.

Any Resident who has not been asked to complete an electoral form within the last six weeks should contact me, Logan McIndoe 38 Wainui Rd or Phone 771 or the County Council if they wish to have their name placed on the Electoral roll.

The election for the new council members will take place in February or March 1981.

FREEHOLDING OF SECTIONS. Negotiations are taking place to give the residents the opportunity if they so wish to freehold their sections at Koitiata.

The proposal the Rangitikei County has made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands is for it to acquire from the Crown the whole area of subdivided sections, plus the recreation area and a similar sized area beyond the toilet block at the unimproved value. The total value placed on the housing area would be divided by the number of sections (approximately 105) and this figure plus a small amount for legal fees would be the cost of each section.

The County mentioned to the Commissioner of Crown Lands that it must be remembered that the land was basically shifting sand dunes when the original developments took place and only much hard work and considerable

expenses on the part of the section holders have brought the sections to the stable state in which they are now found.

A letter has been received from the Commissioner of Crown Lands giving the following valuations for the areas shown on the appended map.

(1) Residential sections	\$199.100
(2) Recreation & Camping area(Levelled)	3300
(3) Undeveloped	6800

The comment conveyed to me by the County Clerk was

"You will no doubt be as bewildered as we were at this valuation."

The area (3) \$3300 has been levelled and grassed and is valued at \$3300.

The Area (2) which is undeveloped sand dunes of approximately the same area is valued at \$6800.

This seems quite remarkable.

The County representatives have discussed this matter with the Committee and have commented that it is their contention that section holders should not be asked to pay more for their land than for undeveloped sand dunes. The Council contends that the total area of the subdivision should be sold by the County at that unimproved value. The total area is 8.11951 hectares

The County contends that if they accept the value of area (2) as being the value for undeveloped sand dunes they can arrive at a figure of \$25100 for subdivided sections. This is a considerable difference from the \$199100 quoted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Negotiations are still taking place between the County and Crown Lands and section holders will be advised when they near finality.

The Committee is pressing for early decision, as the leases of existing sections are due for renewal in 1982. Section holders should have the opportunity to purchase if they so wish before the rentals are reviewed.

RUBBISH TIP. Rubbish is still being dumped indiscriminantly at the tip. Many people obviously make no effort to dump rubbish over the face of the tip. After a week or so it becomes difficult to put rubbish in the tip itself.

The County are very cooperative in cleaning the pit up when asked but each visit costs money.

The Committee considers that a n old front end loader in running order would be an asset at the settlement. It could be used to clean the tip and also to bury decaying and offensive carcasses on the river front.

TOILETS. Mrs. Leighton cleans the toilets and reports they are being defaced especially over week ends.

This offence is difficult to trace but reports on any known cases would help.

COWS.

A further letter has been addressed to the County Engineer asking what steps are being taken to control the movement of cows on the beach road. Droppings made by cows each day on the road not only dirties but corrodes cars used by residents.

No reply has yet been received.

FIRE PROTECTION.

It was decided to pursue this matter more actively in April after the Kaitiata Community becomes legal. A direct approach could then be made to the relevant fire authority.

RANGERS.

The County will issue Rangers certificates to members of the Community Committee. They will have authority to approach persons offending the by-laws of the Community area.

NOTICE BOARD.

A cabinet to hold local notices and information has been made by Mr. Percival. The Committee has suggested to the County that it be erected opposite Mrs Burberry's section. The County has not yet done anything on this matter.

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DEAD ANIMALS.

Several dead animals were buried on the river beach during the whitebait season. A few days later a high flood deposited further carcasses.

As mentioned under the heading of Tip a front end loader would be an asset at the settlement.

COMMITTEE FUNDS.

The actions of Mesdames Burberry and Leighton in providing ingredients and baking a Christmas Cake to raise funds for Committee use must be commended. The cake was raffled and won by Mr. Farr. A sum in excess of \$75.00 was raised by the raffle. The thanks of the Committee are offered to those who supported the raffle.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

On the afternoon of 28th November over 50 members of the Marton Friendship Club were entertained at the settlement. Afternoon tea was provided by women residents at the home of Mrs Mary Burberry. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and the visitors expressed a wish for the function to be repeated next year.

Our thanks go to the ladies for all they did on this occasion,

ODDS & ENDS.

If any residents would like any old copies of Newsweek, Womens Weekly or books there are plenty to be had in my garage. If no one wants them they will be dumped. Come and take what you want.

KETTLES.

I have the odd hobby of collecting kettles. If any one has any old ones lying around they do not want I would welcome them. I would take them free or pay a nominal sum for one.

NEW YEAR.

All the very best for the New Year and may it bring happiness and pleasure to all.

Sincerely.

A.J.L.McINDOE
SECRETARY

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TURAKINA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD AT
PRESBYTERIAN HALL, TURAKINA, ON 2 AUGUST 1980 AT 11 A.M.

PRESENT: Mr G. Briant (Riding member), Mr M. Griffiths, (County Clerk), Mr I. Cumberworth (County Engineer), Mr McIlroy (Crown Lands), Mr B. Bayley, (Acting Chairman) Mr N. Abbott (Secretary/Treasurer) and 40 residents and section holders.

APOLOGIES: Apologies from A. Nations, E. Daue, A. Young, G. McLeary and P. Smith were received and accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: Street Lights etc

The Acting Chairman reported on this matter.

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S

REPORT: Mr B. Bayley gave a full report on the Beach Committee's business, past and in hand, since the last report given by the ex Chairman, Mr J. Davis in November 1979.

Mr. Bayley also complimented residents and section holders on the way they had upgraded their sections and houses.

FREEHOLDING OF SECTIONS:

Mr Griffiths explained delays on freeholding and that it seems that the stage has now been reached when freeholding could go ahead subject to Crown Land's value of the land.

Mr Griffiths then called on Mr McIlroy. He explained, how, under the Reserves Act 1977 freeholding of the Domain sections could be arranged either by the County or Crown Lands.

A lengthy discussion took place on freeholding of sections but nothing can progress until Crown Lands had put a purchase price on the residential area of Domain and it was then put to the motion.

MEETING OF THE TURAKINA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, 2 AUGUST 1980:

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Moved: J. Tremaine

"That the Rangitikei County Council act on our behalf as agents re freeholding."

Seconded: J. Richards and carried.

CONSTITUTION AS A
COUNTY COMMUNITY:

Mr Griffiths stated Pros and Cons for County Community and when questioned said that it was early days but not too soon to set wheels in progress for constitution as a Community Council.

Moved: Mr Anderson.

"That we go ahead with the idea of forming a Community Council."

Seconded: B. Bayley and carried.

A Special Order now has to be put by County and advertised open to objections. If a Special Order is confirmed by 1st April 1981 a postal ballot will be held to elect the Community Council, which will consist of at least five members and not more than seven.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following nominations were received:

Mr B. Bayley, Mr N. Abbott, Mr J. Richards, Mr L. McIndoe, Mr P. Cornish, Mr J. Tremaine and Mrs M. Burberry.

Moved: Mr Hancock

"That the seven names put forward all be elected and the Committee will appoint its own Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer."

Seconded: Mrs Bayley and carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Noise, motor cycles etc.

Mr Phillpot suggested that an area away from the Domain be set aside for them, as to cause no danger to public at the Domain.

After a great deal of comment on the state of the main road (Beach Road) with cow droppings and dirt etc caused by the moving of the herd up and down the road, Mr Cumberworth stated that Council will investigate, with the idea of farmers driving herds along side of road, dirt area, behind electric fence, where possible.

MEETING OF THE TURAKINA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, 2 AUGUST 1980:

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Mr C. Fraser suggested a newsletter every six months and that trees be planted on boundaries of Domain.

Rubbish Tip

Council was complimented by Secretary/Treasurer on Council's efforts to keep Rubbish Tip clean but asked all residents to dump rubbish in the pit and not on the entry road to pit. He also stated that as the pit was moved back after each clean up more metal would be needed to form a 'hardcore' so people could drive back to dumping area.

Thanks were then passed to Mr McIlroy, Mr Griffiths, Mr G. Briant (Riding Member), Mr Cumberworth and Acting Chairman (Mr Bayley) for their attendance and help.

