

3 June 2022

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**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-269**

I refer to your information request we received on 12 May 2022 for the following:

***Request to obtain all of the supporting data that supported your email dated 9 May, 2022 to myself regarding the Kapiti Gateway (Te Uruhi) Project.***

***In particular, the information that supports your claim of "Te Uruhi enjoys significant support from many sectors of our community." Te Uruhi enjoys significant support from many sectors of our community. Our mana whenua partners strongly support Te Uruhi as a place where they can realise their aspirations to re-establish their presence in the area; our Tourism Advisory Board (set up by the independent Economic Development Kotahitanga Board) see it as imperative as an anchor for local tourism; local business operators see the value in attracting more people to visit and spend more time in Kāpiti; education professionals see the learning opportunities Te Uruhi will bring."***

Many of the supportive comments we have received are not formally recorded as these have been made verbally or at forum where minutes were not kept. However, we have received formal letters of support from:

- The Department of Conservation – Attachment 1
- Hon. Eugenie Sage, Minister of Conservation 2020 – Attachment 2
- Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira – Attachment 3
- Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust – Attachment 4

Several community leaders have spoken about why they support Te Uruhi and you can see their videos on the Council website: <https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/your-council/projects/kapiti-gateway-centre/benefits/>

Also, see the minutes of the Council meeting of 25 February 2021 which lists the names of people who spoke to the project (Attachment 5). The meeting included Councillors making the decision to commit the funding and proceed with Te Uruhi. During public speaking time several people spoke in favour of, and some against the proposal.

We have also included notes taken when Councillors and officer visited Paraparaumu Beach businesses to talk about Te Uruhi on Tuesday 9 February 2021 - Attachment 6.

Ngā mihi

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**Glen O'Connor**

Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Services  
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Pakiaka

28 January 2021

Janice Hill  
Kāpiti Coast District Council  
175 Rimu Road  
Paraparaumu

Tēnā koe Janice

I write to confirm the Department of Conservation's support for the Kāpiti Island Gateway Project.

The Project reflects a long-held ambition to create better links to the Island, and I acknowledge the lead that your Council has been taking to bring this to fruition. The Department has been actively involved in providing information and support around visitor use, biosecurity requirements and the concession arrangements for the boat operators. We believe the proposed Gateway facility will support a world class experience from Paraparaumu beach to the Island.

Iwi have important connections to the Island, directly and through the Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee (KISAC). The department is working through KISAC to develop a Conservation Management Plan for the island that will set the vision, aspirations and objectives for future management.

The Department's role is to maintain or improve the wonderful natural and historic values of the Island. These are the values that bring visitors to the Island. Through our work there we contribute to the wellbeing of New Zealanders and international visitors by enabling people to connect to our nature and heritage.

The Wellington Conservation Management Strategy also recognises that the Department encourages increased, but regulated, visitor numbers to the Island, to ensure there are no adverse effects to its natural values.

I wish your Council success in the project. I look forward to working further with you.

Nāku noa, nā



Angus Hulme-Moir  
Operations Manager – Kāpiti Wellington District

# Hon Eugenie Sage

Minister of Conservation  
Minister for Land Information  
Associate Minister for the Environment

Minita mō Te Papa Atawhai  
Minita mō Toitū Te Whenua  
Minita Tuarua mō Te Taiao



17 APRIL 2020

Ref: 20-A-0173

K Gurunathan JP, MA  
Mayor, Kāpiti District  
k.gurunathan@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Mayor Guru

Thank you for your letter dated 5 March 2020 reporting progress on the Kāpiti Island Gateway Project. The project reflects a long-held ambition to create better links to the Island, and I acknowledge the lead that your Council has been taking to bring this to fruition.

I am pleased that the Department of Conservation is actively involved in providing information and support around visitor use, biosecurity requirements and the concession arrangements for the boat operators.

Iwi have important connections to the Island, directly and through the Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee. I am also pleased to hear that they are involved in the process.

We must seek to maintain or improve the wonderful natural and historic values of the Island in the project. These are the values that bring visitors to the Island. This is one of the department's goals to enhance the wellbeing of New Zealanders and international visitors by encouraging and enabling people to connect to our nature and heritage.

The Wellington Conservation Management Strategy also recognises that the department encourages increased, but regulated, visitor numbers to the Island, to ensure there are no adverse effects to its natural values.

