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KĀPITI ISLAND NATURE LODGE MONITORING COMMITTEE	THURSDAY 3 MAY 2012	4.30PM

MINUTES of an ordinary meeting of the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee, held in the Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room, 179 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu on Thursday 3 May 2012, commencing at 4.30pm.

PRESENT: Dr H Barr (Kāpiti Island Watching Interest and Chair)
 Cr K Gurunathan (Kāpiti Coast District Council)
 Mr T Ward (Forest & Bird)
 Ms A Pearce (Pharazyn Charitable Trust)
 Mr P Hockey

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms T Evans (Group Manager, Community Services)
 Ms J Gurr (Compliance Officer)
 Mrs H Dorne (Executive Secretary, Community Services)
 Ms K Swadling (Department of Conservation)

The Chairperson, Dr Hugh Barr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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APOLOGIES

MOVED (Pearce/Hockey)

That the apologies from Rob Stone, Department of Conservation and Will Scollay, Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board be accepted.

CARRIED

KINLMC 12/05/44

30 MINUTES PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public wishing to speak

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MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Leave of Absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

Matters of an Urgent Nature

There were no matters of an urgent nature.

KINLMC 12/05/46

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Dr Barr noted that the Jason Harvey-Wills review was discussed at the last meeting but was not mentioned in last minutes.

The review was included in the minutes under "Matters Arising from Minutes" on page 2.

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MOVED (Pearce/Ward)

That the minutes of the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee held on 9 February 2012 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Minutes

KINLMC 12/05/47

COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT (January – March 2012)

Ms Gurr informed the Committee that Jason Harvey-Wills who will carry out the annual audit, was unable to attend today's meeting. He visited Kapiti Island two weeks ago and will present his report at the next meeting to be held in August.

Ms Gurr advised that there were no matters of non-compliance or issues arising from her last site visit.

Ms Gurr noted that in Appendix II – the Lodge boat is used mainly for half day tour groups and the reason there have been no entries added while visiting the NR/NE is because the half day trippers have gone directly to the Lodge and have not entered DOC land.

Dr Barr asked whether the new registered boat had a gang plank as required by the Resource Consent conditions.

Ms Gurr circulated a copy of the March Kaitiaki o Kapiti Trust newsletter which included their Annual Report.

Dr Barr asked if Jason Harvey-Wills' audit report could be circulated prior to the next meeting.

MOVED (Gurunathan/Hockey)

That the compliance inspection report for January-March 2012 be received.

CARRIED

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Hockey asked who is responsible for the delivery of information and at which time it is delivered to visitors to the Island?

Ms Gurr advised that all visitors to the island are given an information pack as well as a talk by a guide or DOC staff when arriving at the Lodge. If visitors have a permit to enter Crown land they are taken to the DOC shelter by a guide and given a talk informing them of the quarantine procedures and conditions. If visitors and overseas visitors have not received their information packs in the days before their visit, they are certainly given one in the carpark when they receive their permit. Information packs are also given out on the boat trip by a guide or DOC staff. Lodge staff are responsible for giving out this information to their visitors and it is given out at the mainland end.

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Ms Gurr mentioned that the Nature Lodge sends through all bookings, they are then logged so the Council is aware of how many people have visited the Island on a daily basis. Signed registers are also sent which show who actually visited the Island and whether trips were cancelled, etc.

Ms Pearce asked whether the ½ day family tour to the seal colony visit meant stopping on the Island, Ms Swadling's understanding was it only goes around the island.

Ms Pearce mentioned an article in the Dominion Post recently regarding rules which had been broken on the Island where people hadn't emptied their bags and claimed they hadn't been properly briefed.

Ms Pearce asked if the amount of tracks on the Island will increase to prevent over-crowding?

Ms Swadling advised that this issue is still being reviewed by DOC and is dependent on the number of visitors. At the moment around 30,000 permits are available per year, with only around 8,000 being used. Concessions are also just being reviewed now with DOC asking for Proposals.

Monitoring

Mr Hockey asked what the criteria DOC are applying to see whether the numbers of visitors are affecting the reserve itself and whether they have any scientific basis?

Ms Swadling advised that the visitation numbers are set by the Conservation Management Strategy which is approved by the Conservation Board who looks into bio-security and bio-diversity impact, visitor numbers, infrastructure, etc. Bio-diversity monitoring – bird monitoring is undertaken annually, as well as other research through universities, etc. If a species looks like it is in decline, all factors would be looked into including visitation numbers.

Stoats

Ms Swadling advised that there have not been any more signs of stoats on the island. There has been intensive trapping over summer, and although it is too early to say that the Island is stoat free – it is looking very promising. No stoats have been detected by the dog detection team.

Three stoats were caught in total – one male and two females, all were related.

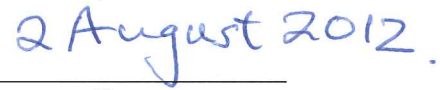
The next meeting will be held on 2 August 2012.

The meeting closed at 5.14pm.

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Chairperson



Date