

**Minutes of the incorporation meeting for Low Carbon Kāpiti
Sunday 11 June, 2017 2:00 – 4:00pm
Kapiti Uniting Parish, Raumati Beach**

Apologies

Alison Lash, Leigh Ramsay, Hannah Zwartz, Yvonne Van Leeuwen, Belinda McLean, Stacey Glasson, Heather Dawson, Flo McNeil, Jamie Bull, James Renwick, Viola Palmer.

Present

Linda Hill, Stephen Blyth, Brent Cherry, Josette Howell, Deirdre Kent, Rick Swan, Christine Lenk, Jake Roos, Andrew Rundle-Keswick. Chad Wappes joined the second half of the meeting.

Last meeting 19 March at Kapiti Community Centre

Subsequently Long Term Plan community meeting attendance by Chad, Yvonne, Jamie who represented our views successfully.

Jake went overseas in April, has been talking to people through May about Low Carbon Kapiti. Jake clarified difference between District Plan, Annual Plan and Long Term Plan. District Plan is about land use (Resource Management Act). 1999 was the last one. Hasn't been officially updated yet. 2017-18 Annual Plan being discussed this Thursday. 2018-21 Long Term Plan (LTP) is most important. Annual Plan makes minor adjustments to LTP.

Need for incorporated society to be set up.

Communication with each other would be through a variety of means, as some people are low tech.

A discussion was held on the draft constitution.

Members examined the purposes of society in the draft constitution. We need separate contacts with each of Ngati Raukawa, Te Ati Awa and Ngati Toa. Instead of talking about climate change we would talk about climate crisis.

Resolved: Add to d (b) a phrase so it reads, "and subsidisation, extraction and use" agreed.

Main target is local politics i.e. council plus elected MPs especially in election time. A discussion was held on whether to call an election meeting with other environmental groups or whether to attend meetings run by other organisations.

Local community initiatives are needed.

Stephen wanted to elevate relationship with Tangata Whenua.

Resolved: To renumber.

Resolved to add "and working with groups with similar purposes."

Discussion on name. Agreed that Low Carbon Kapiti is an achievable goal while Zero Carbon is a long way off. Carbon covers all greenhouse gases. Have bought the domain name.

Accounts audited every year? No. Instead to have a second bookkeeper once a year. Membership criterion: Agreed that every year you have to respond to an email to stay a member other than that it is financed by donations only.

Resolved: In 20.1 replace the word accountant with 'a competent person' and delete the phrase "preferably a member of..."

Resolved: Quorum to be ten eligible meeting at a Society Meeting.

Membership was discussed – agreed there needs to be an annual renewal, but not a fee. Will operate on donations primarily and see how it goes.

Committee: Chair, secretary and treasurer and 2 others. Chad Wappes treasurer, Jake Roos chair, Deirdre Kent secretary, Andrew Rundle-Keswick and James Renwick are general executive members. Need three committee members to make decisions. All members invited to all meetings but don't have a vote.

Moved: Jake Seconded Stephen: To create an incorporated society with those rules and that name and that committee. Passed unanimously.

Groups that could be allies for projects

Raumati South Residents Association plus DOC on tree planting

Nicola Easthope's school group

NZ Farm Forestry Association Wairata Marion Smith and Rick Swan and Philip Stroud

Whareroa Guardians.

Roger Charles into conservation groups/was in charge of census

Barbara Mountier wrote letters to paper. GE free

Catholic groups: Pope's Encyclical.

Friends of Waikanae River and Friends of Otaki River

Primary schools Peter Corlett writes for Kapiti Independent primary schools

Website development

Jake, Chad, Stephen and Yvonne and Anna Butterfield are working on it – priority action to get a basic site up ASAP.

Possible Activities

Long Term Plan lobbying councillors by July, urgent. Pair of people from group to meet each/most influential. Rick offered to help.

Tree planting initiatives? Scale up action.

Production of leaflets or cards June/July using website material

Hustings/meet the candidates. Best done in a consortium of groups by September. Most important to set date to book in the candidates. Stephen offered to help.

Revival of Sustainable Home and Garden Show or an event that could occupy a similar niche – needs further consideration to get the tone right. No point promoting consumer choice as a solution to climate crisis.

Language: Use the word love. Brent said we should support values like love the environment and love people. This will be engaging to youth.

Waste campaign: methane is coming from landfills and six trucks tour the district from four companies. Waste from KCDC has risen 36% in four years. Large bins encourage green waste/organics being buried in landfill, producing methane.

While Jake was away after last meeting Deirdre had put in a submission on the annual plan Jamie Bull had done one on behalf of Transition Towns Otaki and Leigh Ramsay had done one for Energise Otaki all recommending changing in pricing and banning of the 240 litre bins. KCDC only council with no council involvement in waste so had lost control of pricing.

Cycle path open days. PP20 shared path 17-6 in Te Horo, 24-6 in Otaki. Members should go along or NZTA have issued a survey you can do instead:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PP20-shared-path>

Great we have a commitment for a shared path but it has to be good quality/well designed/useful. Josette suggested we focus on making paths more usable -

Wharemauku path has bad surface.

Rick spoke about reducing emissions from agriculture - e.g. going off red meat diet. Also permaculture and carbon sequestration. Also mentioned Reikorangi Te Araroa walkway

Our Climate Declaration launch one week from now 3-5pm Sunday 18 June, Preservation Café 45 Webb St Te Aro. Go to website to find out more www.ourclimatedeclaration.org.nz. Jake and Jim speaking at this event. Would be good to have others from the group there if possible.

We planted a kowhai tree in the grounds of Kapiti Uniting Church. Alan Tristram and wife arrived for media.

