



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 7 October 2015 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)
Ms Gail Larsen
Dr Peter Oliver
Cr Richard Aslett (left at 7.20pm)
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

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Forum

Mr Rex Bond and Mr Darryll Hesketh speaking on renting rooms at the old Taihape College site.

Mr Bond and Mr Hesketh tabled their proposal to rent/lease the original Music Suite rooms at the old Taihape College site. Their intention was to set up some of the rooms as a dedicated recording facility and use the others for rehearsal and storage. This would then become a music hub for local artists to use. Mr Bond spoke on the recording project that they were currently involved with. This involved the recording of a compilation album from local musicians and singers. It was envisaged that all proceeds from album sales would go to a local charity. Mr Hesketh said that he was keen to see some of the iconic buildings saved. The pair were seeking the Board's support for this proposal.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council was still waiting for the Ministry of Education to provide a MoU to occupy the existing buildings. He was keen that the Board have a role in deciding which groups would be suitable to make use of these spaces. It was suggested that the Board meet on site with all interested parties.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/072** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that the Board be involved in deciding the use and occupancy of the old Taihape College site buildings.

Dr Oliver/Cr Gordon. Carried

Ms Katene Peretini, Mr Tony Downey and Mr Oliver Sanderson spoke the Waharoa Carving project.

Representatives from the Waiouru Army Depot tabled drawings and spoke on the Waharoa carving project that the Army Depot had commissioned. Mr Downey said that the Waharoa carving recognises the journey that embraces the transition from civilian to soldier as well as acknowledging past and present significant events. He said that local Iwi had already sourced the totara and that five master carvers would be working on the project in order to have it finished for the unveiling on 21 November 2015.

The group was asking that the Board give consideration to being a sponsor through making a donation.

The Chair thanked the representatives and advised that the Board would discuss this request later in the Agenda.

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair agreed to take the following items under Update on the Small Projects Fund (Item 8 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.

- Discussion on donating funds towards the Waharoa Carving project
- Community Market Day
- Suggestion from Etaine McDonnell re Taihape Town Hall wind tunnel

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/073** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 5 August 2015, 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 gave a verbal report.

Items discussed included fencing on Wong Jangs corner, outcomes from Office of Treaty Settlements for the Robin Street dog exercise area and the proposed pulley system for banners over Hautapu Street.

The Chair advised that she had received a request from a new resident who was keen to clean up and plant some of the road reserve next to her property on Kiwi Road. The Board suggested that the resident follow this up with Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader.

Also noted was that the Youth Service Worker would be giving a presentation to the Board's next workshop.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/074** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 7 October 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

There was some discussion on the future options for the supply of portable water to Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road.

Mr Hodder reported that as yet no date had been confirmed for consultation with the owners of the affected properties.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/075** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

8 Update on the Small Projects Fund

Community Market Day

The Chair reported that the recent Community Market day held in the Taihape Town Hall had been very successful. In all there had been about 20 stall holders. The PlayCentre and Plunket hoped to hold another one in November.

Board members were all in favour of supporting this initiative and agreed to use funds from the Small Project Fund to cover the hall hireage cost of \$50.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/076** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees to using funds of \$50 from the Small Project Fund to cover hireage costs for use of the Taihape Town Hall for a further Community Market Day in November.

Dr Oliver/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Waharoa Carving Project

After some discussion the Board agreed to donate \$500 towards the Waharoa Gateway Sponsorship. Members recognised that there were many members of the Taihape community that worked within Waiouru.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/077** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to using funds of \$500 from the Small Project Fund to donate towards the Waharoa Gateway sponsorship.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

Birds on Signs Project

Dr Oliver reported that the bird signs had cost the Birds on Signs Project Group more than they had anticipated so there was some concern that they would be short of funds.

Although Board members keen to support this project group, they agreed to suggest that the group apply for funding from Creative Communities. If there was still a shortfall following the silent auction, then the Board would give this further consideration at their next meeting.

9 Requests for Service concerning Taihape, August-September 2015

The September report was tabled.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/078** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape, August-September 2015' –be received.

Ms Larsen/Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Youth Hutt report, August-September 2015

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/079** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report, August-September 2015 be received.

Cr Aslett/Mrs Fannin. Carried

11 Taihape Town Centre Plan update – September 2015

The Board requested that in future they be notified of when the Taihape Memorial Park Users and Management Groups meet.

There was some discussion on the role of this group and whether or not the Board should sign the MoU. Cr Gordon suggested that this matter be discussed further following the facilities consultant's report to Council.

His Worship the Mayor reported that Council had agreed to make the allocated funding of \$10,000 for the Makeover process available for Taihape place making projects. It was suggested that the Taihape Town Co-ordinator still attend the Makeover workshop in Marton.

Dr Oliver thanked Council for taking the Board's views into consideration and said that they could now go ahead with some significant place making.

The Chair suggested that the Board meet with the Taihape Community Development Trust in order to discuss and prioritise place making projects.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/080** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Taihape Town Centre Plan update – September 2015' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

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

Cr Rainey said that she would like to see any Mangaweka projects etc included in this report. This then led onto a discussion on Ward boundaries. The Chair reported that she had requested detailed Ward maps from Councils IT department. Once received, she would forward on to Board Members.

His Worship the Mayor reported that as there had been some interest regarding the liquefaction, an article would be submitted to the local paper. A public meeting with representatives from Council and Horizons would then be held.

He then outlined his recent trip to Melbourne where he had attended the Australasia China Cities Summit/Business Forum. Following that around 50 of the Chinese delegation visited Palmerston North where they attended the Trade and Investments event. This event showcased the region to potential investors. It was here that a number of local businesses made a presentation, one being Incept Marine who were very well received.

Also discussed was the landlocked issue. His Worship the Mayor said that Rangitikei was significantly affected; however, he believed that Council was slowly making progress with this issue.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/081** **File Ref**

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

Cr Gordon/Mrs Sicely. Carried

13 Community Board Chair's Seminar/Workshop

The Chair spoke to this item. She said that she was very keen to attend this seminar which was to be held in Taupo next month. The registration fee of \$100 was modest. Board members expressed support.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/082** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees that the Chair attend the Community Board Chairs Seminar/Workshop which is to be held in Taupo and that her registration fee be paid.

Dr Oliver/Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda –progress update

Main Street footpath surface

Mr Hodder reported that one of Council's Project Engineers had undertaken more trial sites but formal testing was yet to be done. It was suggested that most of the slips had occurred on the uncovered footpaths although some Board Members queried this.

Sycamore trees at Taihape Memorial Park

Mr Hodder spoke to this item. He said that as the trees had been poisoned they were not suitable for firewood so would be chipped instead.

Cr Gordon was unhappy with the costs associated with them being chipped. He suggested that they be cut down and left to rot. Cr Rainey asked if some of the logs could be taken away for use at the Kawhatau Outdoor Centre.

Mr Hodder agreed to forward these suggestions on to Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/083** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

15 Late items

Suggestion from Etaine McDonnell re Taihape Town Hall wind tunnel

Mrs Mc Donnell suggested that a perspex wall be erected by the outside ramp in order to prevent the wind from tunnelling into the hall.

The Board agreed that the Chair advise Mrs McDonnell that this would be taken into consideration over the future of the Taihape Town hall.

16 Future items for the agenda

The Parks & Reserves Team Leader to be invited to attend the Board's December meeting.

Ms Jo Greaney to give a presentation on Youth Services at the Board's next workshop.

17 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held 2 December 2015

18 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: