

Minutes for the Gomez Road Site Meeting.

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Present: Cr. Anna Murphy, Cr. Greg Martin, Tony Collins (WDC), Sue Hodge (WDC), Shayn Rouse (HBA), Sharlene Morris-Ross (HBA), Julia Willemen (GRASS), Ben Pearce (FOGOFF), Alex Smits (Observer via Teams Link, FH and HBA)

	Item	Name
	Hikurangi Business Association (HBA) Friendship House (FH) Gomez Road Association (GRASS) Friends of Gomez Organisation Fauna Flora (FOGOFF)	
1.	Introductions and purpose. For community groups to come together and find a way forward regarding the Gomez Road Site. Propose to share aspirations, concerns, and bottom lines.	Tony Collins
2.	Questions: Is the 2021 Gomez road proposal still in amendment phase? Shayn - Yes Is it based on 2018 Plans? Shayn - No Was it proposed for the current LTP? Shayn – No, no actions Comment on the seed money. - Where is it? Raised point of residents ongoing stress regarding events in 2010 and current. Raises issue with Significant Engagement Process.	Julia Willemen
3.	In response: It is difficult to secure money for community projects, so money was made available when possible, but no project has stated	Anna Murphy

4.	<p>Clarify - No resource consents have been issued in relation to the seed money.</p> <p>Want to have something happen on the site, and wish to find a way forward with the community</p>	Greg Martin Sue Hodge
5.	<p>Shayn - Has invited FOGOFF and GRASS to their open meetings – clarified invite is open still. Wishes to see something happen for the community, by the community.</p> <p>Sharlene – Clarified which events / activities are currently planned</p> <p>Julia - concern regarding potential growth of these events, setting a precedent and noise then increasing. Notes that original events residents were aware of have increased. Notes that the deer farm neighbour does not want Model Aviation flights.</p>	
6.	<p>Proposal presented from FOGOFF, in progress.</p> <p>Acknowledges Three Waters reform may change things.</p> <p>FOGOFF wishes to see the community re-joined with the Dam and its history, potentially through walking tracks.</p> <p>Focus on pest control and native regeneration. Suggests funding opportunity from WDC to destroy Wilding Pines.</p> <p>Mentions connections to DOC staff, Marua Land Care. Opportunity to extend pest-controlled corridor and kiwi protection.</p> <p>Raised: <i>Fencing might pass through area for mating Kiwi.</i></p>	Ben Pearce
7.	<i>Tony Collins Exit 5.13pm</i>	Tony Collins
8.	<p>Opportunities noted around forest regeneration. Emissions trading etc.</p> <p>Use of motor sport on the site would mean huge fuel use. (400 – 600 bikes in a day = 4000 – 6000 litres of fuel.</p> <p><i>Who is the sustainability officer at WDC?</i></p> <p>The requirement for Traffic Management means a NO from FOGOFF (bottom line)</p>	Ben Pearce
9.	<p>Clarification of FOGOFF bottom line and ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is walking or other 'passive' activity okay? • You want to protect the history of the area, water supply, dam? • Increase biodiversity. <p><i>Ben - Yes</i></p>	Sue Hodge
10.	<p>Question – Would you support a carpark as necessary infrastructure for these visitors?</p> <p><i>Ben – Maybe</i></p>	Cr. Anna Murphy

<p>11.</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Sue – What are some acceptable activity ideas</p> <p>Ben – Education, wetland restoration, trapping education, walking</p> <p>Sue – Pushbikes?</p> <p>Julia –No Motor Sport tracks (<i>Bottom line</i>)</p> <p>Ben – Restore the land, opportunity for native regeneration and connection to history.</p> <p>Shayn – Invites Ben to Friendship house including Museums</p> <p>Julia – Raised issues with old reports, noise report, receivers, residents have a lot of anger and frustration around this.</p> <p>Sue – Shayn, what will your next steps be at the HBA meetings?</p> <p>Shayn – Take proposals and idea back to group for discussion.</p> <p>Julia - Clarifies that they support FOGOFF’s proposal</p> <p>Does not support cut tracks to support motor sport, only ‘low-key’ potentials walking and cycling. Questions cost : benefit of money spent to support only occasional fundraising events, given the infrastructure and maintenance that would be required. Noise is unwanted by residents.</p> <p>Alex – How can we move forward? Can we work together?</p> <p>Ben – I will be moving forward with FOGOFF proposal, not Intending to work with FH or HBA</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Closing – Thank you, it is useful to know where the various community groups stand. Offers further communication opportunities. Notes that Shayn has information to take back to his group.</p>	<p>Cr. Anna Murphy</p>

Actions:

- Ben and Shayn to clarify the area/site.
- Ben and Julia invited to attend HBA meetings.
- Shayn to take points, concerns, bottom lines etc back to HBA meetings
- Shayn requested document presented by Ben. Shayn and Ben to follow-up