



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 3 June 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Also present: 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 10 Youth Hutt report – May 2015
Item 20 Submission form – PAF funds
Submission form – Signage at Te Moehau junction
Memorandum- Residents' Surveys 2015

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/037** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Cr Gordon and His Worship the Mayor for absence be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

2 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

3 Confirmation of order of business

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

Project Allocation Fund
Signage at Te Moehau Junction
Taihape Community Housing security
Memorandum on Resident's Survey 2015

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 felt that the Board was being left out of the process in determining options for the future development of Taihape Memorial Park. He also noted that the Steering Group was not in "recess" as stated in the Board's resolution on 4 February 2015. He said that the Steering Group had the option to reconvene at any time.

All agreed that Peter Shore be invited to attend the Boards workshop on 1st July 2015.
Mr Hodder to ask that the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader check to see if he is available and to arrange for a copy of the draft MOU to be circulated to Board members.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/038** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 1 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Fannin. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair spoke to her tabled report, giving a brief outline of meetings that she had attended along with an update on the 2015 Community Boards Conference.

The Chair then went on to acknowledge all the organisations and individuals from the Taihape ward who had submitted to the 2015/25 Long Term Plan. In particular she noted that of 11 year old Anna King who had requested a recycling centre for the Kawhatau Valley.

She asked that more information be provided regarding the number of submissions received from Mangaweka residents and in particular what their thoughts were in regards to replacing reticulated water and waste water schemes for smaller communities.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/039** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 3 June 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

There were no recommendations from the Board's meeting on 1 April 2015 requiring confirmation by the Council.

Council deliberated on all submissions to "What's the Plan Rangitikei...?" at its meeting on 14 May 2015. A draft response to all submissions is being considered by Council at its meeting on 28 May 2015.

8 Update on the Small Projects Fund

Expenditure showing the Council's General Ledger is \$1,583. Mr Hodder advised that unspent funds could not be rolled over into the new financial year, when a new allocation (of \$5,000) would be made available to the Board.

9 Requests for service concerning Taihape – March-April 2015

Cr Rainey queried the number of Council housing/property maintenance requests for service that were shown as completed late or overdue. Taihape office staff reported that this was the result of contractors failing to notify Council staff that the jobs had been completed.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/040** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape' – March-April 2015 be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

10 Youth Hutt report

A report for May was also tabled. This included a summary of the recent Youth Health Expo which had been a success.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/041** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt reports – April and May 2015, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

11 Taihape Town Centre Plan – Update to 3 June 2015 meeting

Dr Oliver asked that the Taihape Town Centre Plan Updates be circulated to Board members.

Mr Hodder to action this request.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/042** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Taihape Town Centre Plan – update to 3 June 2015 meeting' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

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

Toroa Road

Mr Hodder advised that Council had agreed to fund repair work on the road by the Taihape Kindergarten. The Board were pleased with this decision, but wondered when the work was to be programmed.

Mr Hodder to ask that the Roading Manager provide an update to the Board's meeting of 5 August 2015.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/043** **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward" be received.

13 Taihape Footpaths

Following a discussion on the slippery footpath surface, the Board agreed that this issue needed to be remediated as soon as possible.

Mr Hodder reported that the Roding Manager was arranging for scientific testing to be undertaken to determine any product defects. If this was confirmed, then Council would need to go back to the contactors/suppliers and request that they resolve this issue at their own cost.

The Board also noted that some of the concrete edge from the original work was giving way. This would need to be remediated at Council's expense.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/044** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on Taihape Footpaths be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/045** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees that scientific testing by an independent party be undertaken on the main street footpath surface and that the results are reported to the Board's August meeting.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

14 Alex Wongs Corner- Place Making

Mrs Fannin spoke to her submission. She was keen that a licence to occupy or other suitable agreement be obtained from NZTA which would allow the community to make use of this land parcel for a place making project.

Mr Hodder to ask that the Roding Manager follow up with this item.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/046** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on Alex Wongs Corner – Place Making be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/047** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend that Rangitikei District Council obtains a licence to occupy or any other mutually suitable agreement for the NZTA land on the corner of Hautapu Street/Mataroa Road, Taihape, to enable a place making project to be undertaken by the community.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

15 Taihape Community Board Logo/Brand

Mrs Fannin spoke to her submission. She was keen for the Board to have their own logo in order to avoid confusion between themselves and the Taihape Community Development Trust.

