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KĀPITI ISLAND NATURE LODGE MONITORING COMMITTEE	THURSDAY, 29 MAY 2014	4.30PM

MINUTES of an ordinary meeting of the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee, held in the Council Chambers meeting room, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu on Thursday, 29 May 2014, commencing at 4.30pm.

PRESENT: Dr H Barr Kāpiti Island Watching Interest and Chair
 Cr K Gurunathan
 Ms S Mills Pharazyn Charitable Trust
 Mr D Amour Resource Management Solutions Ltd
 Mr T Ward Forest and Bird

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms T Evans Group Manager, Community Services
 Ms J Gurr Compliance Officer
 Mr D Lew Environmental Planning Manager
 Ms C Duncan Acting Executive Secretary, Regulatory Services

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

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received for Ms Deborah Morris-Travers - Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board Representative.

MOVED (BARR/MILLS)

That apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

The Chair later advised Paul Hockey had provided his apologies, and were to be noted.

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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.

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Matters of an Urgent Nature

There were no matters of an urgent nature.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED (GURUNATHAN/MILLS)

That the minutes of the Kāpiti Island Nature Lodge Monitoring Committee of 27 March 2014 meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Minutes

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COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT (FEB – APRIL 2014)

Ms Justine Gurr advised the current report covers three months, and that a number of trips had been cancelled, mostly due to weather conditions.

Ms Gurr's last trip was in January 2014 and she advised that she had been unable to visit since that date, and also that all compliance has been met.

Ms Gurr advised that the consent holders have advised they will be closing for the Winter season (July to September, inclusive), however, random spot checks will still be undertaken by Ms Gurr and she will be ensuring any visitors are compliant.

Justine advised that they have not closed previously for Winter, but believes this action has been taken because it is not financially viable to remain open over that season.

The Chair invited questions from the Committee for Ms Gurr.
There were no questions for Ms Gurr.

MOVED (WARD/BARR)

That the Compliance Inspection Report (Feb – April 2014) be accepted.

CARRIED

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OTHER BUSINESS

Report – Planning Group (Darryl Lew)

Mr Darryl Lew introduce himself and provided some of his background prior to coming to the Kapiti Coast District Council.

Mr Lew advised he would recap on the District Plan, and provide the direction of the District Plan.

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There has been an operative plan in the District for a number years, and between 2007-2010 it was decided that that Plan was outdated and was not up to date with development pressures. The Council embarked on establishing a whole new plan rather than revising certain sections.

The proposed District Plan was notified in November 2012.

A number of matters were revisited, along with some new provisions:

Coastal hazard lines on coastal properties

Urban provisions - sub-divisions

Rural amenity landscape issues

Ecological issues – indigenous vegetation and wetlands.

Following the last election, the new Council wanted to put the process on hold, to allow independent reviews on the Plan.

Coastal Erosion and Science Report

A draft report was produced earlier in the year and opened up for comment – 22 sets of comments on that report were received.

A final report is expected later in the year (June 2014).

Planning review and Legal review of the Plan

A draft report was produced in March/April 2014 – a number of comments were received.

The report is being reviewed, with comments considered – a finalised report is expected June 2014.

Both reports are eagerly awaited, and once received then Council will consider 'where to from here?', with two main possibilities - to either discard the whole plan, and go back to the beginning (starting fresh), or to continue with the process and fix the current version.

It is noted that in the first draft of the report that a lot of the scientific basis, which lead to the formation of the coastal hazard lines, is not as robust as it could have been. More science and investigations of coastal processes, sea level rise and erosion etc. is required. Therefore it is highly likely the Council will move to withdraw those coastal provisions, fall back on those operative Plans and continue to do that research.

Mr Lew commented that unfortunately at this stage he is unable to advise what the Plan says specifically for Kapiti Island, however, he does not think that there are any significant changes.

Ms Evans provided an update on the Home Stay resource consent, advising Council is waiting on a technical report and written approvals - the written approvals are taking longer to receive than was expected. Once received, an assessment will be undertaken and then a decision made about notification, and this will be updated to the Committee.

Ms Evans confirmed this resource consent will be processed under the current District Plan, and the issues which have arisen during the operation of the current consent (eg. Helicopter - emergency use and lack of clear definition of that situation) will be brought to the attention of the planners.

Ms Mills asked Ms Evans under a new application, where would the Committee stand?

Ms Evans advised the Committee as it is formed today would cease, but if there are conditions in a future consent that has a committee like this one with a monitoring mechanism, then a committee could be reinstated.

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Mr Lew advised based on his experience - if this Committee spoke with the applicant advising their desire for this them to continue in the current form, and the applicant agreed (and this is also advised to Council) – then Mr Lew did not think there would be any barrier to this being actioned. Therefore, this Committee could be reinforced by the Council.

The Chair invited discussion for any other business – no other business was raised.

The next meeting date will be advised.

Meeting closed at **4.53pm**.

Chairperson

Date