



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 3 February 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
Mr Athol Sanson, Parks & Reserves Team Leader

Tabled documents: Item 12: Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park
Item 20: Te Moehau Road draft signage
Item 21: Late Item submissions:
Marton Placemaking attendance
Taihape Market Day
Draft Treasury Management Policy

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 One minute silence in memory of former Board member, Councillor and Borough Mayor Ed Cherry

The Board stood for one minute silence in memory of former Board member, Councillor and Borough Mayor Ed Cherry.

Also acknowledged was the passing of Mr Doug Bond and Mr Jim Vernon, both of whom were valued members of the community.

3 Apologies

There were no apologies.

4 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

5 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.

Taihape Community Market Day,
Placemaking workshop in Marton
Taihape Majestic Theatre
Proposed Treasury Management Policy

6 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.

7 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chair reported that she was in the process of composing a letter of support for further funding applications for the Birds on Signs Project Group.

The Parks & Reserves Team Leader gave an update on the Gumboot throwing lane drainage. He said that he had met with the drainage contractor who had devised a system and provided a quote for the work. Once Council's Utilities team had confirmed that there were no further leaks, work would then progress.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/001** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 2 December 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Dr Oliver. Carried

8 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report, noting that the Taihape Christmas Parade and Community Christmas Dinner had been well attended. She expressed her thanks to the local businesses for their support.

The Chair suggested that Board members join Facebook pages such as Taihape NZ, The Taihape Community Notice Board and Taihape Pay it Forward in order to get an insight into the good they do for the local community.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/002** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 3 February 2016 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin / Dr Oliver. Carried

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

There were no recommendations from the Board's meeting on 2 December 2015 which required approval from Council at its meeting on 17 December 2015. However, at that meeting Council approved the award of contracts C1009A and C1009B, supply of a lamella clarifier to both the Taihape Wastewater Plant and the Taihape Water Treatment Plant, to Service Engineers Ltd. The total cost is \$435,720.

10 Update on the Small Projects Fund

The current commitments on the Fund to date were \$1,109.60. At its previous meeting, the Board agreed to fund the Community Christmas Dinner up to \$200, however the Chair advised that accounts were still to be finalised, so this item would be discussed at the Board's next meeting.

11 Parks management

Mr Athol Sanson, Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader introduced himself and explained his role along with the current work programme and future plans.

He said that the key areas of focus for the team were trees and the parks sports fields, noting that long term management would be developed for both. This included

commissioning a report on the state of the Taihape Memorial Park along with soil testing and putting in place a fertiliser programme.

Mr Sanson reported that there were a number of unsafe trees at the Taihape cemetery. These would need to be attended to by an arborist.

Also programmed was the Gretna Corner gardens which would be excavated and replanted in a theme that would continue on into the main street.

There was some discussion on who was responsible for emptying the bins at the Outback and along Mataroa Road. Over the busy holiday period these were often overflowing. Mr Sanson reported that it was his responsibility and that in future he would put 44 gallon drums in place over the peak period.

Also discussed was the issue of fly tipping. Mr Sanson said that this equated to a big percentage of the rubbish. Ms Larsen agreed, adding that some locals frequently dumped their empty beer bottles by the bins at Taihape Memorial Park. It was suggested that she take photos of this activity.

Cr Aslett asked who was responsible for maintaining the grass around the telephone box in Mangaweka. Mr Sanson advised that he would look into this matter.

Cr Gordon wished to pass on the positive comments that he had received regarding the work that had been undertaken by the Parks and Reserves Team.

12 Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park

After some discussion, the Board agreed to support the inclusion of the proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park in the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/003** **File Ref**

That the report 'Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park' be received.

Mrs Fannin / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/004** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board supports the inclusion of the proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park in the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Mrs Fannin / Mrs Sicely. Carried

The Board stressed the need for contact to be made with the Otaihape Club so that there was clarity on the availability of its funds.

13 Overview of the Council-initiated District Plan review

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/005** **File Ref**

That the report 'Overview of the Council-initiated District Plan' review be received.

Mrs Fannin / Cr Rainey. Carried

14 Consultation on the draft heritage strategy

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/006** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Consultation on the draft heritage strategy' be received.

Mrs Fannin / Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Update on place-making initiatives

The Chair advised that she was also keen to attend the place making workshop in Marton.

Mr Hodder agreed, saying that he thought it would be worthwhile for both her and the Trust Manager to attend in order to get a sense of how people were applying this approach even though it would be different for each community. He suggested that, following the Marton Makeover, the Board hold a workshop and then arrange to meet with the Taihape Community Development Trustees in order to discuss priorities.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/007** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board support the Taihape Community Development Trust Manager in attending the placemaking workshop in Marton by agreeing to pay for one night's accommodation and that the Board Chair also attend the workshop.

Cr Rainey /Cr Aslett. Carried

16 Outcome of consultation with residents of Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road on options for reticulated water supply

Dr Oliver noted that this meeting had been well attended, with all residents agreeing that their preferred option was for the water supply to be upgraded only.

17 Requests for service in the Taihape Ward (November-December 2015)

Dr Oliver wished to acknowledge the prompt response by Council contractors who had removed the slip on O'Taihape Road. He said that he had reported this through the RFS system and that the job had been undertaken on a public holiday.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/008** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for service in the Taihape Ward, November-December 2015) be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

18 Youth Hutt report

In reply to Mrs Sicely's query, Mr Hodder explained the current funding situation for the Youth Hutt.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/009** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report be received.

Cr Rainey / Mrs Fannin. Carried

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

As the Assets/Infrastructure Committee was not meeting until 11 February 2016, an update was not available for the Board's meeting; however, this would be circulated to members on 9 February 2016.

20 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

Te Moehau Junction sign

Cr Aslett tabled a draft design option and reported that Council's Roading Operations Manager had suggested that the sign be made from steel rather than wood. The Chair was keen to see a gumboot in the design. Cr Aslett to include this and then forward to members along with prices.

Walkway from Dixon Way to the CBD

Board members were keen to see this walkway levelled and tidied up with crushed lime as they felt that it was well used by local residents as well as backpackers.

Mr Hodder to discuss this matter with Council's Roading Operations Manager.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/010** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin / Cr Aslett. Carried

21 Late items

The Chair tabled a late item submission recommending that the Taihape Community Board use funds from the Small Project Fund to cover the hall hireage costs for the Taihape market day which was to be held on Saturday 20 February.

All members were in agreement, noting that the market days were usually well attended.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/011** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to using funds from the small project fund to cover Taihape Town Hall hire costs for the February community market day.

Ms Larsen / Dr Oliver. Carried

The Chair asked that the Board give consideration to help support the Taihape Majestic Theatre in their bid to raise funds for it to go digital.

All members agreed to fund this project \$1,000.00 from the Small Project Fund.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/012** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to fund the Taihape Majestic Theatre \$1,000.00 from the Small Project Fund.

Dr Oliver / Cr Rainey. Carried

Mr Hodder explained that the tabled late item on the draft Proposed Treasury Management Policy was for the Board's information only.

22 Future items for the agenda

None proposed.

23 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held on 6 April 2016

24 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: