



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 5 October 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

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- Present:** Cr Jan Byford
Cr Ed Cherry
Mrs Michelle Fannin
Mr Angus Gordon (Chair)
Ms Gail Larsen
Ms Phyllis Leigh
- In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
- Also present:** Mr Bill Byford
Mr Colin Thomas

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Forum

Mr Byford tabled his proposal for the replacement of the green corrugated iron fence at Taihape Memorial Park. His plan was to remove the existing iron and replace it with wooden palings which would allow limited visibility to spectators from outside, as well as allowing viewing of vandalism. He said it was vital that the park remain secure for local events such as rugby and the A&P show.

Mr Thomas spoke on behalf of the Taihape Rugby Clubs. He reiterated the importance of the park remaining secure, as the clubs relied on income from gate takings. He said that security was also needed to keep in horses when such events were on. He was in favour of Mr Byford's proposal.

Mr Thomas mentioned that there was a lot of graffiti on the grandstand. Cr Byford advised that the Community Workers had only just painted it out.

3 Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved minute number	11/TCB/087	File Ref
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That the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan be accepted as a late item as the information had arisen after the Order Paper had been prepared and circulated and:

That Board Members then be permitted to briefly comment on Taihape Main Street Issues and Project Allocation Funding.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Byford. Carried

4 Members Conflict of Interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have in respect of the items on this Agenda.

5 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/088** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 10 August 2011 and 15 August 2011, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Byford/Mrs Fannin. Carried

6 Chair's Report

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/089** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 5 October 2011 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mr Gordon/Cr Cherry. Carried

7 Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/090** **File Ref**

That the report on Council Decisions on Recommendations from the Taihape Community Board be received.

Cr Byford/Mrs Fannin. Carried

Mr Hodder advised that the Office of Treaty Settlements had not accepted the Board's proposal to turn the area on Robin Street into a dog run. The Board were unhappy with this decision as they felt that OTS were not interested in maintaining the land to an acceptable standard. Mr Hodder suggested the Board wait for Council's take on this matter.

Ms Leigh asked about ownership of the Rugby World Cup flags that were currently on display in the Taihape main street. Mr Hodder replied that Council (through the Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei Theme Group) owned them. He would enquire if there was a possibility that they be made available for locals to purchase.

8 Financial Report

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/091** **File Ref**

That the Financial Report on Taihape Services to the 5 October 2011 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented be received.

Ms Leigh/Cr Byford. Carried

Mr Gordon commented on the old graves that had been hidden under the trees at the Taihape Cemetery. He asked that Council staff visit the site and ensure that these were logged onto the Cemeteries database.

Cr Cherry was of the opinion that the Mangaweka Cemetery should be closed and any future burials take place in Taihape.

9 Green Corrugated Iron Fence at Taihape Memorial Park/Kokako Street boundary – updated September 2011

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/092** **File Ref**

That the report 'Green corrugated Iron Fence at the Taihape Memorial Park/Kokako Street boundary –updated September 2011' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Byford. Carried

There was some discussion on this matter.

Mrs Fannin was not in favour of Council's proposal for the alternative fence option.

Ms Larsen said that the Taihape A&P show relied on gate takings as they did not receive funding. Their annual revenue from gate takings was around \$5,000 - \$8,000, some of which went to the local groups that took on the job as gate keepers in order to fundraise.

Cr Cherry felt that Mr Byford's proposal used a lot of timber. He suggested the green iron be cut off at the top just above the rail and then capped off.

Mr Hodder advised the Board to consider all options before making a final decision. The Board agreed that more research needed to be done. A suggestion was made to submit an article to the local paper to receive feedback from the public.

Mr Gordon provided quotes from Farmlands for a high tensile steel net fence similar to that of Auto Electrical Services. Altogether the net and gates would cost approximately \$5,000.

Mr Hodder suggested that photos be taken of Mr Wilkinson's fence.

Cr Cherry asked that the existing shrubbery by the Memorial Park fence remain and be looked at a later date.

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/093** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree the following three considerations need to be addressed in the replacement of the green corrugated iron fence on Kokako Street, Taihape:

1. to preserve income strategies for such events as Rugby Sub Union and Taihape A&P show;
2. to provide open sight lines to deter vandalism and anti social behaviour; and
3. to ensure sufficient security to keep animals from straying out of the Park.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/094** **File Ref**

That a further report on options for the replacement of the corrugated iron fence on Kokako Street, Taihape, be presented at the Board's next meeting.