The meeting closed at 1.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:



RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 22, MARTON

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
THIS REFERENCE
NCG:RDEA

TELEPHONE 8174
C/2/15/1
(3 lines)

3 September 1980

Mr. L.H. Cornish,
114 Naenae Road,
LOWER HUTT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

re Constitution of Koitiata Community

I enclose a copy of the Minutes of a general meeting of Koitiata Section holders held on 2nd August 1980.

You will see that the meeting supported the Constitution of a community within the Rangitikei County.

The Rangitikei County Council at its meeting on 14 August 1980 passed the Special Order which constitutes the community. Before this becomes effective it is necessary to have it confirmed and the confirmation is set down for 9 October 1980.

I enclose a copy of the Special Order and a copy of the Plan showing the proposed boundaries etc.

Objections to this proposal will be received by the Council until 9 a.m. on 9 October 1980. Any such objections will be considered by the Council before they confirm the Special Order.

In the event of the Special Order being confirmed the community will be constituted as from 1 April 1981 and it will be necessary to conduct an election for the members of the Council that will be required. The Rangitikei County Council conducts its elections by postal ballot.

The electoral qualification is by way of either ratepayer qualification or resident qualification. A person is qualified as a ratepayer if his or her name appears as the occupier in the Valuation Roll. Where two or more names are listed in the occupier column of the Valuation Roll then the law requires

we take the first name so listed as being the occupier having the ratepayer qualification as an elector. This decision can be modified on application by the joint occupiers to have one or other of the names listed to hold the electoral qualification. To hold a residential qualification it is necessary for a person to have lived in New Zealand for twelve months and to have lived in the Koitiata Community district for three months; the age qualification in either case is eighteen years.

If there are any questions that you might have I would be pleased to attempt to answer them for you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. C. Griffiths', written in dark ink.

.....
M. C. Griffiths
COUNTY CLERK.

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCILCHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 1981

On 10 March 1981, the seven nominees for seven positions on the newly formed Koitiata Community Council met. For personal reasons, one nominee withdrew. The remaining six signed the Declaration by Councillors, pursuant to Section 103 of the Local Government Act 1974. The extraordinary vacancy was filled by appointment, of the only late nomination at the July meeting. The seven members are A.J.L. McIndoe, J.H. Richards, D.R. Taylor (Mrs), L.J. Tremaine, M. Burberry (Mrs), N.N. Abbott and B.S. Bayley.

The Community has adopted a set of Bylaws. Each Councillor has a set and the public are entitled to view these on request. Also, all the Councillors are Honorary Rangers. They are all approachable people and will be willing to assist you in any way on request, with information etc.

The Rubbish Dump has reached the end of its useful life and the Council is in the process of hearing objections to the relocating of same just to the north east of the Domain. Hopefully, it will be in use at an early date. We notice that people are reluctant to dump their rubbish in the tip head, thus causing at times quite an unnecessary pile up. With the new tip, we hope everyone will try harder. Also, children use it as a playground. They love smashing anything glass, creating a danger to everyone. Before long someone's child will come home with a badly gashed foot and we are quite a way from a doctor. The remedy is in the parents hands.

Animal carcasses on the river and beach frontage: unfortunately, as long as we have a river outlet and there are farms along that river, we will have this problem. However, in the near future we hope to have material readily available so that this offensive matter can be burned under supervision.

While I am talking burning, we live in a fire restricted area, so if you wish to burn anything, you must obtain a permit to burn from the Forestry Fire Ranger, Mr Noel Abbott. This is important.

The Public Showers and Conveniences on the beach frontage are a target for vandalism quite frequently. A meter miser will be fitted to the showers to give them a timed flow. They will automatically "cut off" if left running. Our thanks must go to Mrs Leighton for her efforts in keeping these conveniences clean and usable and also for looking after the meter boxes at the caravan park. Neither chore being the most relished at times.

Some of you may have noticed a concrete slab on Lot 65 in Wainui Street. By the time you are reading this newsletter, there will probably be a shed erected on this site. This is to house fire fighting equipment for the village and forestry. The initial equipment will be supplied by the Forestry. The Council had hoped to see the building and equipment installed before Christmas. It could possibly still be but more likely to be in the New Year. Of course, equipment will not operate by itself so there will be volunteers called for later to train for fire fighting. But more about this when it is organised.

