



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 2 December 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)
Ms Gail Larsen
Dr Peter Oliver
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Angus Gordon (arrived at 5.15pm)
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 16: Late Item submission- Te Moehau Road signage

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 agreed to take the following as late items on the basis that they had arisen after the Order Paper had been compiled and a decision was required at this meeting.

- Town hall hireage for Taihape Market Day
- Taihape Community Christmas dinner
- Memorial Park issues
- Taihape urban berm mowing
- Te Moehau Road signage

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/084** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 7 October 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Larsen/Dr Oliver. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair spoke to her report.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/085** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 2 December 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

7 Rural Directions – Wanganui Rural Community Board Strategic Plan 2014-2023

The Board agreed to discuss this item at their next workshop.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/086** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

9 Update on the Small Projects Fund

Etain McDonell from Birds on signs gave a presentation to the Board’s workshop on 4 November 2015. The consensus was that \$1,000 be granted from the Small Project Fund, to be ratified at this meeting and that the Board would write a letter of support for further funding applications for a walking map and information booklet about the project and the artists involved in it.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/087** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board grants \$1,000 from the Small Projects Fund to support the Birds on Signs project.

Ms Larsen/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/088** **File Ref**

That the Chair of the Taihape Board sends a letter of support for further funding applications by the Birds on Signs project in Taihape for a walking map and information booklet about the project and the artists involved in it.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

Mangaweka Hall hireage

During the weekend 14-15 November 2015 the Mangaweka Hall was used for Fakes and Forgeries and the Christmas Fair. At workshop, the Board considered it reasonable to cover the hall hireage costs, which (taking into account the discount for local, non-profit organisations) is \$109.60.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/089** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board pays \$109.60 from the Small Projects Fund to cover hireage costs for the Mangaweka Hall during 14-15 November 2015, while used for Fakes and Forgeries and the town Christmas Fair.

Dr Oliver/Ms Larsen. Carried

Town hall hireage for Taihape Market Day

The Board decided against covering the Taihape Town Hall hireage costs for the Market Day on 5 December 2015. Proceeds were to go to the Facebook page 'Pay it forward': not all Board members were familiar with this.

Community Christmas Dinner

The Chair reported that there may be a shortage of funds for the Taihape Community Christmas Dinner. The Board agreed to fund this event up to \$200 from the Small Projects Fund, if necessary.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/090** **File Ref**

That if required, the Taihape Community Board agree to fund the Community Christmas Dinner up to \$200 from the Small Projects Fund

Dr Oliver/Ms Larsen. Carried

His Worship the Mayor advised that he would be an apology for the Taihape community dinner this year; he would be at the Marton community dinner.

10 Requests for service concerning the Taihape Ward (October-November 2015)

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/091** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape, October-November 2015 be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

11 Management of Parks and Reserves

His Worship the Mayor reported that an Eagle Street resident had requested that the sycamores trees opposite their property be removed as they were blocking their view. As the trees are on Council land, the Board to pass this matter onto the Parks & Reserves Team Leader for his consideration.

Ms Larsen reported that locals were driving their vehicles onto the playing fields at Memorial Park as well as parking up and drinking by the trees. She said that this due to a lack of security measures not being adhered to. This included missing rails not being reinstated and gates being left unlocked.

Mr Hodder to pass her concerns onto the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader.

Also discussed was the issue of members of the public playing golf on the park despite signage advising that this was not permitted. Mrs Sicely suggested that in future the police be contacted if such incidents occur.

12 Youth Hutt report

No report was available for the meeting. Council staff to email it out to Board members.

13 Town Centre Plan update- November 2015

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Ministry's draft licence to occupy for the old College site along with a covering report would be an item on Council's agenda for 17 December 2015.

The draft licence to be emailed to Board Members for their comments.

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

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That the memorandum 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward' together with information on the roading resurfacing programme be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda- progress update

Improved drainage at Gumboot throwing lane

Mr Hodder reported that the gap in the pipes needed to be investigated further before any money is spent on remediation.

Banner over Hautapu Street

Mr Hodder advised that this item had not progressed as further reconsideration and assessment by an engineer is required.

There was further discussion on the number of issues that had not been followed up. One of which included the disabled signage which was still to be installed. His Worship the Mayor

said he understood the Board's frustration, pointing out that it was up to Council to follow up with the contractors if they had not delivered the service within the time frame allocated.

Profile for the Board on Council's website

It was agreed that individual photos of Board members would be taken.

Resolved minute number **15/TCB/093** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

16 Late items

Taihape urban berm mowing

Ms Larsen reported that she had received a number of complaints regarding the overgrown berms around town. Of concern was the long grass on the top corner of Swan Street which was obstructing visibility.

Mr Hodder to determine which contractor was responsible for the mowing of berms in Swan Street and Ruru Road.

Te Moehau Junction signage

Cr Aslett tabled design options and information regarding the proposed Taihape sign which is to be erected by the Te Moehau junction.

The Board preferred the landscape option and suggested that the phone icon be replaced with toilet and distance icons.

Walkway

The Chair advised that there had been no further progress with the walkway from Dixon Way into town. She suggested that the Board come up with some ideas and then present them to Council.

Availability of croquet ground for motorhome parking

Members sought clarification on this, in the context of the provisional lease to Clubs Taihape. Mr Hodder to investigate and advise.

17 Future items for the agenda

None.

18 Date of next meeting

3 February 2016

19 Meeting closed

Meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: