

**Minutes of the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee Meeting held
Monday 29 June 2009, Council Offices, Station Road, Dargaville**

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1.1 Present

Messrs R Parore (Chair) and T Birch and Councillor B Burnett

1.2 In Attendance

Community Spaces Manager, Governance Manager

1.3 Apologies

Resolved Burnett/Birch

That the apology of Councillor Geange be received.

1.4 Acknowledgement of Public

The Chairperson acknowledged those members of the public present.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Minutes of Meeting 18 May 2009

A copy of the minutes was circulated.

Resolved Birch/Burnett

That the minutes of the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee meeting of 18 May 2009, as circulated, be confirmed.

3 General

3.1 Taharoa Domain Camp Ground Fees

Item 3.3 of the Minutes of 18 May 2008 referred.

At its meeting dated 18 May 2009 the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee considered a report which recommended an increase in camp ground fees at the Domain. This report was circulated for the Committee's information and consideration. The Committee made the decision to let the report lie on the table pending the outcome of the Council Deliberations where it would be considering an Issues and Options Paper: Taharoa Domain Funding. This paper was also circulated for the Committee's information.

The Council passed the following resolution at its Deliberations on 02 June 2009 in respect of this paper:

“Resolved Alspach/Guest

That Council acknowledges the submissions received regarding Taharoa Domain and recommendations received to Council's Kaipara's Future - Working Together 2009/19; and

That Council's Funding Policy will apply to the Taharoa Domain; and,

That a detailed analysis be provided to identify the costs of (a) camp ground; (b) public reserves; and.

That funding based on this formula applies from 01 July 2010; and,

That Council provides funds of \$40,000 to the Taharoa Domain Reserve funding for 2009/2010 in the interim.

Reason for the decision

Council supports the recommendations received through submissions received regarding funding for the Taharoa Domain and recognises it as a premier reserve, unique in the way it functions and operates for the benefit of campers and visitors alike.”

The Committee also made the decision to consider a letter from Ms Libby Jones at its June meeting, a copy of this was also circulated. In essence, Ms Jones was asking the Committee to reconsider any decision it might make to increase the camp ground fees at the Domain as she believed the extra funding required should be sought from Council through its rates rather than further burdening campers.

The resolution left to lie on the table and which the Committee considered was as follows:

Resolved Birch/Parore

That the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee increases the Camp Ground fees as of 1 July 2009 to \$12.00 per adult per night and \$6.00 per child aged 14 years and under per night with the removal of both the booking fee and children under 3 years staying free; and

That the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee introduces a flat \$20 per night per campervan / motor home fee.

Councillor Burnett asked that his vote against the motion be recorded.

Reason for the decision

This increase in camping fees and introduction of a campervan fee will ensure that the Camp Ground continues to meet the needs of visitors and campers whilst making the booking system easier to implement while still being an affordable place to stay.

3.2 Taharoa Domain Camp Ground Fees Group Discount

Item 3.3 of the Minutes of 18 May 2008 referred.

At its meeting held 18 May 2009, it was agreed that Councillor Burnett would prepare a report for the consideration of the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee on a sliding scale fee proposal for large groups wishing to use the Domain at off peak times and for a minimum of two days.

Councillor Burnett believed such groups were disadvantaged by the administration fee and as they were supervised by parents and/or teachers caused no problems for the Camp Ground Manager. He also believed that the Committee could use such a tool as this to encourage large group off peak bookings.

Councillor Burnett's report was circulated for consideration.

Resolved Birch/Burnett

That the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee apply a discount of 10% to group bookings of 100-200, or 15% for group bookings of 201 and over provided the bookings are for off peak times (the period between the weekend following Easter to the weekend preceding Labour Weekend) and for a minimum of two days effective from 01 July 2009 and subject to the following criteria:

- a That school aged children comprise the majority of the booking and are the prime focus of the visit; and*
- b That the group be under one administration fee and that one payment in full is made by the group (after a deposit if applicable); and*
- c That an undertaking be given by the group that responsibility for discipline rests with the group's administration and that no alcohol is to be consumed by the participating youth.*

Reason for the recommendation

Discounts will make the Taharoa Domain more attractive to large school age groups at off peak times.

3.3 Community Conservation Funding: Kai Iwi Lakes Community Group (Friends of the Lakes)

At its meeting dated 18 May 2009 the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee resolved to provide a Letter of Support to Kai Iwi Lakes Community Group (Friends of the Lakes) supporting it's application to the Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Fund for funding to enhance the native re-vegetation of Lake Kai Iwi within the Taharoa Domain.

A copy of the letter of support that was provided was circulated for the information of the Committee.

Resolved Birch/Parore

That the information be received.

3.4 Kai Iwi Lakes Water Ski Club: Line Maintenance

A copy of a quote from Northpower for upgrading power supply from road reserve into Kai Iwi Lakes Water Ski Club was circulated for the information of the Committee.

Resolved Birch/Parore

That the information be received.

3.5 Fish and Game: Trout Fishing Competition 25/26 July 2009

The Committee received notification from Fish and Game that it's annual trout fishing competition at the Lakes would be held on 25 and 26 July 2009.

3.6 Next Meeting : Monday 14 September 2009

The next meeting of the Taharoa Domain Governance Committee was been set for Monday 14 September 2009 1.00 pm in the Committee room, Station Road, Dargaville.

Closure :

The meeting closed 2.00 pm

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