Unkept and undeveloped sections are a considerable fire hazard, particularly in the hot weather. So what about it you occupiers?

The freeholding of our sections had reached the "Land Settlement Board" immediately prior to the election. The Minister of Lands sits on this Board. Now the election is settled, I would hope the procedure continues immediately.

At a meeting on 14 July 1981, with the Assistant Commissioner of Lands, Mr Muirhead and Messrs Ogle and Briant from his office, also present Mr Henshaw from the Valuation Department, it was pointed out that the price fixing used for such sales was a long established formula followed by all Governments for many years. So our arguments to have the price reduced were of no avail.

Having accepted this fact, the decision of the meeting was to proceed with the freeholdings after the Valuation Department had reassessed the situation.

When the Council has definite information for everyone to consider, a general meeting will be called immediately, everyone receiving due notice. This meeting will discuss acceptance or refusal, along with prices and ways of purchase prior to a final decision being made.

Statements of other relevant information concerning the Koitiata Domain will be made and any questions answered where possible.

This concludes news etc to hand. I trust it will answer some of the questions being asked.

In closing, I would take the opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year on behalf of myself and the Koitiata Community Council.

Brian Bayley
CHAIRMAN

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform property owners in the Community of some items of general interest.

Early History of Koitiata Recreation Reserve. The land constituting Koitiata Recreation Reserve was originally part of a pastoral licence held by Mary Ann Moorehouse of England. Her licence was for a term of 21 years from 1 March 1888.

In 1906 she applied for and obtained the Department's approval to subdivide the holdings and transfer portions to Mr. R.K. Simpson and Messrs C.W. & H. Wilson for the balance of the term. When the licence expired on 28 February 1909 it was offered for selection (as such licences contained no right of renewal) and the successful applicant insofar as Run 17 was concerned was Duncan Simpson.

In August 1913 your Council (County Council) made representation to the Department about acquiring an area of land at the mouth of the Turakina River for a seaside resort to meet the needs of the residents of Rangitikei. Council also indicated that the pastoral licensee, D. Simpson, was willing to relinquish his interest in 100 or more acres of his licence for such a purpose. This was shortly followed by written advice from Mr. Simpson in support of the proposal, conditionally that the proposed area be controlled by your Council.

After subsequent discussion between the three parties an area of 165 acres 2 roods was surveyed out of the pastoral licence.

Pursuant to Section 321 of the Land Act 1908 this area was set aside as a reserve for a public recreation ground. New Zealand Gazette 1916 page 642 refers.

As a result of the reduction in pastoral licence area Mr. Simpson's rental was adjusted proportionately taking effect from 1st September 1916. You will gather from this it is not strictly correct that Mr. Simpson gifted the land. The land was surrendered from his lease with his agreement and as a result of which he received a rental adjustment.

Subsequent to the gazettal as a reserve the land was by New Zealand Gazette 1917 page 789 brought under the provisions of Part 11 of the Public Reserves and Domains Act 1908 and named Koitiata Domain. By Gazette 1917 page 1120 the County Council was subsequently appointed to control and manage the domain.

The intention had always been that part of the domain be available for beach sections. Section 59 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1917 authorised the issue of leases for this purpose over areas not exceeding one quarter acre individually, the total area of the sections not to exceed one tenth of the total area of the domain. Forty one sections were surveyed out for this purpose (Rapaki Street) but very few were leased in the early days because of a sand blow problem. The problem however must have been resolved as all these sections are now occupied. Nevertheless because of the sand blow problem some residence were erected on an unsurveyed area (based on a scheme plan which showed an extension to the original surveyed area) and because of this owners of these residences latterly became known as squatters. The situation was finally sorted out in the 1950's when survey was completed to correctly fix the boundaries of all sections then occupied. In the early 1960's a further subdivision (SO 26255) was approved.

There are now 103 resident section in the Reserve.

Freeholding of Sections. Application to freehold sections had to be lodged with the Commissioner of Crown Lands before June 15th 1982. Those who made application to freehold their sections will have, or will in the next few days receive a Certificate of Title for their Section.

This is an important document and will need to be produced if the section is sold or a mortgage is raised on the property.

See that it is put away in a safe place and remember where you put it.

Community Centre. The building sited towards the end of Wainui Street, perhaps known as the Fire Station has been officiallt named as the Community building.