I wish your Council success in the project. We are all affected by the COVID-19 response, and I urge you and the team working on this to prioritise your health and those of your whanau and community. I expect that there will be both challenges and opportunities for the project once the current controls are reduced. I look forward to your further updates.

Nāku noa, nā

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Hon. Eugenie Sage  
**Minister of Conservation**



**Te Rūnanga o  
Toa Rangatira**

Kapiti Coast District Council  
175 Rimu Road  
Paraparaumu 5032

15 September 2020

Tēnā koe

#### **Kapiti Gateway**

Thank you for meeting with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira to discuss the Kapiti Gateway Proposal.

The Gateway provides opportunity to enhance the visitor experience to the Kapiti Coast as well as act a catalyst for new business opportunities. Of importance to Ngāti Toa is the ability the Gateway has as a platform to enable storytelling of the history of the area, including the significance of Te Uruhi, Kapiti Island and Te Moana o Raukawa for Ngāti Toa. The ability of the Gateway to provide the biosecurity function required for island visitors as well as the enhancement of environmental outcomes at Te Uruhi is also of importance for Ngāti Toa.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira are happy to support the Kapiti Gateway proposal and appreciate the ongoing engagement between Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira and the Kapiti Coast District Council in the spirit of partnership.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Modlik'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'H'.

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# 15SEP20 Letter - Support for Kapiti Gateway

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18 o ngā rā o Hakihea 2020

Mayor Guru Nathan  
Kapiti Coast District Council  
175 Rimu Road  
PARAPARAUMU

Tēnā koe Te Koro Matua me ngā kōwhiri o te Kaunihera o Kapiti,

### **Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust Support of Kapiti Island Gateway Project**

On behalf of Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust Board, the Mandated Iwi Organisation, we wish to formally express our support of the Kapiti Island Gateway Project.

On May 11 2020 we formally confirmed the endorsement of John Barrett as our mana whenua representative on the Kapiti Island Gateway Project Governance Group, together with Chris Gerretzen and Russell Spratt who have delegated authority to support John as our alternate mana whenua representatives. Through their endorsement, we initially showed our support of the Kapiti Island Gateway project.

Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai has take tupuna to Te Wai-o-Rongomai, the original name of the Paraparaumu waterfront; and the genesis of naming the wider Maclean Park Development Plan 'Kapiti Gateway' came from our rangatahi who were closely involved in specific aspects of design during a Hui Rangatahi.

This site was also identified by our iwi as a suitable location to commemorate Kahe Te Rau-o-te-rangi, one of a select group of five women who signed the Treaty of Waitangi in April 1840. This wahine rangatira is also renowned for her swim from Kapiti Island to Te Uruhi on the mainland to warn Ngāti Toa of an impending attack from a war party. This heroic incident led to the renaming of this body of water as Te Rau-o-te-rangi. Our iwi expectation is this take will remain an important priority of the project.

The mana whenua representatives are charged with the responsibility to advocate for Council to actively engage in the preservation of our traditional and ancestral rights to this area.

Should you have any queries regarding these appointments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Nā reira, Kia Piki Te Ora

André Baker,  
Chairperson  
Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust Board

**MINUTES OF KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, 175 RIMU ROAD, PARAPARAUMU  
ON THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 9.30AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor K Gurunathan, Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow, Cr Angela Buswell, Cr James Cootes, Cr Jackie Elliott, Cr Gwynn Compton, Cr Jocelyn Prvanov, Cr Martin Halliday, Cr Sophie Handford, Cr Robert McCann, Cr Bernie Randall

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Koro Don Te Maipi and Kuia June Davis  
Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board Chair Kathy Spiers  
Paekākāriki Community Board Chair Holly Ewens  
Ōtaki Community Board Chair Chris Papps  
Waikanae Community Board member Margaret Stevenson-Wright

Mr Wayne Maxwell, Ms Natasha Tod, Mr Sean Mallon, Mrs Janice McDougall, Mr Mark de Haast, Mr James Jefferson, Mr Tim Power, Ms Tanicka Mason, Mr Grayson Rowse

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Nil

**1 WELCOME**

**2 COUNCIL BLESSING**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, Koro Don Te Maipi offered a mihi whakatau and Cr Handford read the Council blessing.