Cr Byford/Mrs Fannin. Carried

10 Taihape Parking – Project Progress to Date

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/095** **File Ref**

That the Project Progress to Date report on Taihape Parking for the Taihape Community Board's meeting of 5 October 2011, be received.

Ms Larsen/Cr Byford. Carried

Mrs Fannin was unhappy with Council's decision not to support a loading zone in Tui Street. She said that Taihape Police had already agreed to monitor it. Mr Hodder advised the Board to be wary in relying on the Police to monitor it. He said that Council would need evidence from a large group of people in order to prove that there was a need for a loading zone.

Ms Leigh suggested the installation of a trial loading zone. She was also in favour of limited parking signage in the Taihape CBD, as she felt that the public generally respected such signage.

Cr Byford was disappointed by the Roding Manager's comments. She said that Marton has 60 minute parking signs which were not monitored. She agreed with Ms Leigh's suggestion for a trial loading zone. She gave credit to Theona Ormsby for suggesting that it be installed outside of her shop.

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/096** **File Ref**

That a trial loading zone be established in Tui Street, Taihape for a period of 6 months.

Ms Leigh/Mrs Fannin. Carried

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/097** **File Ref**

That the Roding Manager provide a report on the merits of limited time for parking in the CBD of Taihape and that this item be put on the next Taihape Community Board Agenda.

Ms Leigh/Cr Byford. Carried

11 Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda – Progress Update

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/098** **File Ref**

That the Progress Update on Matters Arising not elsewhere on the Agenda for the Taihape Community Board's meeting of 5 October 2011, be received.

Cr Byford/Mrs Fannin. Carried

Board Members Comments

Ms Larsen advised that the delay in erecting the Photo Board by the Gumboot throwing lane was due to Taihape Area School art teacher being away on an art course.

Ms Larsen reported the cracked pavers on the corner by the Taihape Town Hall. Mr Hodder to pass this on to the Roding Manager for further investigation.

Cr Cherry asked that Council Management be made aware of the mess on the footpath outside of Chelsea and Subway on Hautapu Street, Taihape. He said that the footpath was treated like a public urinal and was not acceptable.

Mrs Fannin suggested that letters be sent to shop owners that were taking responsibility for maintaining their shop frontages. Mr Hodder to ask the Environmental Services Team Leader to investigate this matter further.

Cr Byford asked whose responsibility it was to mow the roadside verge by the Otaihape Valley Road turnoff. Previously a local resident had mowed it. A suggestion was made to log this query as a request for service which would then be sent to the appropriate department.

Cr Cherry to log a RFS regarding the overgrown grass which was stopping water flow into the culvert just south of Taihape.

An explanatory memo outlining opportunities for local contractors and suppliers in providing goods and services to Council was tabled for the Board's information.

Resolved minute number **11/TCB/099** **File Ref**

That the memo "Opportunities for local contractors and suppliers in providing goods and services to Council" be received.

Cr Cherry/Mrs Fannin. Carried

The Board agreed to discuss this memo at its next meeting.

12 Community Consultation with Southern Taihape Ward Members

Mr Gordon explained that this issue had arisen following discussions with people who had been unaware about the recent Dance and Music Festival in Taihape due to not having received local newspapers. Mr Gordon had discussed this issue with Jodie Munn from the Central District Times who was upset that there had been circulation issues. She advised that she would follow up on this matter.

Mr Gordon to advise Mr Hodder of further developments.

13 Late Items

Taihape Footpath Issues

Mrs Fannin asked when the bollards were to be installed by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Ms Larsen replied that initial holes for the bollards had been put in the wrong place. She said that the concrete was now cracking as trucks were still backing over it.

Mrs Fannin said that there were holes everywhere in the new concrete on the Taihape main street. Also mentioned was the thick concrete sealer by Taihape New World which obscured the pebbles.

Mr Hodder to pass these concerns to the Roading Manager.

Project Allocation Funding

Cr Byford tabled the Project Allocation Funding budget to date. Mr Gordon to ask Richard Fleury to resolve a few issues regarding the landscaping outside of the Taihape Town Hall before he received his final payment.

Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Mr Hodder spoke on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. He advised that the plan would go out for formal consultation with the draft LTCP in March: it would be helpful to have any comments from the Board by its next meeting.

The Board felt that it would be worthwhile to have a workshop to discuss the plan.

Cr Byford suggested an article be submitted to the local paper advising the public about the free bark chip by the Taihape Bowling Green.

Ms Leigh was keen to circulate emails to all Board members regarding issues from the LGOL news to see if there was any interest for further discussion outside of meeting hours. Any issues could then be placed on the TCB agenda if need be.

14 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Taihape Community Board is 7 December 2011

15 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____