If is available for use by Community groups for meetings or functions. As funds become available the building will be lined and furnished and probably added to. A sink top has been offered to the Council by a resident. Matters being considered for attention are:-

1. Installing of heating points
2. Obtaining a tank - preferably 5000 gallons - to provide a supply of water for fire fighting and use in the hall.
3. Painting the walls and roof
4. Doing the necessary plumbing
5. Obtaining seats and a small table for the hall

In order that these jobs and others maybe undertaken a fund raising function such as (Housie) can be organised the Council feels a seperate Committee should be formed.

A note notifying property owners of a meeting to be held on Saturday 4th December at 2pm. for the purpose of electing such a committee is attached to this newsletter.

FUNDS. As a result of the efforts of some of the women in the Community and MesdamesBurberry and Leighton in particular approximately \$300 has already been raised. This money will be used on developing the community building.

Koitiata Community Council People may wonder how this Council came into being. In May 1980 the County Clerk wrote the following letter to the Turakina Beach Residents Committee:- The General purposes of a Community Council are:-

- (a) To co-ordinate and express to the County Council the views of the Community on any matter of concern to the community; and
- (b) After consulting and obtaining the consent of the County Council, to take such action in the interests of the community with respect to any matter of concern to the community as is appropriate, expedient and practicable; and
- (c) To undertake encourage, and co-ordinate activities for the general well being of the residents of the community; and
- (d) To perform such functions and exercise such powers as may from time to time be delegated to it by the County Council under section 632 of this Act or under any other Act.

Under section 632 of the Act this County Council may delegate to the Community Council any functions which in its opinion could best. be handled by the Community Council except for the following:-

- (a) The powers under the Public Works Act and the Town and County Planning Act.
- (b) Power yo borrow money, to make a rate, to make Bylaws or to enter into contracts.
- (c) The power to own property.
- (d) The power to appoint or remove staff.

The Community Council is deemed to be a committee of the County Council.

A meeting of Koitiata Section holders held on 2nd August 1982 supported the constitution of a Community within the Rangitikei County.

A special Order constituting the Koitiata Community was confirmed at a meeting of Rangitikei County Council held on 9th October 1980 and the Community came into being on 1 April 1981.

The Council consists of seven members four representing permanent residents and three representing other property holders.

The Councillors were elected by postal ballot and will hold office until the next local body elections in 1983.

The present Councillors are:-

Mr. A.J.L. McIndoe	JP. Chairman	Wainui St. Turakina Beach
	Chartered Accountant	
Mr. N. Abbott	Painter	Wainui St. Turakina Beach
Mr. J.H. Richards	Photographer	264 St. Hill St. Wanganui
Mr. J. Tremaine	Contractor	14 Jackson St. Wanganui
Mr. A. McKenzie	Butcher	Rapaki St. Turakina Beach
Mrs M. Burberry		Wainui St. Turakina Beach
Mrs. K. Robb	Married Woman	133 Mt. View Rd. Wanganui

Fire Equipment. A portable pump and hose together with a siren and sets of beaters have been supplied by the Forestry Department. The equipment will be housed in the Hall building. It is hoped in the near future to get a light trailer for transporting the equipment in time of emergency. A system of calls by the siren is being arranged by Mr. N. Abbott.

In case of an emergency a key for the Hall will be placed in a glass fronted box beside the side door of the Community building. I understand several residents have offered to help make a trailer and our thanks go to them for their offer.

Cows. The Committee has had continuing discussions with County representatives about the dairy cows using the road daily. The Council had a meeting in the Turakina Hall last year with farmers using Beach Road with satisfactory results in all but one case -

Mr. Johnston now moves his cows through his own property and they only cross the road in one place.

The County levelled the sides of the road in one area so that the cows could be encouraged to walk on the grass. An employee on a motorbike was going to ride along beside the cows and encourage them to use the grass verge. This has not been done and an effect the tendency is to let the cows out onto the road and to wander along in their own way.

According to the County an alternative bridge was being prepared to keep the cows off the road bridge. Nothing seems to be happening as yet on this matter. Mr. Vincent the County Overseer assures in that progress is being made to improve the cow situation.

