

DOUBTLESS BAY
MARINE PROTECTION GROUP
Te Roopu Whakahauora o Tokerau

Minutes of meeting, 14.05.07 at Taipa School

Present : Yvonne Steinemann, Philippa Moran, Stephan Tansey (Chair), Phillip Aspden, Anthea Goodwin, Dwayne Walsh, Carolyn Smith, Victor Holloway, John Kenderdine.

Apologies : Vince Kerr, Andy Cuckney, John Mathews, Gary and Nancy Lees, Andre Kunz, Jenny Dymock.

Victor opened the meeting by discussing issues that have arisen over proposed beach cleanups. And explained to the group what had happened. He suggested that rather than the issue being discussed by email, a phone call would have been more appropriate.

Ideally a beach clean up day needs to be at a place which attracts divers as well as beach goers and it will be discussed at the next Parapara Marae meeting.

Philippa reminded us that with regards to our goals, Marine Reserves had been an agreed tool we wanted to pursue.

Also that there is a need to update our flyer.

It was agreed that a copy of the Draft Discussion Document be passed on to Allan Hetaraka so as to keep his community informed as to where we are at.

Carolyn explained the Communication Plan – the reasoning behind it and how we can use it.

It was decided that we all needed to look over the document and then set a date for a brainstorming session on it.

Yvonne said she believed we really need a paid coordinator to drive this sort of thing and discussion followed on how we might find the funding for such a position.

We decided to approach the BOI group to see if we could use their funding application as a template for ours. John to phone Maiki Marks in the BOI group to discuss this.

Philippa brought up the need for us to open a Bank a/c – The motion to do this had been carried at the meeting 12.02.07 and was subject to the minutes being confirmed. Moved Philippa that the minutes of 12.02.07 be confirmed, Seconded Yvonne – Carried unanimously.

Forms for registration with the Charities commission to be available at the next meeting.

The feeling was expressed that we need to concentrate on completing the Discussion Doc before worrying about the Communication Plan. However it was noted that we need the Communication Plan to effectively use the Discussion Doc.

Carolyn talked about how we need to be sure we get our key messages across without them getting misunderstood.

It was felt we need to be more rigorous with our meeting procedures and to ensure that minutes from previous meetings were available. Everyone was comfortable with the concept of a floating chair person but the question of a dedicated secretary with responsibility for minutes was not resolved.

An attempt was made to find a date for the brainstorming session for the Communications Plan that would suit everyone – this proved difficult and possible dates were left to be finalised later via email and to be publicised to the wider group.

It was made clear that Victor was to feel free to pass on any of our information to people he felt might want it.

Victor spoke of the Kaitiaki training being organised by Graham Morrell and the BOP polytechnic. There is also a similar initiative from Min Fish.

We discussed whether Min Fish should be involve din our discussions and it was noted that they have been told they are welcome. It was recognised that we need to work with them.

Dwayne talked about getting the Discussion Doc printed and the need to look into costs and possible funding. I was noted that NRC has a fund for Environmental Projects that could be available.

General discussion followed looking at the lack of adequate control and testing for water quality in rivers feeding into Doubtless Bay.

Costs of getting students to experience a pristine marine environment were excessive with nearest Marine reserves being The Poor Knights or Goat Island.

Yvonne offered to prepare a draft questionnaire to go with the Discussion Doc

The next meeting will take place at 7pm at Taipa School on Monday 11th June.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.