



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 4 February 2015 – 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 6 Chair's report
Item 13 Chairman's report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering
Group meeting of 2 February 2015
Item 21 Letter from Friends of Papakai Park

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Board that Item 13 (Chairman's report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group) would be taken after Item 21 (Papakai Park). This would then be followed by Item 12 (Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group membership and future of the Group) and then Item 11 (Final Draft Taihape Town Centre Plan).

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 Minutes of previous meeting

Dr Oliver noted that the word *safety* should have been included in the amendment of the 3 December 2014 Minutes of the previous meeting of the Taihape Community Board.

The amended motion to have read:

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

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/001** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 3 December 2014, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Dr Oliver/Cr Aslett. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and then spoke briefly to her report.

She thanked Dr Oliver and members of the Steering Group for all their work on the Taihape Town Centre Plan process.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/002** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 4 February 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as

presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

At its meeting on 11 December 2014, Council confirmed the recommendation from the Board's 3 December 2014 meeting (14/TCB/287) that Council investigate using the area of land between the Tui Street public toilets and the gumboot throwing lane as a dog exercising area.

Further discussion on this matter under item 16 (Proposed additional dog exercise area in Tui Street)

8 Update on the Small Projects Fund

At its meeting of 5 November 2014, the Board resolved to support the Taihape Community Christmas Dinner by funding up to \$200 from the Small Project Fund. The Chair advised that this may not be required as Taihape New World were considering making a donation.

Dr Oliver suggested that funds from the Small Project Fund be used to purchase a portable tablet or laptop for the Taihape Community Board Chair. This would allow her to receive and review Council reports in a timely manner.

His Worship the Mayor was concerned that this request might set a precedent for other members of Boards and Committees and added that some meeting information is made available to Councillors only.

Mr Hodder undertook to check whether the provision of such a device was within the scope of Council's Policy on Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses

9 Requests for service concerning Taihape – November-December 2014

There was some discussion on the processes in which Council dealt with noise control and untidy sections.

Mrs Sicely reported that the local police were happy to be called out to assist the noise control officer. This also included Mangaweka.

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/003

File Ref

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape – November-December 2014' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried.

10 Feedback on proposed work programme for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Development Trust

There was some discussion on this item.

Board members agreed that the list of iconic events needed to be expanded to include a lot of the smaller events such as the Taihape A & P show, Ohingaiti Sports and dog trials etc.

They suggested that one additional requirement of the MOU be that all events are listed on the Rangitikei Tourism website. The Board was concerned that the smaller events were falling under the radar. This then led on to a discussion regarding the declining numbers of people that had attended the past Taihape A & P shows and Gumboot day. Ms Larsen reported that numbers were actually up by 200 at this year's A&P show, but trade sites were down as they had been unable to set up by the netball courts due to the extension.

Mrs Fannin reported that she was disappointed with the lack of communication from Council IT staff in regards to her request for a 10 km radius map of Taihape Memorial Park which was to be used for further discussions on a cycle trail.

Cr Aslett added that the Taihape "Birds on Signs Project Group" was keen for a duplicate to be placed where the buses currently pull in.

This item to be discussed further at the Board's next workshop.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/004** **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Feedback on proposed work programme for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei Tourism and Taihape Development Trust" be received

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/005** **File Ref**

That more emphasis is placed in the work programme for the MoU organisations on getting events on to www.rangitikei.com

Mrs Sicely/Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Youth Hutt report

His Worship the Mayor advised the Taihape Community Board to request a report on the current and future funding position of the Youth Hutt if they were keen to see it continue, as well as giving consideration to other funding options within the community.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/006** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

16 Proposed additional dog exercise area in Tui Street

The Board was disappointed that Council had considered that the proposed area in Tui Street was unsuitable for a dog exercise area.

All were in favour of asking that the Office of Treaty Settlements review their decision to allow the land that it administers on Robin Street to be used as a dog exercise area. The Board to advise them that this land is currently being mown and planted with sunflowers by Toby Schweikert at no cost to them.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/007** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Proposed additional dog exercise area in Tui Street' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/008** **File Ref**

That the Office of Treaty Settlements be asked to review their decision and allow the land on Robin Street to be designated as a dog exercise area.

Ms Larsen/Dr Oliver. Carried

17 Topics foreshadowed at previous meeting

The Chair advised that she would follow up with the following items in the coming week:

Supper rooms curtains
Placement of the photo board

18 Community Boards' Conference, May 2015

The Chair was keen to attend the Community Boards' Conference as she felt that this would be a good opportunity to network with other Community Boards.

She would discuss travel arrangements with the Executive Officer.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/009** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees to commit \$2,500 to support members to attend the Community Boards' Conference and that the Chair discusses options with other interested members.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

19 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

New Zealand Motor Home Association

The Chair reported that she had met with a representative from NZMHA who confirmed that the group was still keen to have their own park over site in Taihape.

His Worship the Mayor advised the Board to consider the Vintage Car Club's request and suggested that they meet with this group.

Cr Rainey felt that campervans should be encouraged to stop at Mangaweka.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/010** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

20 Community Initiative – “Good Sorts”

The Chair tabled a draft certificate and spoke to her submission on the “Good Sorts” initiative.

The Board discussed the criteria and agreed that this be awarded every 6 months to someone that has contributed something positive to the Taihape Ward.

Nominations to be done electronically or dropped off at the Taihape Service Centre. This initiative to be advertised in the local paper in April and November.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/011** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on the Community Initiative – “Good Sorts” be received.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/012** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board introduces the “Good Sorts” award to acknowledge the work of our people in the Taihape Ward.

Cr Gordon/Ms Larsen. Carried

21 Papakai Park

A letter from Friends of Papakai Park was tabled requesting the Boards support in providing toilets at the park.

Ms Larsen reported that there used to be toilets at the park and suggested that this be investigated further. Cr Gordon suggested the Board ask the Manawatu District Council if they are able to provide some information on the services they provide for their remote toilets.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/013** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on Papakai Park be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/014** **File Ref**

That further information be provided to the Taihape Community Board regarding the costs and plans for setting up a toilet at Papakai Park.

Cr Gordon/Dr Oliver. Carried

13 Chairman's Report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group

Dr Oliver spoke to his report. He said that most of the points were self explanatory with the report being a basis for ongoing work.

Following further discussions, the Board agreed to ask that Council note the Chairman's Report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group and gives consideration to its recommendations.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/015** **File Ref**

That the Chairman's Report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/016** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend that Council notes the Chair's report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group dated 28 January 2015 and gives consideration to its recommendations.

Dr Oliver/Ms Larsen. Carried

12 Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group membership and future of the Group

Dr Oliver spoke to his submission and asked that the Board support his resolution requesting that the Steering Group go into recess to allow members to take a break.

His Worship the Mayor wished to acknowledge Dr Oliver and members of the Steering Group for all their contribution to the Taihape Town Centre Plan process. He said that this had been a difficult process especially as the community had struggled to reach a consensus.

Dr Oliver tabled and spoke to an additional Chairman's report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group's meeting of 2 February 2015.

This report covered additional explanations as agreed by the Steering Group to fully explain some of the resolutions.

Also included were options/comments from individual members that had not been considered. As many of the members present at the 2 February meeting felt strongly about them, Dr Oliver gave them the opportunity to put them in writing and agreed to pass them onto Council for their consideration.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/017** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group goes into recess after the Taihape Community Boards recommendations have been submitted resulting from the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/018** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend that Council notes the Chair's report from the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group dated 2 February 2015 and gives consideration to its recommendations.

Ms Larsen/Mrs Sicely. Carried

11 Final Draft Taihape Town Centre Plan

Dr Oliver disagreed with the following from the Final Draft Taihape Town Centre Plan report:

3.1 Views: *At the public meeting on 28 January 2015, which was attended by approximately 80 members of the community, this consensus was confirmed unanimously.*

Following further discussion, the Board agreed on the following recommendations:

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/019** **File Ref**

That the report 'Final Draft Taihape Town Centre Plan' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/020** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board thanks those who have contributed to the work of the Steering Group as the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan has evolved.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/021** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends that Council adopts the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan taking into account the Taihape Steering Group views and includes it in the consultation process for the draft 2015/25 LTP.

Ms Larsen/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/022** **File Ref**

That an investigation is undertaken to establish whether the Taihape Area School hall can be modified to adequately cater for 5-7 large events each year and whether a MOU can be negotiated to ensure suitable availability of the hall, what the cost will be and whether it adequately meets all the needs of the large events; and that any MOU agreement needs to be confirmed by the Ministry of Education first.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/023** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board consider further options for developing recreation and leisure facilities on Memorial Park after scope and location of such options has been presented to the Taihape Community Board by the Memorial Park Users Group including Clubs Taihape.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/024** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends that Council negotiate with the Taihape

Community Development Trust so that the Trust will be responsible for the 'Placemaking' projects with the Taihape Community Board approving each project.

Dr Oliver/Cr Aslett. Carried

22. Late items

Submissions

Mrs Fannin was concerned that the Board's submission to the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy may have been overlooked due to it being written on the back of their Local Approved Products Policy.

Dr Oliver added that his neighbour had not received feed back on her submission to the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy.

Mr Hodder undertook to follow up on these issues.

Letter from Mrs Ann Mould

The Chair advised that she had received a letter from Mrs Mould regarding the unsatisfactory work being undertaken by contractors who mow the hill areas of Taihape.

His Worship the Mayor reported that he had met with Mrs Mould and advised her that hillside mowing was presently not included in the Parks and Town contract or the Roding Contract. He had spoken with the Roding team in order for this issue to be resolved but in the meantime there would need to be a bit of catch up work.

12 Future items for the agenda

None.

13 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held on 1 April 2015, starting 5.30 pm.

14 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