**3 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

**5 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME FOR ITEMS RELATING TO THE AGENDA**

The following people attended to speak to the Council

Dr Taku Parai, Chairperson, Ngāti Toa Rangitira, spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors

Andre Baker, Chairperson, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Trust Board, spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors

Kim Tahiwī, Representative of Ngāti Raukawa, spoke in support of item 8.1 - Kāpiti Gateway Project



Russell Spratt, Te Atiawa, Economic Development Kotahitanga Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

John Barrett, Kāpiti Island Tours spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Chris Gerretzen, Te Atiawa, Gateway Centre Project Governance Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Iwi concluded their representations to Council with kinaki.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:33 am and resumed at 10:49am.*

David Perks, WellingtonNZ.com spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Glen Cooper, Kāpiti Island Eco spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors

Vicky Cooper, Kāpiti island Eco spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

*Cr Bernie Randall left the meeting at 11:39 am.*

*Cr Bernie Randall returned to the meeting at 11:42 am.*

Jenny Fraser spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Fred Davey spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

*Cr James Cootes left the meeting at 11:54 am.*

*Cr Jackie Elliott left the meeting at 11:54 am.*

*Cr Jackie Elliott returned to the meeting at 11:56 am.*

*Cr James Cootes returned to the meeting at 11:58 am.*

Christopher Ruthe spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Chris Webber spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Sharon Hunter spoke in opposition item 8.1 to Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Darren Hunter spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

*The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm and resumed at 1.44pm.*

*Mayor K Gurunathan left the meeting at 1:44 pm.*

Chris Claridge, Economic Development Kotahitanga Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

*Mayor K Gurunathan returned to the meeting at 1:48 pm.*

Scott Houston, Economic Development Kotahitanga Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors

Hillmare Schulze, Economic Development Kotahitanga Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Neil Mackay, Chair, Economic Development Kotahitanga Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Angus Hulme-Moir – DoC, Gateway Centre Project Governance Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

Jenna-Lea Philpott, Creative Kāpiti in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors

*Cr Bernie Randall left the meeting at 2:40 pm.*

*Cr Bernie Randall returned to the meeting at 2:42 pm.*

Jenna Lea-Philpott spoke for Liz Koh, in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project.

Russell Spratt – Te Atiawa, Gateway Centre Project Governance Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project.

Guy Burns spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors.

*Cr Jackie Elliott left the meeting at 2:48 pm.*

*Cr James Cootes left the meeting at 2:48 pm.*

*Cr James Cootes returned to the meeting at 2:50 pm.*

*Cr Jackie Elliott returned to the meeting at 2:51 pm.*

Tony Bevan spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project

Dale Evans, spoke in opposition to item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project and responded to questions from Councillors

George Hickton, Chair, Gateway Centre Project Governance Board spoke in support of item 8.1 – Kāpiti Gateway Project, and responded to questions from Councillors

## SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

### RESOLUTION CO2021/9

Moved: Mayor K Gurunathan

Seconder: Cr James Cootes

That Council suspend standing order 4.2 to extend the sitting time of this meeting beyond 6 hours to conclude items on the agenda.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm and resumed at 3.27pm.*

## 6 MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- (a) Public Speaking Time Responses
- (b) Leave of Absence
- (c) Matters of an Urgent Nature (advice to be provided to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting)

## 7 MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report

**8 REPORTS****8.1 KĀPITI GATEWAY PROJECT**

Natasha Tod and Darryn Grant presented the report, which was taken as read. Officers responded to questions from Councillors

Cr Cootes requested that the following be considered at a later date: that any future price increases to the operators are considered by the council via a staff report including feedback from any operators affected by the increases.

Cr Cootes requested that the following be considered at a later date: that any charges to the operators are deferred for year one to enable the assumptions to be tested and any impacts on operators evaluated.

*Cr Jackie Elliott left the meeting at 4:04 pm.*

*Cr Jackie Elliott returned to the meeting at 4:06 pm.*

*Cr Gwynn Compton left the meeting at 4:12 pm.*

*Cr Gwynn Compton returned to the meeting at 4:13 pm*

*Cr Robert McCann left the meeting at 4:30 pm.*

*Cr Robert McCann returned to the meeting at 4:31 pm.*

Councillors debated the resolutions

**RESOLUTION CO2021/10**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow

Seconded: Cr Jackie Elliott

78 That the Council notes that further work has been undertaken to consider feedback received, review and revise assumptions, assess options for financial sustainability and operating models.

