

**Minutes Kamo Community Inc meeting held at Kamo High School Library  
Wednesday 12 April 2023 at 6pm.**

**Present:**

Committee: Judy, Rebecca, Glen, Ruth, Victor, John, David, Debbie, Mechele,  
Coordinator: Charm Hauraki  
Police: Paul Nicholas  
Councillors: Marie Olsen  
Guests: Jane Painter

**Apologies:** Darryl Davies

**Guest Speaker Jane Painter: Kamo History**

Jane has compiled two books on the history of Kamo and Whau Valley and helped create the heritage trail pamphlets. She spoke on some aspects of Kamo history. She expressed thanks to KCI for the help they have provided over the years. Some aspects of that history include:

- Kamo has an interesting geological and geographic history. There are four volcanic scoria cones in the west plus Parakiore which is dacite. The volcanoes erupted 3 million years ago with the last eruptions about 300 thousand years ago. The basalt rock used to form stone walls comes from these eruptions. Lake Ora was formed from the Hurupaki eruption.
- About 600 yrs ago Nga Puhi settled in the very fertile Kamo valley. The hills to the west of Fairway Drive and Whau valley contain numerous Pa sites.
- About 1859 European settlers arrived in Whau Valley.
- \*Ketenikau Stream was donated to Whangarei and is the site of a possible walkway.
- The Onoke cone was mined for scoria which was used to build foundations for the railway to Kawakawa and the causeway to Onerahi. \*Possible site for a reserve.
- Springs Flat Soda Springs. 1894 became a spa and in early 1900's a Hotel and Sanitorium were built and became very popular.
- Limonite and pig iron were mined in Three Mile Bush Road and sent to Auckland to purify gas in the gas works and to colour bricks in the brick works.
- Coal was mined in 1800's and 1900's. 1865 first coal mine opened in Whau Valley. \* Could be interesting walkway. Second mine in McMillan Ave and third mine in Kamo itself in 1875. Eventually there were six mines in Kamo and coal created a boom town for a while. Coal was not very good quality. 1965 coal mine was flooded and they closed down. There is considerable subsidence in various parts of Kamo especially corner of Grant and Boswell St. and in the school grounds.
- 1921 Brick works opened at Green fingers site and used extensively as fire bricks. Closed 1987.
- There were various other service industries and amenities – bakery, blacksmith, Hotel (which burnt down twice; present Hotel one was built 1936).
- 1922 electricity arrived from Titoki
- 1894 first school
- 1960 Kamo High and Intermediate established.
- There were also various military camps around Kamo, parts of which can still be found e.g. top of Fairway Drive.

### Jane's wish list for Kamo

- Restore and maintain McDonald reserve top of Fairway Drive. Maybe Jane Mander residents could do this.
- Whau Valley stream (Waiarohia) and walkway
- There is more and more unnecessary light pollution around Kamo e.g. Dental clinic in Grant Street, car yard Kamo Road. Need to nip this in the bud before it's too late.

**Minutes:** March 2023

Moved as true and accurate: John    Seconded: Glen

Carried

<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>Action Required</b>
All matters will be covered in Agenda	
<b>Communications (Ruth)</b> 1. Letter written by Rebecca and signed by Judy in support of funding applications by Kamo Scouts.	
<b>Treasurer's Report (Rebecca)</b> ▪ Feb 2023 Financials are complete. Ruth requested that all funding grants come under the same heading. Moved that financials be approved: Ruth    Seconded: John Carried ▪ Invoices to be paid: \$1266.51 to Charm. Moved that invoice be paid: Ruth                      Seconded: David Carried	
<b>General Business</b>	
<b>1. Police Report</b> Paul provided a written report: i. All Police staff had annual leave this last month and the office is still well staffed by volunteers. ii. New camera system progressing well. iii. Burglary and theft are still prevalent e.g. vehicles parked on the road, but the incidence of burglary by breaking and entering a property is low, e.g. vehicles parked in a garage are much safer. iv. Reported shoplifting also very low. v. Drink driving still occurring. vi. There was a disorder in Kamo 31/03 whereby teens from outside the area had planned to potentially assault students from Kamo High. Because the school, students and Police were alerted they were able to prevent the planned disturbance. There were still a number of aggressors creating a disturbance in Kamo during which Snr Constable Adam Groves was pushed to the ground, but not seriously hurt. Two youths were arrested and have been referred to youth aid. The Police were pleased to see the community support.	

<p><b>2. Council Report (Marie Olsen)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Issues fixed: Fairway drive pothole; security camera funding.</li> <li>ii. Carpark leak near toilet still not fixed</li> <li>iii. Greg Monteith NTA said they will look at spring when Clark road traffic calming addressed later this year. Marie concerned that the \$50k set aside is not enough.</li> <li>iv. Resource Consent process for proposed petrol station was distributed to committee.</li> <li>v. Oruku landing is a reshaped proposal. Hundertwasser building – WDC caught in a difficult position. Some Councillors voted against funding support.</li> <li>vi. Projects on the horizon: Reroof Seminoff stadium; Reroof old library; what to do with old Municipal building.</li> </ul>	<p>Marie to follow up</p>
<p><b>3. Connect Update (David)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Autumn issue has been distributed and continues to be well received by the business community. Ruth said distribution still not going up Three Mile Bush Road.</li> <li>ii. The Publishers struggled with advertising revenue but managed to get enough for last edition. David questioned whether we wanted to scale back Kamo Connect. Ruth’s comment was that we are looking at future funding to, at this stage, no.</li> <li>iii. The two Publishers get paid a retainer of \$800 each before they start each issue.</li> <li>iv. KCi business membership is \$55 + GST and for this they get a 10% discount on advertising. Rebecca asked whether it needs to be so much and could it perhaps be capped.</li> <li>v. Marie to provide an article for next issue.</li> </ul>	<p>David to follow up.</p> <p>Charm and Ruth to follow up funding.</p> <p>David to follow up.</p> <p>Marie to follow up.</p>
<p><b>4. Project Updates (Charm)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Please see Charm’s attached project report.</li> <li>ii. Ruth asked whether committee members had reviewed and selected suggestions to follow up. Charm proposed that there could be a intranet on the website where committee members could have discussions and this could be a place to discuss suggestions, rather than email. This idea was supported.</li> <li>iii. Charm asked if she could get business cards printed. This was approved.</li> <li>iv. Charm let us know she had attended a WDC-run evening for community groups where they discussed Governance and people could network.</li> </ul>	<p>Charm to follow up.</p>
<p><b>5. Other matters</b></p> <p><u>KCi Constitution, Membership etc</u></p> <p>David moved that we go into Committee for this discussion.  Seconded by John                      Carried</p> <p>The committee discussed KCi constitution, membership, meeting procedures before moving out of Committee again.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

**Next Meeting 6pm 10 May 2023 at Kamo High School Library**