



# Rangitikei District Council

## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 5 August 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Dr Peter Oliver  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Angus Gordon (arrived 5.38pm)  
Mrs Yvonne Sicely

**Also Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration  
Mr Kevin Morris, Policy Analyst  
Mr Peter Shore, Facilities Consultant

**Tabled documents:**

Item 6	Chair's report
Item 12	Gumboot Lane Drainage - photos and notes
Item 13	Town Centre Plan update -7 Day Makeover Programme
Item 18	Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda -Photos of site for proposed sign at Te Moehau junction Photo design of arrangement for permanent banner
Item 19	Late Items Letter from TCDT re name change Photos of broken fence along Eagle Street Submission form – Taps and watering system in Taihape CBD Submission form – Small Projects fund Letter from Phyllis Leigh re disability parking

## 1 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/059**                      **File Ref**

That the apologies from Cr Rainey for absence and Cr Gordon for lateness be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

The Chair advised that His Worship the Mayor would be at the meeting, a bit later.

## 2 Public Forum

Phil Theobald and Robyn Pederson, members of the Lions District Cabinet spoke on the intention of setting up a Lions Club in Taihape. After giving a brief overview of the club's history, Mr Theobald outlined some of the projects that the Lions were involved with. These included "KanTabs" and "Heads up for Kids".

Mr Theobald said that any potential Lions must be community minded and care about the environment. The minimum number of members needed to start up a club was 20 with meetings usually held twice monthly, although each club was autonomous.

They were seeking the Board's moral support and help with providing information regarding suitable venues for them to hold an orientation meeting. It was hoped that this would take place within the next couple of months with the club being operational around December.

## 3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair agreed to take the following items under Late Items (Item 19 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.

- Mataroa Road drain
- Taihape Railway Fence Line – Kiwi Road bridge to Eagle Street

## 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

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/060**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 3 June 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs Fannin / Cr Aslett. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and then spoke briefly to her tabled report. She said that over the past two months she had spent a lot of time working alongside many of the various organisations in Taihape.

She congratulated Cr Aslett for receiving an award for all his voluntary work in the Manawatu and districts.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/061**                      **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 5 August 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/062**                      **File Ref**

That the report "Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board" be received.

Ms Larsen / Dr Oliver. Carried

## 8 Update on the Small Projects Fund

An article on the Small Projects Fund had been submitted to the Central District Times inviting the public to attend the Board's meeting to share their ideas on how best to make use of this fund. Some interest had been shown but no one was present to speak to it.

## 9 Requests for service concerning Taihape – May-June 2015

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/063**                      **File Ref**

That the report "Requests for service concerning Taihape – May-June 2015" be received.

Cr Aslett / Ms Larsen. Carried

## 10 Youth Hutt report

The Board noted that positive feedback had been received from children attending the Hutt.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/064**                      **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report be received.

Dr Oliver / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **11 Update on Memorial Park discussions**

Mr Shore thanked the Board for inviting him to speak at the meeting.

He reported that his brief had been to work with the various interest groups to identify options for the development of recreational and leisure facilities on Memorial Park. After compiling a rough inventory of all available facilities, he then met with the various groups to gauge where they were at in terms of health, their thoughts on the present grounds, facilities and the “Hub” concept. Mr Shore said he had found the interview process to be very interesting. There had been a strong misconception that the proposed “Hub” could only be the one thing, which was not the case. He said that it could be a range of buildings which could all work well under the one umbrella. Comments from this interview process have since been collated.

Mr Shore went on to discuss the MoU document which he reported all but one of the groups had signed. Sport Whanganui had also signed, expressing a commitment to spend more time in Taihape

Dr Oliver asked for better understanding of the MoU document. Mr Shore explained that although it was not a legally binding document – it was a commitment for all groups to work together in good faith. It provided a reason for groups to work together and a process for doing that. He was happy to provide Board members with a copy of it.

Dr Oliver asked if he had spoken with members of the O’Taihape Club given that they held all the finances. Mr Shore replied that he had spoken with Danny Mickleson but was agreeable to meet with other members; however, the Board agreed that it may be worthwhile waiting until after they had their AGM.