Domain. Camping grounds. Suggestions have been made to the County that the camping area be moved to a spot adjoining the present conveniences and that the flat area adjoining the conveniences be developed into a recreation area. The suggestion is that the present Domain area then be roaded and subdivided into building sections.

If the caravan area is left in its present location sooner or later pressure will be put on the Council to provide conveniences in the adjoining area. They could cost up to \$20000. By shifting the camping area nearer the present conveniences this cost would be avoided.

Conveniences. As seems to be a common occurrence the building is being dirtied and defaced. The Council would be pleased if anyone seeing any offences being committed would report it to a Councillor.

Notice Board. A notice board has been erected at the corner of Wainui Streets and in a few days a map will be placed in it and will be marked to show important spots in the Koitiata settlement.

Animals. Complaints have been made recently of stock being allowed to roam in the settlement and not being provided with sufficient food and water.

Will residents with stock please see that proper care is taken of them. The County By-laws have provision for action to be taken if necessary.

Christmas Gathering . In an effort to promote fellowship in the settlement it is suggested that a gathering be held at the Community Building 8 pm Saturday 18 December. Opportunity to discuss this proposal will be taken at the meeting to be held on 4th December next. It could well be an opportunity for the new Committee to organise its first function.

KOITIATE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
A.J.L. McINDOE. CHAIRMAN

MEETING

A MEETING OF SECTION HOLDERS AND RESIDENTS OF KOITIATA SETTLEMENT WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING WAINUI STREET ON SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 1982 AT 2.pm.

BUSINESS. TO ELECT A COMMITTEE TO ORGANISE FUNCTIONS AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING.

GENERAL

A.J.L. McINDOE
CONVENOR

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1988

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since the last Report, the Community Hall extension has been completed. Thanks to the Dudding Trust, your Riding Member and the Rangitikei County Council, we received a Grant of \$1,350.00 for our material costs from the Dudding Trust, so with all labour supplied by the Community, it simply meant the whole job had been completed without any drain on our rate estimates, thanks to all.

Fire Team.

The Fire Team now has about 11 members. A new Fire Chief, Mr Peter Fraser and a new Deputy, Mr W. Wills were appointed, and are also the new Rural Fire Officers. We thank all you chaps for the time and effort spent at practices, and we all know that if called upon you will give a good account of yourselves, for our protection.

Civil Defence.

We now have a special C.B. Radio for Civil Defence emergencies. Should roads and telephone communications be out, we have contact with C.D. Marton and Wanganui. This is a good asset to our Community. The Civil Defence Officer for our area, Mr Max Benseman, came down for an evening Meeting in October, to instruct our Civil Defence Wardens in its use. He commented on a very good attendance.

Recreation Nights.

Bowls - and a great deal of fun. If you feel like attending and having an enjoyable evening, every Thursday 7.30 p.m. - come along. I am sure you will be made welcome.

Mowing Front Area.

Our special thanks must go to Mr Bill Wills for the time and effort he put into the mowing of this area, plus the Camping Ground. It certainly is a pleasure to see this area so tidy. Thanks also to those who have lent their trailers, and picked up and returned the mower to the Rangitikei County Council yard.

River Mouth and Beach Access.

This is becoming quite a concern to all, as the river continues its movement southwards. It certainly does not enhance the area. Access to the beach is difficult. We all hope it will block off, so it can be opened up out in front, otherwise we will become a river settlement instead of a Beach Settlement.

Bereavements Since Last Report.

Mr Rodney Newman. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Nira and families from our Community. Rod was always willing to help his fellow man, and was a member of the Fire Team, Civil Defence and Car Pool.

Koitiata Community Council.

This will cease to exist from 31 March 1989 with the new Government Scheme of Regional Councils, so this will be my last Report as your Chairman. I feel it would be very appropriate to thank all present and past Chairmen, Councillors, Riding Members and the Rangitikei County Council and residents, for all that has been achieved. While we have been a Community Council, between all of us, we have a Community we can be proud of, and a Community spirit second to none.

The Festive Season is upon us. On behalf of all Councillors and myself, we wish you, all the residents and Batchholders, the Rangitikei Council and Staff, and our Riding Member, and all families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your wonderful cooperation at all times.

