



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 14 December 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Michelle Fannin(Chair)
Ms Gail Larsen
Mrs Ann Abernethy
Mrs Yvonne Sicely
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

Tabled documents: **Item 3 Public Forum** – information regarding Stewart Rover Crew
Item 7 Chair’s Report
Item 8 Presentation from Mr Richard Witheford-Smith –“The Taihape Woolshed” concept
Item 12 Update on the Small Projects Fund – Memorandum and invoice for photo board from Crimpys Contracting
Item 13 Requests for Service Concerning Taihape – Breakdown for November 2016
Item 14 Youth Hutt report – information regarding school holiday programme
Item 19 New Standing Orders

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/058** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

3 Public Forum

Mr Cameron Randles spoke on behalf of the Stewart Rover Crew, a service section of Scouting New Zealand, open to people aged from 18 to 25 years of age.

He said that one of the group's aims was to network with local community groups and offer their services free of charge. It was anticipated that having a local presence would encourage others to join.

The Chair was keen for the Stewart Rover Crew to help out with Gumboot Day. Mr Randles to pass this onto his crew. Mrs Sicely suggested that they also get in touch with the new Youth Co-ordinator.

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.

The Chair declared a conflict of interest in regards to Item 16 -Taihape Community Christmas lunch.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/059** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 10 November 2016, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

7 Chair's report

The Chair spoke briefly to her tabled report.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/060** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 14 December 2016 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented be received.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

8 Presentation from Mr Richard Witheford-Smith

Mr Witheford -Smith tabled information and then spoke on "The Taihape Woolshed" concept. His vision was to see a niche rural industries focussed mall complete with a live working woolshed constructed within the main street of Taihape. Here tourists/visitors would get to experience shearing/wool handling etc. Other proposed attractions to include a NZ beef and lamb restaurant, "Shearers bar" along with a Farmers market selling local produce/products. There would be office space and support for start-up businesses, however he thought that some existing businesses may choose to move into the complex for higher foot traffic. Mr Witheford-Smith said that approximately \$15,000 would be required to undertake a feasibility study of which he was prepared to put time into.

The Board was keen to see further work done on the concept before endorsing it. It was suggested that a meeting be held with Councils Chief Executive and Mayor in order to discuss potential funding options.

9 Ensuring effectiveness of the District's Community Boards – review for the 2016-19 triennium

The Board considered it best to discuss this item at its next workshop in order to determine any recommendations to Council.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/061** **File Ref**

That the report 'Ensuring effectiveness of the District's Community Boards – review for the 2016-19 triennium' be received.

Cr Gordon/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/062** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board discuss Council's delegations to the Board and its level of support at the next workshop which is to be held 1 February 2017.

Cr Rainey/Mrs Fannin. Carried

10 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board and consideration of other matters affecting Taihape

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/063** **File Ref**

That the memorandum on Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board and consideration of other matters affecting Taihape be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Rainey. Carried

11 Taihape issues discussed with Council on 10 November 2016

Lime chip footpath to Dixon Way

The Board wanted to see this project progress so were happy to have an approach to the Regional Land Transport Committee.

Mrs Abernethy spoke on the increasing amount of walkers now using O'taihape Valley and Dixon Way Roads. She suggested that either pedestrian signage be installed or the speed limit be reduced.

It was agreed that Mrs Abernethy and Ms Larsen ask local residents to provide evidence/letters etc. and that this item be discussed further at the Board's workshop.

12 Update on the Small Projects Fund

A Memorandum on the Small Projects Grant Scheme Update-December 2016 was tabled.

The Chair advised that the photo board has now been installed at Gumboot Lane. It was agreed that funds from the Small Project Fund be used to cover the costs of having it installed.

There was further discussion on the quotes to fence the dog exercise area. Cr Rainey felt that this was not really a place-making project and that this item should be discussed at the Board's next workshop.

The Board wanted the unspent balance of the 2015/16 place-making allowance to be rolled over to 31 March 2017.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/064** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to using funds of \$625.60 from the Small Project Fund to cover the costs of installing the photo board.

Cr Gordon/Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/065** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board requests Council to approve a further carry-forward, to 31 March 2017, of the unspent balance of the 2015/16 place-making allowance, on the understanding that the Board will have developed and implemented place-making initiatives by that time.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Sicely. Carried

13 Requests for Service concerning Taihape

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/066** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for Service concerning Taihape' be received.

Cr Rainey/Mrs Abernethy. Carried.

14 Youth Hutt report

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/067** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report to meeting of the Taihape Community Board on 14 December 2016 be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

15 Community Christmas lights competition

The Chair spoke to this item. She said that this is the third year that this competition has been run and so far she had received seven entries. Fairfax had covered the costs for two advertisements and the third was to come out of the Small Projects Fund.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/068** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board continue to organise the Community Christmas lights competition as a community event and that the cost of one advertisement come out of Small Project Fund.

Cr Rainey/Mrs Sicely. Carried.

16 Taihape Community Christmas lunch

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 **16/TCB/069** **File Ref**

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

Cr Rainey/Mrs Sicely. Carried

17 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward

Cr Gordon was concerned about the partial collapse of the retaining wall on the Kiwi Road/Swan Street intersection. He said that further slippage was likely to affect access to properties. He was keen for Councils Roading team to provide an update on this issue.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/070** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board ask that Council staff provide an update on the retaining wall by the Kiwi Road intersection.

Cr Gordon/Mrs Fannin. Carried

18 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda- progress update

Alex Wong corner

Mr Hodder to ask that the Parks & Reserves Team Leader arrange for the grass to be mown on the Alex Wong corner.

The Board wanted to place some tables and chairs on this site. It was suggested that this would be a suitable 'place-making project'. The Board to research various providers and obtain quotes.

Main Street footpath surface

The Chair noted that some of the footpaths were still slippery despite the recent high pressure work. Cr Gordon noted that the surface outside of Taihape Honda still appeared to have the sealant and queried whether or not it was sealed after being ground.

Banner over Hautapu Street

The Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager spoke to this item. He said that the initial design had been rejected and that Council had engaged another Engineer to provide further calculations.

The Chair was keen to have this matter resolved in time to allow the Taihape A & P show banner to be installed.

Loading zone in Tui Street

Council's Roding Team has yet to talk with affected property owners. It was suggested that they seek information from the Taihape Community Board's past minutes.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/071** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Abernethy. Carried

19 New Standing Orders

A copy of the draft Standing Orders which had been designed specifically for Community Boards was tabled.

The Board agreed to consider these at their next workshop.

20 Late items

There were no late items.

21 Future items for the agenda

The Board to hold a workshop on 1 February 2017.

Items to be discussed to include bike trails and Reserve Management Plan.

22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held 8 February 2017.

23 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: