

Minutes of the Neighbour Consultation held at Te Whare Ora o Kōpūārau, 19a Bairds Road, Ōpōtiki on Friday 22nd March, 2.00 PM.

Present

Neil Iles, Russell Abbott, Bruce McMillan, Noelle Miller, Aaron Nille, Tina Miller, Kevin Crawshaw, Vivian and Sonny Robinson, Ian Paipa, Stretch and Ann Thompson, Craig and Emma Cloke and David Moore.

Attendance

Louisa Erickson, Karla Hei and Marella Morrison.

Discussion & Topics

- Greeting and Introduction
- Explained pre and post meaning
- Iwi alliance and ownership of the facility
- Update with neighbours
- Security and CCTV
- Shift workers, Community Team and the outer buildings uses
- Outside Buildings
- We will have trained security on site.
- 24 hour staffed
- Land will be grazed
- Reassure no drugs, no alcohol facility only smoke and vape
- Residents stay for up to 12 weeks
- Parts of programme together
- Spoke about another similar facility
- Advised of opening date

Queries

- Motels, can't stop people jumping fences
- Infrastructure can't handle load of people - A: Consent requirement
- Positive impact in our community
- Great idea let's look after our own, here & Apanui
- 2 Police in town - A: Police are a big part of the facility.
- Will you bring people in from Hamilton – A: No we won't
- Can't guarantee our safety
- Sounds like it's all going ahead.
- Impacts so we can monitor those concern's
- Males or females? - A: Both and Mama / Pēpi
- X army – as farmers we all have guns, can we use our guns? A: Ring the Police for any concerns.

- Facility could have been elsewhere. Should've bought a farm, Whakatohea land, you already own a farm. Could have put your facility in the middle of your farm, would've solved all our issues with it being by us.
- What if we ring a manager, who chooses who comes here – A: Clinical team to assess, not a prison.
- Settlement and communication.
- Want to be included in any high risk situation – A: Provide emails
- Bought the property, consent before buying the property
- Physical issue, don't have any other asset, won't be able to sell
- Conflict of interest to the Council, Mayor of the council here. Declared no conflict.
- What if you don't get consent, what will you do – A: Will deal with that at that time.
- Rather have RSE workers – A: Our people have needs
- Security, want to be here with no fencing – A: Not a compound
- Escapes or burglary
- Miller is happy for wellness centre – essential, meth doesn't discriminate. Just want comfort around safety.
- Residents stay for up to 12 weeks. 10 people – is that all? – A: Some will come in from the community. Parts of programme together. Will be staffed.
- Consent query re number's
- Land devaluing
- Communication – rumours been going on.
- Support and gratitude for what we are doing. Reference to them being in the supermarket, running people over.
- Asked query around other rehabs – spoke about Likewise without naming the facility.
- Perimeter boundary and queries around that and the security, people doing drugs at the driveway – Someone may throw drugs over the fence, cant stop anyone.
- Rates – is it going to be affected due to the facility – query for rates worker
- House and being broken in. Will you guys pay for my security.