N. N. Abbott
Chairman

KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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RANGITIKEI COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE KOITIATA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ON TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1989
AT 1.30 P.M.

PRESENT: 89:Koitiata 53
Councillors N. Abbott, (Chairman), M. Burbery,
E. Ramsdale, A.J.L. McIndoe and T. Y. Lethbridge (Riding
Member).

Also present the Assistant Engineer (Marton), the Chief
Executive Officer (Designate) and the Research Officer.

APOLOGIES: 89:Koitiata 54
Moved: Cr Burbery
"That apologies from Councillors R. Price and P. Fraser for
absence be sustained."
Seconded: Cr Ramsdale and carried.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

89:Koitiata 55
Moved: Cr McIndoe
"That the Minutes of the previous Meetings held on 11 April
1989, 9 May 1989, 11 June 1989 and 6 August 1989, as
circulated, be taken as read and confirmed."
Seconded: Cr Ramsdale and carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

89:Koitiata 56
Public Meeting - 28 October 1989, deferred to General
Business.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

89:Koitiata 57 - File: P80/0010
Moved: Cr Ramsdale
"That the land at Valuation Reference 13490/24 described as
Lots 59-61 and 65, D.P. 26092, Block I, Koitiata S.D., be
designated a Recreation Reserve by the Rangitikei District
Council to be formed for the benefit of the Community."
Seconded: by the Chairman and carried.

89:Koitiata 58
Moved: Cr Ramsdale
"That the Engineer's Report as presented, be received."
Seconded: Cr Burbery and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

89:Koitiata 59
Moved: Cr Burbery
"That the Financial Statement as presented, be received."
Seconded: Cr Ramsdale and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

89:Koitiata 60 - File: R30/0020
Synopsis of Submissions on Funding Issues, a Discussion Document - Reform of Local and Regional Government - for the information of Councillors.

"RECEIVED"

GENERAL BUSINESS:

89:Koitiata 61
Public Meeting:

This meeting will be held on 25 November 1989 at 2.00 p.m. in the Community Hall to discuss the formation of a Koitiata Beach Committee. An opportunity will be given for residents to express their concerns about matters affecting the community when the Koitiata Community Council ceases to exist after 14 October 1989. Meeting to be chaired by Councillor Lethbridge.

89:Koitiata 62
Meeting notices for the community to be distributed by Councillor Abbott and those for absentee home owners by County Staff.

89:Koitiata 63
Camp Warden:

The Chairman suggested that when Mr Ron Sargent's contract as Camp Warden comes up for renewal, the cleaning of the Community Hall and the collection of fees be included. This Hall is a valuable community asset.

89:Koitiata 64
Ms Celia Fullerton-Smith, Chief Executive Officer (Designate) indicated that all such contracts would be reviewed and community concerns addressed.

89:Koitiata 65
The existing arrangements would continue until the Public Meeting to be held on 25 November 1989.

89:Koitiata 66
River Mouth:

The Chairman advised that subject to this meeting's agreement, a meeting will be held comprising himself, Major Pope and Mr Schellevis would be held at the River Mouth during October/November to see where the River could be diverted.

89:Koitiata 67
The meeting agreed to this course of action.

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89:Koitiata 68

Closure:

The Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to County Staff, present and past Community Councillors and Riding Members.

89:Koitiata 69

Councillor Lethbridge (Riding Member) replied that he was sorry to see the Community Council going out of existence, and expressed admiration for the way in which the Chairmen had led it. The concern was now for the future and liaison must be maintained between the Community and District Council. He congratulated the Community Council on the achievements that have been made.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2.51 p.m.

CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN:

DATE:

Noticeboard

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 liaisioning 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 ~~\$1,300~~ 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 advice 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 4:14:10p.m.

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31 Rapakai Street
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24 January 1990

Chief Executive Officer
Rangitikei District Council
High Street
MARTON

Dear Madam

As you are aware, our inaugural meeting was held last Sunday 21 January and Mayor Wilson along with Ward Member Tim Lethbridge, attended as representatives of your Council.

Several issues involving District Council were raised and discussed and the committee has instructed me to write to you on the following outstanding problems some of which require urgency.

Fire Hazards

D.O.C. Land

Our Fire Chief, Bill Wills, expressed concern at the lack of available water to assist fire control on DOC land at the south end of the township. It is recommended that two ponds be dug in strategic positions to give added protection for varying wind conditions and the possible unavailability of river access in that area. While it is difficult to define the responsibility for such ponds ie Timberlands, DOC, or your Council, we seek your assistance on this matter which we consider is urgent.

Private Sections

There are a few sections in the township not being maintained that have become potential fire hazards and in addition to these are the sections still owned by your Council in the new subdivision. We feel it would be most difficult (if not unfair) to try and enforce a Rangitikei District Council By-Law on residents when it is not being upheld by yourselves. This situation is of an urgent nature and representatives from our committee would make themselves available to discuss it further.

Lawn Mowing - Spare Mower

Mr B Wills is quite prepared to continue mowing the river frontage with the mower borrowed from your depot. It was felt however that if a spare mower had become available (through amalgamation) it would be most desirable to have one permanently sited at the beach. This would give both cost and logistic advantages to all concerned.

We understand Tim Lethbridge may be following up this request also.

Straying Dogs

There is still a continuing straying dog problem in the township with complaints still coming forward. We understand the new manning situation due to amalgamation may be to our advantage on this problem and that we can expect some visits from rangers in the very near future. This will be much appreciated.

Refuelling Fire Appliance

The current situation of driving the fire appliance to Marton to obtain authorized fuel from the Council appeared to the meeting to be absolutely ludicrous when the cost of hubometer charges and extra travel are taken into account. It is our committee's recommendation that future supplies be authorized from the Turakina Service Station and we formally request your approval and action on this.

River Diversion

Tim Lethbridge outlined the problems and likely delays on this project due to DOC requiring much more information before they would issue a water right. Our committee will continue to liaise with the Linton Army personnel on this delay, but we wish to re-emphasize the risk of flood damage to properties (and your subdivision investment) should the current situation be allowed to worsen. There is no doubt in the minds of residents who have witnessed past extensive floods that the risk of damage is much greater than before.

Cows on Road Problem

Mayor Wilson and Tim Lethbridge reported on the complexities of this problem and the ongoing action being taken. It was generally agreed that some progress had definitely been made in recent times.

Mayor Wilson and Bill Wills will also visit complainant Mr Manus in the near future to update him on the overall situation and hopefully eliminate future letters to the newspapers.

Push for community to run facilities

by Hamish White

MOVES to redress seizure by the Rangitikei District Council of community assets in Santoft and Hunterville come at a time when the council is promoting community management of facilities it's found too costly or burdensome to run.

During recent discussions of the district's draft annual plan, the formation of a community trust to run the Marton Swim Centre has been proposed by councillors as a solution to the centre's history of embarrassingly high costs.

The formation of community trusts to run libraries surfaced and localised management has been suggested by council representatives at community committee discussions on the future of Hunterville's town hall and civic pool.

One group resisting the council's inclination to duck loss-taking amenities is the Koitiata Residents' Association.

Responding to a draft plan proposal that responsibility for the local hall go back to the community which built it, association members put their case to the council at last Thursday's hearing of submissions.

Association secretary/treasurer Joan Nation told councillors that finance would be a major worry because there were so few peo-

ple in the community.

A suggestion from Cr David Hammond that introduction of a rating differential could cover costs associated with maintaining the hall and local domain was rejected by Mrs Nation.

She told councillors a local rate had been levied to maintain the hall before its acquisition by the council.

"Here you are now saying: 'Blow you it's costing us too much, so we'll have done with it and you can do what you like.'"

The hall's annual cost to council is calculated at about \$4,000, nearly \$3,000 of which is a call on district rates.

Mrs Nation queried the hall's potential long-term liability: "Would we have to have sprinklers and ramps and suddenly — BANG — it's going to cost heaps more?"

Despite criticism of the hall's "free usage at the ratepayers' expense" during Friday's council debate on submissions, it seems Koitiata residents won't be left to fend for themselves.

Cr Leo Mickleson said: "It costs ratepayers darn all because of the input of the Dudding Trust — leave it as it is — it's all they've got."

The hall is used regularly as a social centre as well as housing the local civil defence base and Koitiata volunteer firefighters.



KOITIATA resident Joan Nation with the local hall at rear — "So few people" to take responsibility.