

# Response to petition in support of Kaihu Valley Trail

**Meeting:** Kaipara District Council  
**Date of meeting:** 16 December 2020  
**Reporting officer:** Joanne Reid, Programme Manager

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To report back on the Kaihu Valley Trail petition received by Council at the 16 December 2020 Council Meeting.

## Recommendation/Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes that a Kaihu Valley Trail project team has been set up with project governance provided by the newly established Externally-Funded Projects Committee
- b) Notes that council staff will engage further with the community about the project.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Kaipara District Council received a presentation from Sadie and Des Cogan (lead petitioners) and acknowledged a petition supporting the proposed Kaihu Valley Trail, at this December Council meeting in the earlier agenda section. The petition presented is located at Attachment A.

It is normal practise under the current petitions policy for the petition to be presented formally to Council and for the Council to request the Chief Executive investigate and respond to the petition.

Staff responded to a previous petition regarding the Kaihu Valley Trail at the November Council meeting. Because of this and the December Council meeting being the last before the Xmas break, this response is provided to the same Council meeting as the petition has been presented to.

The Kaihu Valley Trail project has been a project that Kaipara District Council (KDC) has had interest in for some time, however, has been unable to provide the funding for. Recently, KDC was fortunate to receive up to \$4m from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) towards the project. Council agreed to the funding agreement from the Provincial Development Unit at the October Council meeting.

Internally, a programme team has been created with a project manager appointed to this project. The proposed Kaihu Valley Trail route is not finalised, and it is recognised that further engagement with the community is required to ensure the project is a success.

This project falls under the terms of reference of the newly established Externally-Funded Projects Committee and all future decision-making on the Kaihu Valley Trail project will be undertaken by this committee.

## Significance and engagement/Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via agenda on the website.

## Next steps/E whaiake nei

The lead petitioner will be informed of this response.

## Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Petition presented on 16 December 2020