For: Crs K Gurunathan, Janet Holborow, Angela Buswell, James Cootes, Jackie Elliott, Jocelyn Prvanov, Martin Halliday, Sophie Handford and Robert McCann

Against: Crs Gwynn Compton and Bernie Randall

**CARRIED 9/2**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION CO2021/11**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow

Seconded: Cr Jackie Elliott

79 That the Council notes that further engagement with key stakeholders has been carried out.

For: Crs K Gurunathan, Janet Holborow, Angela Buswell, James Cootes, Jackie Elliott, Jocelyn Prvanov, Martin Halliday, Sophie Handford and Robert McCann

Against: Crs Gwynn Compton and Bernie Randall

**CARRIED 9/2**

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION CO2021/12**

Moved: Cr Angela Buswell  
 Seconder: Cr Sophie Handford

80 That Council acknowledges and thanks Kāpiti iwi, Te Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai and Ngāti Toa Rangatira, who have combined to gift the name 'Te Uruhi' to the proposed Kāpiti Gateway.

**CARRIED****RESOLUTION CO2021/13**

Moved: Cr Robert McCann  
 Seconder: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow

81 That the Council approves to proceed with the Kāpiti Gateway project, Te Uruhi, and for the project to proceed in accordance with the project plan, noting that the operating model and functions will be confirmed as part of the detailed design phase

For: Crs K Gurunathan, Janet Holborow, Angela Buswell, James Cootes, Jackie Elliott, Sophie Handford and Robert McCann

Against: Crs Gwynn Compton, Jocelyn Prvanov, Martin Halliday and Bernie Randall

**CARRIED 7/4****CARRIED****RESOLUTION CO2021/14**

Moved: Mayor K Gurunathan  
 Seconder: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow

82 That the Council approve to provide up to 50% funding for the Kāpiti Gateway project (\$2.23m)

For: Crs K Gurunathan, Janet Holborow, Angela Buswell, James Cootes, Jackie Elliott, Sophie Handford and Robert McCann

Against: Crs Gwynn Compton, Jocelyn Prvanov, Martin Halliday and Bernie Randall

**CARRIED 7/4****CARRIED**

*Cr Bernie Randall left the meeting at 5:52 pm.*

**8.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Natasha Tod presented the report which was taken as read, and officers responded to Councillor's questions.

**RESOLUTION CO2021/15**

Moved: Cr Jackie Elliott  
Seconder: Cr Angela Buswell

That the Council:

Receive the Establishment of the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Report.

Approve the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement (referred to in, and attached to, the Report) and the Council's entry into it.

Note there is an inconsistency in the Joint Committee agreement regarding the role of Raukawa ki Te Tonga for matters outside of the WRGF and that this will be resolved by the Joint Committee when it is formed.

Authorise the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the Council, the Joint Committee Agreement.

Note that the Joint Committee will adopt a Memorandum of Understanding which will set out the principles that guide the Joint Committee's work and the approach that the Joint Committee will take.

Appoint and establish the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee as a Joint Committee under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 on the terms set out in the Joint Committee Agreement and with effect from the date that the Joint Committee Agreement is signed by all local authority parties.

Appoint the Mayor to the Joint Committee, with effect from the date that the Joint Committee is established.

Appoint the Deputy Mayor as an alternate to be a member of the Joint Committee and attend meetings in exceptional circumstances where the Mayor is unable to attend.

Note that the Joint Committee is a Joint Committee of all of the local authorities that are parties to the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee Joint Committee Agreement and includes members representing iwi and the Crown.

Make the following delegations to the Joint Committee:

Approval of all plans and implementation programmes necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee, including:

Wellington Regional Growth Framework and the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Implementation Plan

Regional Economic Development Plan

Regional Economic Recovery Implementation Plan

Approval of all submissions and advocacy statements necessary to fulfil the specific responsibilities of the Joint Committee.

Note that the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is likely to be disestablished in the future, with the disestablishment process to be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****9.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****RESOLUTION CO2021/16**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow

Seconder: Cr Sophie Handford

The minutes of the Council meeting of 28 January 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.

