



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 3 December 2014 – 5:35 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)
Ms Gail Larsen
Dr Peter Oliver
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Angus Gordon
Mrs Yvonne Sicely

Also present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Ruth Rainey

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

Tabled documents: Item 8 Chair's report
Late item Proposed amendment to Standing Orders
Late item Removal of indigenous trees (totara logs) from Taihape reserves

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair agreed to take the following item under Late items (Item 20 on the Agenda) on the basis that it had arisen after the Order Paper had been compiled and that a decision was required at this meeting.

Removal of Indigenous trees (Totara logs) from Taihape reserves.

The Chair advised that the a further late item "Proposed amendment to the Standing Orders adopted by the Taihape Community Board" would be taken after Item 6 of the agenda.

4 Members' conflict of interest

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

5 Confirming resolutions to appoint a member to fill the extraordinary vacancy in the Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/234** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board confirm Resolution 14/TCB/233 appointing Yvonne Sicely to fill the extraordinary vacancy in the Taihape Community Board.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

6 Declaration by New Member

Mrs Sicely and Cr Aslett made their declarations.

24 Proposed amendment to the Standing Orders adopted by the Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/235** **File Ref**

That the Standing Orders adopted by the Taihape Community Board include the following addition:

The Ward Councillor for Taihape, who is not appointed by Council to be a member of the Taihape Community Board, may participate in any Board meeting as if an appointed member of the Board, except for moving, seconding or voting on motions or being included in the quorum.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

7 Minutes of previous meeting

There were two amendments to the Taihape Community Board minutes of 5 November 2014.

His Worship the Mayor asked that the minutes record that he was present at the Board's meeting of 5 November 2014.

Dr Oliver requested that the minutes record the following motion in Item 15 –Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda –progress update.

Off-road parking bay at Gumboot Park

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council commission a report about shifting the 50km/h sign to just before the proposed parking bay.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Fannin. Lost

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/236** **File Ref**

That the Minutes (and Public Excluded Minutes) of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 5 November 2014, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

8 Chair's report

The Chair welcomed Mrs Sicely and Cr Aslett to the meeting and thanked Cr Rainey for her contribution.

She then gave a verbal report outlining events that she had attended. These included the Meet and Group's opening of the Taihape sign by the gumboot.

She reported that she had been successful in receiving funding from Creative Communities for a mural on the inside back wall of the grandstand. The Chair thanked the Board for supporting the Christmas Lighting Display which was to be sponsored by local businesses.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/237** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 3 December 2014 meeting of the Taihape Community Board,

as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

Mrs Fannin was disappointed that Council had decided to not go ahead with the proposed parking upgrade at the Taihape Pool, despite understanding their reasoning behind it. She reported that remedial work had already been undertaken on the parking area.

10 Update on the use of the Small Projects Fund

The Council's General Ledger showed no expenditure had been incurred since the Board's last meeting. Mrs Srhoj would check to be sure that commitments on the Fund were invoiced and coded correctly.

11 Requests for service concerning Taihape – October 2014

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/238** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

12 Meeting frequency for the Taihape Community Board

Mrs Fannin asked that Board members give consideration to holding monthly meetings. She was of the opinion that frequent meetings would allow for better debate on issues brought to the table as well as shorter meetings.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that monthly meetings would be quite beneficial for the next six months, as this would allow for the Board to ratify any decisions that may arise from the Town Centre Plan process. If the Board were to go back to bi-monthly, special meetings would be required.

Following further discussions, the Board agreed to bi monthly meetings with monthly informal workshops in between. Members were happy to have special meetings when the need arose.

Mr Hodder explained the process involved in the Board holding special meetings.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/239** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Meeting frequency for the Taihape Community Board' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/240** **File Ref**

That for the remainder of the 2013-16 triennium, the Taihape Community Board normally meets bi-monthly.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

13 Update on the Town Centre Project – November 2014

Dr Oliver said he thought that the project was to be community led and did not believe that this was happening. He felt that Creative Communities was leading the process and that the community was not having any input.

His Worship the Mayor explained the role of Creative Communities. He said it would have been better to have longer for the town centre planning process (as had been the case in Bulls) but there was a cut off date in order to have it included in Council's Long Term Plan.

Dr Oliver suggested that, if the Steering Group could not find consensus, it would be appropriate for the Board to take the lead.

Dr Oliver noted that the final numbers of responses were: 30 for package 1, 27 for package 2, and 49 for package 3. In addition there were between 20 and 30 suggestions for dealing with street projects. He suggested that an analysis of comments with the responses would be useful.

Cr Gordon thought that there had been a good response with the number of fliers returned. However Cr Rainey was disappointed with the rural response, which she felt was due to the short time frame to get them in. She suggested that future fliers be written in layman terms.

Mrs Fannin suggested that Mrs Sicely attend the Steering Group meetings as a member of the public. This would help her to get up to speed with the process.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/241** **File Ref**

That the report 'Update on the Town Centre Project' – November 2014 be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

14 Youth Hutt report

Mr Hodder to ask that the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader consider the option for the "Hutt" to use the town hall during wet weather.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/242** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report (November 2014) be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

15 Proposed dog exercise area – Robin Street

There was some discussion on this item.

The Board were all in agreement that there was a need to provide an area for people to exercise their dogs. Ms Larsen said an area the size of a netball court would be suitable, but would probably need to be fenced. The Board saw little point in re-engaging with the Office of Treaty Settlements over its Robin Street site. Another option was the piece of land between the Tui Street toilets and the gumboot throwing lane.

The Board to ask that Council investigate this matter further, including ownership (given its proximity to the railway line).

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/243** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Proposed dog exercise area – Robin Street' be received

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/244** **File Ref**

That Taihape Community Board recommends that Council investigate using the area of land between the Tui Street public toilets and the gumboot throwing lane as a dog exercising area.

Cr Gordon/Dr Oliver. Carried

16 Consultation – Draft Policy on the Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings

Mr Hodder explained the background to the Policy on the Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings. Members saw no issue with the proposed policy. Mr Hodder felt it would be useful for the Taihape Community Board to put that view in a submission.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/245** **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Consultation – Draft Policy on the Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings" be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

17 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/246** **File Ref**

That the report 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Taihape Ward – November 2014' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

18 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

Disposal of surplus buildings on the former Taihape College site.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he was still waiting to receive a formal letter from the Ministry of Education regarding the licence to occupy. This would then need to go to Council for further consideration. There would be consultation with current users of the facilities before determining the allocation of costs for utilities etc.

Koeke Road repairs

Mrs Fannin expressed disappointment that the promised advice of when this work would be done had not been given

New Zealand Motor Home Association

Mrs Fannin to ask that Mr Wilton submit a letter to Council on behalf of the Vintage Car Club regarding their concerns about NZMHA having exclusive use of the old croquet grounds.

Resolved minute number **14/TCB/247** **File Ref**

That the report 'Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

19 Loader Drive

Mrs Fannin spoke to her submission regarding the proposal of a street sign "Loader Drive" to be erected on the road to the swimming pool.

Council agreed to this proposal and that following further research from Archives, the sign would be named "Loader Avenue" in memory of Ernest Loader, a former Mayor of the Taihape Borough Council.

20 Late items

Removal of Indigenous trees (Totara logs) from Taihape reserves.

Cr Gordon spoke to his submission. He was unsure of Council's policy regarding the removal of indigenous trees from Taihape reserves.

Mr Hodder undertook to follow up with this matter and advise Board Members.

21 Future items for the agenda

Placement of photo board.
Supper room curtains.

22 Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held 4 February 2015

23 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: