

Hokianga Ferry Liaison Group Meeting

HELD AT: The Far North District Council

ROOM: Chambers

DATE: 21 May 2021

TIME: 1.00pm – 3pm

PRESENT

John Wigglesworth	Hokianga Health
Margaret Broodkoom	Rawene Representative
Craig Joiner	Iwi Representative
Steve Morunga	Hokianga Tourism Association
Angela Lush	Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board
Emma Davis	Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board
Louis Toorenburg	Fullers Great Sights
Barry Nielson	Fullers Great Sights
Ryan Doherty	Maintenance & Operations Manager (NTA)
Aram Goes	Transport Planner (FNDC)
Keith Kent	Lighting & Transport Operations Specialist (NTA)
Aaron Reilly	Roading Administrator and Support (NTA)
Selina Topia	

AGENDA

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions by all as there are new representatives.
- Barry (Fullers Great Sights) advised that Fullers took over the contract during COVID 2020. The organisation started in 1990 and is a NZ owned by three families.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- John acknowledged the group as it has been a while since the last meeting

3. GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- Elected a new chairman – John Wigglesworth. Nominated by Emma, seconded by Louis.

4. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Draft Terms of Reference – still in draft.
- Summarised the old meeting minutes.

5. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND EVENTS

- Pa Tate unveiling and the opening of the new museum in Motuti – Emma to contact Fullers Ferries through the web page to book the ferry for extra sailings.

6. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ON THE FERRY

- Steve asked that any changes being made on the ferry could be advertised.
- Life jackets are available on board.
- Navigation package has been upgraded – acknowledgements from Craig.
- Wind meters came with the package.
- CCTV received interest/ feedback from the community. Less conflict on board in regard to ticketing. Stops crime and people getting onto the boat after hours.
- New ferry cards – business cards are scanned, and an invoice is issued to the business.

- Ferry Tickets – cards will be introduced to the public in the future
- Jet pump – three of them have been replaced and will be replacing the last one in approximately July/ August.
- Controls will be replaced.
- New gear boxes have been ordered.
- Air intakes are currently been modified
- Future works – taking the ferry out of service in August 2022 to be maintained. There will be another ferry running in the meantime.

7. PLANNED AND COMPLETED WORKS UPDATE

- Terminal in Rawene – water tanks need to be removed as they are causing congestion for vehicles to go onto the ferry. Civil Defence installed them – need to advise Bill Hutchinson.
- Road Safety works have been completed in Rawene and speed bumps have been installed to reduce the speed down to 30k/h.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- Kohukohu School has asked to take over the ownership of the shelter at the narrows. Putting up a camera on the shelter? Emma and Louis advised to make an application to the Community Board to provide for funds to assist.
- Aspiration – Craig suggested that we have a second ferry as it will reduce congestion. It may be worth enquiring within NTA? Doesn't have to be as big as the one running now? No comparison has been done yet (Fullers Ferries). Aram advised to make a recommendation to Council that Council consider in the LTP to have a 2nd ferry.
- There will be opportunities for young school leavers to be trained to work on the ferry.
- Fullers are happy to consider advertising information the ferry.
- Will there be longer operating hours on Friday and Saturdays?
- Ambulance – Angela asked what the current process in regard to an emergency on the North side of the Hokianga as there is no longer an ambulance service. Barry (Fullers) advised that there is a partnership with St Johns for emergency works.

9. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Date for next meeting: 20th August 2021 at 1pm