**CARRIED**

**10 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

- Covering other items if required
- Public Speaking Time responses

**11 CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES****12 PUBLIC EXCLUDED REPORTS****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****PUBLIC EXCLUDED RESOLUTION CO2021/17**

Moved: Mayor K Gurnathan

Seconder: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow

That, pursuant to Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the public now be excluded from the meeting for the reasons given below, while the following matters are considered.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>11.1 - Confirmation of minutes</b>	<p>Section 7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</p> <p>Section 7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7</p>

	or disadvantage, commercial activities	
<b>CARRIED</b>		

**RESOLUTION CO2021/18**  
Moved: Deputy Mayor Janet Holborow  
Secunder: Cr Jackie Elliott  
That the Council moves out of a public excluded meeting.  
**CARRIED**

The Council meeting went into public excluded session at 5.57.

The Council came out of public excluded session at 5.59.

**The Council meeting closed at 5.59.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

## Notes from visits to Paraparaumu business visits

Cr Sophie Handford and Philippa Ross-James

Tuesday 9 February 2021, 9.30am to 11am

1. **store** - manager in store tomorrow. Assistant was not aware of the Gateway
2. **store** – Assistant was not aware of the Gateway. The manager is in next week.
3. – Spoke to the two owners. They were aware. Showed the video. Liked the video. Was aware of the opposition for the project. Keen that we don't let too many people onto the Island. Broadly in favour.
4. – Spoke with female operator of the crafts business:
  - Not supportive
  - it's expensive
  - don't want it to be a loss leader
  - I find it hard to pay my rates now. Don't want them to increase
  - Don't need more competition for eateries
  - Is it wise to do it now?
5. – spoke with male operator
  - Not for it
  - The boat operators aren't for it
  - It's not for Council to support a local business
  - The size of the building is too big
  - The process has been messy
  - Because of how it's happened, he's not supportive
  - He's yet to be convinced
  - Of two minds
6.
  - Not aware
  - Got no problem with it (after we explained)
  - Good luck
7.
  - Not aware
  - It would be awesome (after we explained)
  - Can't believe you'd get backlash
8. – spoke with owner
  - Too busy to chat today
  - Not high awareness
  - "not given it a look"
  - Be here tomorrow
9. – spoke with owner/operator
  - Knows about it
  - Thinks it's great, really cool
  - A bit concerned if there would be too much cross-over with selling competing products
10. X
  - All for it. We need development and progress
  - Won't affect me or my business
  - All for enhancing tourism and growth
  - Suggests the boat club is used with a ramp from the carpark going over the stream



11. – spoke with operators
- Knows there's a project
  - Haven't looked into it a lot
  - It's a good idea
  - Parking is his main concern. We need 5 min parking around here
  - Has heard the –negative talk
  - As a business prospect for him, it's a great idea
  - It will bring more people to the village

- 12.
- Haven't heard
  - It will bring in more foot traffic
  - Sounds awesome

13. – owner
- Too busy today, no comment

Crs Angela Buswell and Rob McCann, and officer Janice Hill met with the following businesses:

1. – left JH's card with owner to set up appointment when he is free
2. –
3. – initially said her partner was opposed because he is a boatie and concerned about parking. Once we explained about the new carpark and the separation of the boats/cars from pedestrians, and the overall purpose of the centre, she was much more positive. Left copy of Design Statement
4. – manager busy so left JH's card for them to call when free
5. – owner had "filled in survey" so felt informed. We explained there was updated information and left Design Statement and JH's card
6. – staff busy and owner not present. Left Design Statement and JH's card
7. – discussed with owner. They didn't know much about it but thought that "Paraparaumu Beach needed something like this"
8. – owner not in until Thursday. Left Design Statement and JH's card
9. management – 4 staff were having morning coffee as we arrived. Had a good conversation about the proposal. Concerns were parking, noted that the island visitors are parking up Howell Rd on a Saturday. Did not favour time limiting. Had heard concerns about F&B proposal from others, but didn't necessarily agree. Left Design Statement and JH's card.
10. – manager busy but asked to be emailed details. JH to follow up.
11. Howell Rd – had not heard much but thought that "Paraparaumu Beach needed something like this". Left Design Statement and RM's card
12. – met with owner. Had read the indicative business case and was not supportive. Did not believe economic benefit claimed, but was supportive of the stream renovation works. Explained the 4 Wellbeings, reviewed business case, gift shop and F&B options, and biosecurity process at the site. Left Design Statement and RM's card.
13. – met with manager. Had not heard much but thought that "Paraparaumu Beach needed something like this". Left Design Statement and RM's card
14. – Crs Handford, Buswell, McCann went to meet with.