His Worship the Mayor added that there was the perception that views may have changed and that current views were more important.

Mr Shore then outlined the recent bus tour to Pahiatua and Levin in which representatives from the various sports groups visited the Pahiatua Multi sports Centre and the Taitoko Pavilion as well as viewing the irrigation system at Playford Park. He felt that everyone had gained a better insight into the possibilities and challenges of developing a sport and recreation facility. He said that there was the possibility of organising another trip in the future, but in the meantime encouraged Board members to talk to someone that had been on the trip to get their views.

Mr Shore concluded that although the idea from Clubs Taihape for the Hub had been sound, it was a step too far with no real business case, and there was strong support for it to be modified. He said that there was an emerging consensus for future development of Memorial Park which included having a public amenities/changing facility which would enhance future Taihape events. He added that, even though there was some nostalgia

towards the grandstand, it had a limited life and the park would be better serviced by mobile grandstands.

Also discussed was the Taihape Area school facility which he felt was underutilised. He was keen for a deed of lease to be signed between Council and the Ministry of Education which would open up the hall to be used by the community.

## 12 Gumboot Lane drainage

The Chair tabled photos and notes from Keith Rowlands with his thoughts on how best to rectify the drainage issues. She said that Daniel Crimp was also to provide ideas and prices for this job.

Dr Oliver suggested that a half metre retaining wall made with sleepers along with an open drain would be a cheaper option. He said that there were locals willing to keep an eye on it and keep it clear.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/065**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council investigate improvements to drainage at Gumboot Park and then report back to the Board's next meeting.

Mrs Fannin / Dr Oliver. Carried

## 13 Town Centre Plan update

Mr Morris spoke to his report and then went on to outline the 7 Day Makeover programme. He said that this would be a good training process for each of the town's co-ordinators.

His Worship the Mayor asked that the Board give careful consideration to whether or not the community wanted this – or did they think that the funds could be put to better use.

After some discussion, all members apart from Cr Aslett agreed not to endorse the proposed 7-Day Makeover process for Taihape. They were willing for the Taihape Community Development Trust to be given the lead role for some of the place-making projects.

Dr Oliver said that there were a number of small project groups - i.e. the Bird Group that were very motivated and had some great ideas, but up until now they had been using their own funds. He said that these groups would prefer that the funds went on materials etc for the place making projects rather than on Mr Engwicht's fee.

Cr Gordon suggested that the town co-ordinators be given the opportunity to attend the 7-Day makeover workshop in one of the other towns.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/066**                      **File Ref**

That the memorandum "Update on the Town Centre Plan" be received.

Dr Oliver / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/067**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board does not endorse the 7-Day Makeover process proposed for Taihape and request Council to make the funding allocated for this (\$10,000) available for local projects, to be coordinated by the Taihape Community Development Trust, with Taihape Community Board setting the priorities and that the Taihape Community Board has the opportunity to send representatives to the 7 Day Makeovers in Bulls and/or Marton should they proceed.

Dr Oliver / Ms Larsen. Carried

## **14 Taihape CBD footpaths**

Mrs Sicely reported that she had received a complaint from a member of public regarding the slippery footpath surface. She would advise them to contact the Taihape office in order for it to be logged onto the RFS system.

The Chair asked whether the replacement tiles (outside Wild Rose and the Town Hall) had been sealed.

Dr Oliver commented that he had witnessed contractors doing a very poor job when water blasting the tiles. He felt that employees should need to know how to confidently operate this type of equipment.

Mr Hodder to follow up these queries with Council's Roding Operations Manager

## **15 Arrangements for parks and town maintenance services**

From 1 August 2015, the Council has assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening will be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Athol Sanson. Separate contracts will be in place for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing.

Cr Gordon asked if locals were able to undertake the Sexton duties. Mr Hodder replied that Andrew Morris had been awarded the contract. He had previously sub-contracted with Fulton Hogan to do this work.

## **16 Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund**

One decision in the Long Term Plan is that Council has allocated up to \$50,000 per year in a fund for parks and reserve upgrades. The funding will be allocated to projects which contribute at least \$2 (in cash or kind) for each ratepayer \$ so bringing in a total value of up to \$150,000 each year.

