

At the BOI/Whangaroa Community Board Meeting 14 August, 2017, at the end of the discussion on the proposed dog control bylaw and policy, Community Board members each spoke on their views on what needed to alter in the documents. Our notes of their comments are below – it was hard to hear, and so some may be incorrect or have been missed.

Belinda Ward

1. Make some amendments
2. Further clarification – distance of lead
3. Quite a bit of work identifying reserves
 - a. Working parties, representative of community
4. Add to Long Term Plan (LTP) – dog exercise areas to be designated
5. Reconsider specific signage
6. Beach wardens – only area for – also have a policy to assist dog rangers
7. Dogs per household – not 1 dog
 - a. Noise will identify problem households
 - b. Requests for service
8. Work & people in Paihia/Waitangi
 - a. Track to Sullivan's Beach – needs more stairs
9. How do we resolve the visitor/seasonality issue? How many people drive to our areas? Lots of people walk to the beach.
10. Need more statistics on visitors
11. Animal friendly places and dog friendly places
12. We can work on this.

Kelly Stratford

1. Other bylaws have a Policy objective – this needs to be added in
2. Responsible Dog Owner status – discount on registration fees needed
 - a. Promote dog obedience
 - b. Fees under Policy 2
 - c. Impounding fees
 - d. Cost of over ??
3. On leash areas
4. Labour Day to Easter
5. Trail Te Haumi to Opuia should be off leash
6. Walking from Beachcomber to Sullivan's beach
 - a. Safer access on N end of Te Haumi
7. Playground in Paihia – people want to tie their dogs up there
8. Before 10 and after 5
9. Urban limit – doesn't mention you can apply for a permit
10. Remove 1 dog per household
 - a. Include a statement by DoC on what their rules are eg Animal Welfare Act, LGA

- b. What we are governed by – reference this in the documents
- 11. Bylaw – 2-5m leashes are ok
- 12. See Wellington Bylaw, include what “nuisance” is
 - a. Council will educate owners
 - b. Poo bin gone?
- 13. # of dogs. Reference Res
- 14. Dogs in public places – Council can declare any additional public place to be?
 - a. Beach exercise area
- 15. Schedule of what areas are – see words in Auckland and other policies’ definitions

Martin Robinson

- 1. Goal is to restore kiwi to what it was
- 2. All of BOI aiming towards predator free zone (!)
- 3. Exercise areas
- 4. Review
 - a. Consultation time – extended so we do get it right
 - b. Can’t control Dog Control Act or Wildlife Act
- 5. DoC & Waitangi National Trust – can we have exercise areas
- 6. Remember fearful people and children
- 7. Acknowledge a lot of people didn’t get consulted
- 8. Be sensible, get around the table and talk
- 9. Companion dogs

Bruce Mills

- 1. Why have the bylaw/policy: someone’s dog bounding all over you, not pleasant
- 2. Cooler times for dogs
- 3. Consultation Tauranga Bay – should’ve been listened to
- 4. Issue => visitors => dogs.
- 5. Not a 1 dog policy
- 6. Beach wardens -> aggressive people
 - a. Precious people – hard one
- 7. Council cannot police these matters. By the time someone complains they can’t get there
- 8. Pig hunters
 - a. Worry about kiwis
 - b. Lots of dogs
 - c. Run free
 - d. Not registered
 - e. Hasn’t been addressed

Rachel Smith

- 1. Not 100% right, ever
- 2. Community empowerment – eg Kaye and the working group

- a. Brad and Kaye working together shows they can work together
3. Need to include a separate living document
 - a. About dog exercise areas
 - b. Need to be reviewed every 12 months
 - c. Community to take responsibility
 - d. Want great grandchildren to be able to see kiwi
 - e. Long Term Plan – allocated \$60,000 for dogs at Saummuai (?) Place – reallocate that to create dog exercise areas
4. Long Term Plan
5. Kelly's poo bag bins – a good way to indicate dog friendly areas
6. Council should look at low cost methods
7. Dog # - 1 -> 2 better
8. Not kiwi concentrated zones
9. Living documents – identify now
 - a. Not a 5 yr process

Terry Greening

1. Rolands Wood – 2 parts
 - a. Original – a dog exercise area
 - b. Lavender's land – want as a no dog area to put kiwis there
2. Russell Waterfront
 - a. Was prohibited The Strand and beach on or off leash Dec-Feb
 - b. Now dogs can be on a leash
3. Enterprise Russell Shop petition
 - a. At end of Long Beach – cul de sac – Nth
 - b. Has been excluded as its not? private land
 - c. Muster owns to high water
 - d. Council to check up status of covenant allowing off-leash dogs

Community Board Resolution

- Bylaw to be adopted subject to the comments today. Moved Terry/Seconded Belinda
- Deliver to Chief Executive of Council
- Process continues.
- Propose resolution in 2 months (26 October Council Meeting)
- BOI Whg – CB 2017 be adopted based on feedback