

MINUTES	MEETING HELD ON	TIME
<b>KĀPITI ISLAND NATURE LODGE MONITORING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2013</b>	<b>4.30PM</b>

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 7 February 2013, commencing at 4.30pm.

PRESENT:           Dr H Barr                   (Kāpiti Island Watching Interest and Chair)  
                           Cr K Gurunathan         (Kāpiti Coast District Council)  
                           Ms S Mills                (Pharazyn Charitable Trust)  
                           Mr P Hockey  
                           Mr W Scollay             (Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board)

IN ATTENDANCE:  Mr B Goedhart           (Group Manager, Corporate Services)  
                           Ms J Gurr                 (Compliance Officer)  
                           Mrs H Dorne             (Executive Secretary, Community Services)

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

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**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies. Mr Tony Ward (Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ) and Mr Rob Stone (Department of Conservation) were absent.

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**30 MINUTES PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

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**MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

Oral Submissions

There were no oral submissions.

Leave of Absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

Matters of an Urgent Nature

There were no matters of an urgent nature.

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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**MOVED (Barr/Gurunathan)**

**That the amended minutes of the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee of 22 November 2012 meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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**MOVED (Scollay/Mills)**

**That the minutes of the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee of 1 November 2012 meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**CARRIED**

Matters Arising from Minutes

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**COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT (November-December 2012)**

Ms Gurr advised everything was in order on her site visit to Kāpiti Island in late November. There were only a couple of items of non-compliance relating to helicopter usage. Visitors use of a helicopter is limited to 10 trips per year, two/day, but not between 1 October - 31 March during the bird nesting season. A helicopter was used on 14 November and again on 2 December 2012. Explanations were received from lodge operators within 24 hours which were given to Ms Evans. Ms Evans was satisfied the explanations were sufficient and no further action was taken.

The question was raised if evidence had changed and whether helicopter usage still affected bird nesting? Members agreed the issue should be raised with DOC for further clarification.

There is no clear definition of an emergency to determine whether there had been a breach of the Resource Consent, but members agreed helicopter usage for the personal convenience of travellers was not considered an emergency.

Mr Goedhart confirmed that interim arrangements have been made with The Kāpiti Boating Club for use of their club as a bag inspection room.

**MOVED (Scollay/Mills)**

**That the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee notes the use of helicopters on two occasions to transfer visitors off Kāpiti Island, after all other options had been explored, does not constitute an emergency as the Committee believes a definition of an emergency should be for medical or safety reasons, such as when coastguard or land search and rescue are involved. The Committee instructs staff to write to the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge that it believes the definition of an emergency as used for permitting a helicopter during the restricted period is for medical or safety issues when emergency services would be involved.**

**CARRIED**

**MOVED (Scollay/Mills)**

**That the Committee instructs staff to write to Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge that it believes the definition of emergency is safety or medical reasons such as when Coastguard or Land Search and Rescue are involved and that future infringements of this will be considered serious.**

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**CARRIED**

Against - Mr Hockey

**MOVED (Hockey/Gurunathan)**

**The Committee states its disappointment that a Department of Conservation representative was not present to have this discussion.**

**CARRIED**

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There have been no changes to the zoning of Kāpiti Island in the Draft District Plan and the main issue is the privatisation of an area of the north end (160 hectares).

Dr Barr suggested further mediation may be required for the initial proposal by Kāpiti Coast District Council.

Meeting closed at 5.22pm.

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Chairperson

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Date