The allocation of funds would be undertaken in partnership with the community. Applications from the community for the funding would be open all year round and treated on a case by case basis. The projects would have an upper limit of \$45,000, with anything

over this value considered through an Annual Plan process. The projects would need to be consistent with the Parks and Reserves Management Plans and the Policy on Community Gardens.

An application for the Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund was attached for the Board's information.

The Chair to pass this information onto the Taihape Area School for future consideration towards upgrading the skate park.

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

His Worship the Mayor advised that, although there had been some concern regarding the change of roading contractors, he was pleased to inform that all but one of the Downers staff had transferred to Higgins.

He then went on to outline the impact on the local roads following the recent storm event. Damage has been estimated at around \$20 million, and under the current Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) this would mean a loss to Council of around \$4 million. He said it was important to receive feedback from farmers in order to collate data which would enable Council to argue a case of hardship to the New Zealand Transport Agency to get them to increase the level of the emergency FAR rate.

He asked that Board members encourage any parties that have been affected to seek help through the various support systems that Council has to offer.

Mr Morris then explained the role of Task Force Green.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/068**                      **File Ref**

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

Cr Gordon / Mrs Fannin. Carried

## **18 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update**

### Disposal of surplus buildings on the former Taihape College site, Rauma Road

The Chair advised that as part of a training day, the local fire brigade would be setting the Nelson Block on fire in September.

There was some confusion as to what was happening with the sale of the old College farm. His Worship the Mayor advised that he would follow up with this matter.



Profile for the Board on Council's revamped website

The Board agreed to provide their email and cell phone number details only. They also requested that their photos be updated.

Promotional sign at Te Moehau Road intersection

Following advice from the Roding Operations Manager in regards to the safety aspect, the Board agreed to restrict the sign to promote Taihape only.

Mr Hodder to ask the Roding Operations Manager for information regarding the amount of wording that is permitted. Cr Aslett agreed to provide designs, one of which would use symbols only.

Permanent arrangement for banner across Hautapu Street

The Chair tabled a design and spoke to this item. She would send a copy to Council staff for their consideration.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/069**                      **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin / Cr Aslett. Carried

**19 Late items**

Mataroa Road drain

Cr Gordon suggested that the willow trees growing alongside the drain by the Mobil Garage be removed to prevent the grate being blocked with their twigs. Council staff to log this as a Request for Service.

Change of TCDT name

The Chair tabled a letter from the Taihape Community Development Trust manager agreeing to the Board's suggestion that they change their trading name to avoid confusion.

The Trust is currently working on developing a campaign to advertise the change of name along with launching their new website in September.

Taihape Railway Fence Line – Kiwi Road bridge to Eagle Street

The Chair tabled photographs and spoke to her submission. She said that not only did the broken fence look disgraceful but it was also a health and safety issue. The Board were all supportive of her recommendation.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/070**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council engage with Kiwi Rail over the state of the fence line from the Kiwi Road bridge to Eagle Street, to either replace or pull down.

Mrs Fannin / Ms Larsen. Carried

Taps and watering system throughout the Taihape CBD and Tui Street

The Chair tabled and spoke to her submission. After some discussion the Board agreed that this matter be passed onto the Taihape Community Development Trust.

Small Projects Fund

The Chair tabled a late item submission requesting that the Taihape Community Board use this fund to cover the Taihape Town Hall hireage fee for the Community Market Day which is to be a fundraising event for Taihape Playcentre and Plunket. The Board were all in favour of this request should the event go ahead.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/TCB/071**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to using funds from the Small Project Fund to cover hireage costs for use of the Taihape Town Hall for a Community Market Day.

Mrs Fannin / Ms Larsen. Carried

Letter from Phyllis Leigh

A letter from Phyllis Leigh regarding disability parking was tabled. She said that she had not seen the present parking space being used and felt that a more appropriate place would have been immediately in front of New World.

The Chair to respond, advising her that signage was to be installed and that New World already had two disability car parks at the back of their shop.

**20 Date of next meeting**

The Chair advised that the Board's workshops would be held on the first Wednesday of the month and she encouraged all members to attend.

The next meeting to be held 7 October 2015

**21 Meeting closed**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: