

OIR: 2223/397

3 November 2022

Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act)

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2022 requesting the following information:

1. A copy of the contract between the Kapiti Coast Council and the Paekakariki Tennis Club. Note, there is nothing confidential or sensitive in the contract as I was on the Paekakariki Tennis Club committee when the original contract was renegotiated after the Paekakariki Community Board undermined the original contract.

Please refer to Attachment 1 - Signed Deed of Licence - Paekākāriki.

2. What changes have been made to the contract since the renegotiated contract?

Please refer to Attachment 2 – Club Contract with Council.

3. How long have the Paekakariki Tennis courts been locked denying the general public access?

We are not entirely clear as to the period the courts were inadvertently locked. This should not have occurred; an error has been made and we apologise for any inconvenience. The courts should be available as per the agreement, we have checked with our security contractors (who open and lock the courts) and there have been no changes made to the opening and closing procedure. We have reinforced with the contractor to ensure that both gates are open and unlocked.

Council staff have been checking the premises regularly since your original enquiry.

4. Who was involved in this policy change by name and designation?

There has not been any change in policy.

5. Is the locking of the Paekakariki Tennis courts a cost saving measure?

No.

6. When will the Kapiti Coast Council update the noticeboard on Wellington Road advising the Paekakariki Tennis Courts gifted to the Kapiti Coast Council are no longer accessible to the general public?

Again, there has been no change and such an update is not necessary. A mistake was made for which we apologise.

Many of our staff do not work full-time or are away from the office for various reasons. Should you wish to contact the Council property team in future, please feel free to email at kapiti.council@kapiticoast.govt.nz or call 04 296 4700 and we will make sure we respond promptly.

Ngā mihi,

Mike Mendonça

Acting Group Manager Place and Space Te Kaiwhakahaere roopu, Takiwa me te Waahi