Dr Oliver felt it was not worth the effort and associated costs for the Board to have its own logo, given that the Board didn't publish anything. He suggested that the Taihape Community Development Trust be asked to change their working title to 'Taihape Development Trust'.

All agreed that this idea be revisited at a later stage.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/048** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on the Taihape Community Board Logo/Brand be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

16 Website – rangitikei.govt.nz

The Board were all in agreement that their profiles along with information regarding meeting frequency be added to the new Rangitikei District Council website. The Board also requested that a detailed map showing the district wards be included.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/049** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on the Website – rangitikei.govt.nz be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/050** **File Ref**

That the Rangitikei District Council website be updated to include the Taihape Community Board member's profiles with contact details, information about meeting frequency and a district map identifying the wards.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

17 Taihape Main Street Banner

Mr Hodder advised that the Roading Manager was currently seeking advice from Manawatu District Council's engineering staff regarding the design for a pulley system which would allow for the street banner to be erected without the need for a traffic management plan.

Dr Oliver requested that any designs be passed onto the Board for their approval.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/051** **File Ref**

That the issues submission on the Taihape Main Street Banner be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/052** **File Ref**

That Rangitikei District Council engage an engineer to design a pulley system for a street banner for the main street in Taihape e.g. from the Taihape Town Hall balcony across the road to the garden outside Oosh.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

18 Project Allocation Fund

The Board was unanimous that an article be submitted to the Central District Times highlighting the Board's small project fund and inviting the public to present their ideas for use of this fund at the Board's next meeting.

The Board to arrange for a group photo to be taken and that this be included with the article.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/053** **File Ref**

That the issues submission be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/054** **File Ref**

That the public notice of the Taihape Community Board's meeting on 5 August 2015 highlights an opportunity for local people to present their ideas for using the Board's Small Projects Fund and that, during July, an article about this opportunity is published in the Central District Times.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

19 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

Off-road parking bay at Gumboot Park

Ms Larsen reported that this project was now completed and was working very well with adequate room for buses.

Ownership of gumboot sculpture

Ms Larsen was upset following recent discussions on Facebook regarding painting the Taihape gumboot sculpture black. She said that this was very disrespectful for the artist.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/055** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

20 Late items

Project Allocation Fund

Mrs Fannin tabled a submission regarding possible projects to make use of the remaining funds.

Board members agreed that the remaining funds be used to cover some of the cost for the Taihape Main Street banner construction.

The Board to give consideration to other projects at their workshop and then this item to be placed on the Board's next agenda for validation.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/056** **File Ref**

That the balance of the small project allocation fund be used to underwrite materials for the construction of the Taihape Main Street banner.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Fannin. Carried

Te Moehau Junction Sign

Mrs Fannin tabled and spoke to her submission on the possibility of a promotional sign being erected at Te Moehau junction in order to encourage travellers to divert to Taihape.

Board members supported this initiative. They discussed various options regarding design and funding etc. Mr Hodder advised that the first action would be for Council staff to determine whether the land is road reserve or privately owned. If it was the latter then Council would need to make an approach to the owner.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/057** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board ask the Council investigate the possibility of a business notice board for local businesses to be erected at Te Moehau junction as a means of advertising what is available in Taihape to encourage travellers to divert into Taihape.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

Rubbish Bins

The Chair advised that she had received a request from a staff member of PGG Wrightson to install a rubbish bin by their forecourt as they were frequently picking up rubbish left from McDonalds and BP customers.

Ms Larsen said that the Board had previously requested that a bin be installed outside of McDonalds, but this had never been actioned.

Mr Hodder to ask that the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader arrange for the two spare bins that are currently in the Fulton Hogan yard to be installed outside of McDonalds and by PGG Wrightson forecourt.

Community Housing Security

Mrs Sicely spoke on behalf of the Taihape Police regarding the recurring problem with theft and damage to Huia Street tenants' cars. She asked that consideration be given to providing safer parking and to increase the lighting.

Council staff advised that following investigations it was not possible to provide extra parking; however, they were looking at options to provide extra security lighting.

Residents' Surveys 2015

A memorandum was tabled and discussed.

Dr Oliver suggested that future surveys include the question "Have you had any dealings with Council staff and if so was it good or bad?"

Mr Hodder agreed that this question may be worthwhile factoring in as it would give people the opportunity to comment.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/058** **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Residents' Surveys 2015" be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

21 Future items for the agenda

None.

22 Date of next meeting

Next meeting to be held 5 August 2015

23 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: