



Minutes of the Kumeu Vintage Brass Band Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 30 August at Carriages Café, Kumeu.

Present: Graeme Gillies, Brian Ede, Eric Cole, Stu Crow, Brian Gilbert, Lois Cuneen.

Apologies: Neville Thomas, Bruce Sinton, Barbara Blackett

Minutes of 7 June meeting: Matters arising from this meeting- Trombone stands – A discussion between Stu and the Trombone section ended with a favourable outcome and a cost of \$90. Thanks to Stu for his input. Content on the rest of the June Minutes were Confirmed and Accepted. *Stu Crow / Graeme Gillies.*

Correspondence In: Thames Music Group; Henderson Rotary.

Correspondence Out: Thames Music Group; Arena Living Group; Sir Edmund Hillary Village; Henderson Rotary; BBANZ. Kumeu Community Hall Hire bill has been paid.

Play Out Review/s:

Thames Music Group (\$400); Evelyn Page Village (\$250); Pakuranga Park Village (\$302).

The Falls: Bob Davis spoke with GG and advised that the Council has cut the quota down to three Bands. Their preference is to use the local bands but at any given date if they are unavailable, Kumeu Vintage Brass will be their first choice.

Upcoming events:

Saturday 27 October, Concert at Whangaparaoa College. Phil Thomson to be contacted regarding website, whilst NT away.

Saturday 1 December, Westgate Santa Parade – Eric Cole to bring chairs.

Thursday 13 December, Hibiscus Coast Village

Sunday 16 December, Orewa Community Church.

December Carolling: 10th Dec start TBC. Venues are Pak N Save Westgate; Countdown Silverdale; New World Kumeu Possibility of playing at Maygrove Village but will advise later.

Subscriptions/Finance: Eric was pleased to report that most of the KVB players had paid their subscriptions. Bank Account shows a total of \$8000. \$5000 of this will be put into the KBB account.

Membership: Welcome to the new and returning members: Steve Dale (Drums); Peter Lucas (Eb Bass), Willy McDonnell (Baritone), and Lesley Terry (Tenor Horn). This takes our membership to 46.

Musical Director's Report: Graeme commented on another successful year for our Band with the audiences appreciating what we play with wonderful ovations and accolades especially with our music theme "Around the World in Music".

A highlight over the last few months is the elevation of the Bands musical standard, increasing their musical appreciation especially in the two difficult areas for Brass Bands, Swing and Accompaniment to which you all responded magnificently. The attention to soft and loud production is awesome and because of this musical output, intonation problems have just about disappeared.

Our thoughts are also with those members who are unwell and look forward to seeing them back with us when their health improves.

The listed playouts really appreciated us, but there are some that don't express the same response so we will let them contact us. We are still pursuing some large Villages. The Band is now in limbo after three quick concerts as players are doing their OE's. This is a good time to pursue new music and will work up to our annual Concert in October and full on to Christmas.

Executive Committee Report: Brian Ede commented on the AGM minutes which were sent out to all members. He spoke briefly on the survival of Kumeu Brass, in particular the Evolution Band stating that these students have a far better chance of learning from their College Bands where they can learn many types of music as opposed to e.g. Band Contest music. Also mentioned was the possibility of the KBB folding - where does that leave the KVB. Neville Thomas will be asked to research this (Bandroom Lease from Kumeu Showgrounds, Assets, Land, etc).

It was suggested that Brian Miller be asked to be our "Vice Patron" and for a "Patron" maybe look at having someone who is/or has been involved with Brass Bands.

Appointments to KB executive are: Adrian Pickering and John Rosamund.

Bandroom Cleaning: The current roster is working well.

Facilities & Equipment:

Security: Sadly we have had a second Break-In. The scumbags climbed over the fence and broke their way in through a back window and tried to get into the Music Room. The Alarm was set-off (which is very loud) and they smashed their way out through the front door taking a couple of bottles of wine with them.

Eric fixed the door lock and suggested we replace the window with a stronger glass. Thanks to Norm Moore for also helping out in repairing things. Brian Gilbert suggested a dummy CCTV be set up. An Insurance and Police Report form is in process. The question was asked "what could happen to the Music Room if there was a fire?" Stu has a copy of most (if not all) of the music digitised, so this would not be an issue.

Building Extension: Adrian Pickering has completed 80% of planning for Council and Building Consent and these will be given to Council.

Ladies Uniforms: This will need discussing with the Lady members. We are unable to get the same white blouses and they need to establish if they need a new set (due to more lady members) or discuss a different type of uniform (preferably all the same style and colour rather than mix and match which is not always workable).

Painting Bee: This has been postponed and we will ask for a quote for painting this during the spring/summer months.

General Business:

Whangaparaoa Concert: Lois to contact the Ladies Support Group to discuss Friday night tea and Saturday Interval. Suggest that we ask Colin and Harold to assist in the setting up and any other forms of help on the Saturday.

Friends of the Band: Membership is still open and Stu Crow to get info on brochure to display in his shop as well as on Eventfinder. Lois to check with Phil.

Armistice Day 2018. Sunday 11th November at 11 o'clock. Brian Gilbert suggested we make inquiries to see if we were able to play at the local RSA i.e. Browns Bay or Silverdale on this important day. This could conflict with other Bands specifically the Navy, Artillery etc. as they normally provide the music for this event. Brian will check this out.

Bruce's 90th Birthday: Programme was discussed and the date will be Sunday 10th February at the Warkworth Church. Planning is underway.

Meeting closed at 11.45am



My apologies to the Trombone section, no offence intended.