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## Taihape Community Board

# Order Paper

**Wednesday 14 December 2016,  
5.30pm**

**Taihape Town Hall, 90-92 Hautapu Street,  
Taihape**

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Councillor Richard Aslett  
Councillor Ruth Rainey  
Councillor Angus Gordon  
Yvonne Sicely

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## Taihape Community Board Meeting

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**1 Welcome**

**2 Apologies**

**3 Public Forum**

**4 Members' conflict of interest**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have in respect of the items on this agenda.

**5 Confirmation of order of business**

(Includes acceptance of late items)

**6 Minutes of previous meeting**

**Recommendation**

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.

**7 Chair's report**

A report to be tabled.

**Recommendation**

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

**8 Presentation from Mr Richard Witheford-Smith**

Mr Witheford-Smith will be speaking on 'The Woolshed' Concept Plan. A copy of the proposal is attached for the Boards information.

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

A report is attached.

**Recommendations**

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

EITHER

2 That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that consideration is given to making the following changes to the Board's delegations and level of support .....

OR

3 That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the current delegations and level of support to the Board are sufficient for its purposes.

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

A memorandum is attached.

### **Recommendation**

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

## **11 Taihape issues discussed with Council on 10 November 2016**

Council invited Board members to join in a workshop discussion on 10 November 2016 (in the Taihape Chamber) on Taihape issues. A summary of that discussion is attached for information.

## **12 Update on the Small Projects Fund**

An update on the Small Projects Fund will be provided to the meeting.

## **13 Requests for Service concerning Taihape**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation**

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

## **14 Youth Hutt report**

The Youth Hutt will be running a Summer school holiday programme. Information regarding the programme will be provided to the meeting.

### **Recommendation**

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

## **15 Community Christmas lights competition**

A submission form is attached.

### **Recommendation**

That the Taihape Community Board continue to organise the Community Christmas lights competition as a community event and pay for the cost of one advertisement.

## **16 Taihape Community Christmas lunch**

A submission form is attached.

### **Recommendation**

That the Taihape Community Board support the Taihape Community Christmas Lunch being organised by the Taihape Community Development Trust by donating up to \$200 (from the Small Projects Fund).

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

The report for November 2016 will be available by 13 December 2016. Copies will be made available at the meeting.

### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Taihape Ward' be received

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

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation**

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

## **19 New Standing Orders**

A briefing will be provided to the meeting

### **Recommendations**

1. That the memorandum on Standing Orders for the 2016-19 triennium be received.
2. That the Taihape Community Board replace its Standing Orders by adopting those proposed by Local Government New Zealand with the following changes.....

**20 Late items**

**21 Future items for the agenda**

**22 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held 8 February 2017

**23 Meeting closed**

# Rangitikei District Council

## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 10 November 2016 – 5:40 p.m.

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### Present:

Mrs Michelle Fannin  
 Ms Gail Larsen  
 Mrs Ann Abernethy  
 Mrs Yvonne Sicely  
 Cr Angus Gordon  
 Cr Ruth Rainey (left at 5.50pm)  
 Cr Richard Aslett

### In attendance:

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
 Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
 Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
 Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration



## 1 Welcome by the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Taihape Community Board. He congratulated all Community Board members on their election and gave a brief outline of their role.

## 2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

## 3 Councillor appointments to the Taihape Community Board

The Chief Executive advised that Councillors Gordon, Aslett and Rainey would once again be sharing this role.

## 4 Declaration by Members

The Board Members made the declaration below in the following order:

Mrs Ann Abernethy  
Mrs Michelle Fannin  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Mrs Yvonne Sicely  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Ruth Rainey

*I, ....., declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as a member of the Taihape Community Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.*

All declarations were then duly signed.

## 5 Election of Chair

The Chief Executive explained the voting system to which the Board selected System B by consensus.

**Resolved minute number**

**16/TCB/053**

**File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board, for the purpose of electing or appointing persons under Clause 25, adopt System B.

Mrs Sicely/Ms Larsen. Carried



**Resolved minute number****16/TCB/054****File Ref**

That Michelle Fannin be appointed Chair of the Taihape Community Board.

Cr Gordon/Mrs Abernethy. Carried

## **6 Declaration by Chair**

Mrs Fannin made and signed the declaration.

*I, Michelle Fannin, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgement, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Rangitikei District, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in or imposed upon me as Chair of the Taihape Community Board by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.*

The Chief Executive vacated the Chair.

Mrs Fannin took the Chair and called for nominations for Deputy Chair.

## **7 Election of Deputy Chair**

**Resolved minute number****16/TCB/055****File Ref**

That Ann Abernethy be appointed Deputy Chair of the Taihape Community Board.

Cr Gordon/Mrs Sicely. Carried

## **8 Legislation requiring general explanation at the first meeting**

The Chief Executive spoke to the report, highlighting the main points that Board Members needed to become familiar with. He advised that Council staff would provide guidance on any issues that members were unsure of.

Mr Hodder reported that the new Local Government New Zealand Standing Orders would be available for adoption at the Board's first meeting.

**Resolved minute number****16/TCB/056****File Ref**

That the report on "Legislation requiring general explanation at the first meeting" be received by the Taihape Community Board and the information noted.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

## 9 First meeting

The Board agreed to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each alternate month.

Their first meeting to be held 14 December 2016 starting at 5.30 pm.

They would continue to hold a workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month between.

**Resolved minute number**

**16/TCB/057**

**File Ref**

That the first meeting of the Taihape Community Board be held on 14 December 2016 commencing at 5.30 pm.

Ms Larsen/Mrs Abernethy. Carried

On behalf of the community, His Worship the Mayor thanked the Taihape Community Board members for putting their hands up. He also acknowledged the Chair for all her work over the past three years.

## 10 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

## **'The Woolshed' Concept Plan**

R Witheford-Smith July 2014 updated May 2015

"The NZ Small Towns Trust" would be set up as a Community Trust with a trading arm called "The Woolshed"

### **Purpose/s Kaupapa of "The Woolshed" business**

- To strengthen rural communities via an economically viable business model that provides an outlet and show piece for local produce/industries including arts and crafts and other products of sheep country NZ and tapping the potential tourist dollars that drive past these communities.
- To provide much loved venues and in fact a new social and economic institution in a number of economically struggling small towns around the country that help to strengthen the town and neighbouring rural community's economy and spirit.
- To create a viable business which delivers positive economic, environmental and social outcomes for each of the communities that it operates in. The aim is to lift the self-esteem of these communities and help keep some of the money and employment where the products are made. Other themed businesses eg the 'Coal shed' the 'Cow shed' and a sawmill themed shed could develop in towns with different historic industries.
- To increase visitor numbers and length of stay and tourist spend in provincial and small town NZ
- To promote mentor/apprentice type relationships amongst the part time employees so that the older semi-retired community members can feel valued and pass on their lifetime and practical skills to a new generation looking for work

### **The Concept:**

A large 'Woolshed' built in traditional rural NZ style but internally very large with retail space and a large 'woolshed floor' for socials and as a small events venue (some tiered seating) would be purpose built, near the town centre (possibly connecting to existing shops) of a number of iconic sheep country NZ towns. It would be a working woolshed and for this to happen a stand alone business that collected sheep from local farms, shearing them in public view and a perhaps even offering 'have a go at sheep work' type activities. The live shearing/ professional wool classing and pressing operation would be as much a tourist attraction as a viable shearing business although the goal would be for this part of the business to break even. The staff of the shearing business would be local characters /retired farmers/shearers/fleecos, who could work part-time and build up the character of the place and talk to visitors - adding to the back story and historic environment. Once shorn the sheep would either be transported back to farm or sent onto the works as part of a service to farms. This part of the business could also be a wool store and trader, and even a stock sales venue. The woolshed would not be an "Agrodome" ie a tourist show but a working woolshed going about its every day business including of course working sheep

dogs— just a lot more accessible than usual woolsheds including meeting the local characters.

The 'live shearing business' would be the "backstory" to the Woolshed, as the whole complex, then, ramped up the opportunity to promote the wool and meat and other local rural industries to the visitors who stopped at the café, restaurant. The cafe would have a window view of the working woolshed and an opportunity to get close up to sheep work in action (kind of like the country comes to town). While the target tourist market would be the domestic and international car/campervan/truckie lunch/ tea break traffic there is obviously the opportunity to cater for some of the tour busses that would come through the different areas. The building (or connecting next door buildings) would house other businesses and displays related to our themes of promoting the local and rural economy and providing a social and business friendly hub for the community. These businesses would vary with the actual region but could include any number of ...

- The anchor tenant being the daytime café and evening 'NZ Beef and Lamb' Restaurant with window views to the shearing floor.
- The "Shearers Quarters" bar featuring NZ's top craft beers and wines.
- The Woolshed events venue eg Woolshed dances, Shearing competitions, indoor sports, small touring productions etc
- An i-Site type office that promoted local attractions eg fishing, hunting, horse trek, mountain bike and other outdoor opportunities and Bed and Breakfast, campervan and Farmstay opportunities. They would be aiming to get tourists to do more than pass through the town and to explore the region further, either now or sometime in the future – also could promote other NZ destinations.
- A local rural art and crafts space including a lot of wool, fibre and leather crafts, along with interesting displays of the history of the area – possibly doubling as community rooms with "fibre therapy" craft space (knitting and spinning community groups for older, and disabled and those just interested in company and learning)
- Icebreaker, Swandri, Logan yaughting, Dry az a Bone and other high end wool and rural/outdoor clothing products type shops (perhaps a gumboot section in Taihape?)
- "Wools of NZ" Carpet and other manufactured and innovative wool product displays and promotions.
- Craft foods eg country pickles craft cheeses and honey products (could be local as well as sourced by the Woolshed business from around NZ)
- No 8 wire space- displaying locally and NZ made innovative products
- A business space with meeting rooms and accountancy/ computer support for encouraging new local businesses
- A boutique cinema
- A traditional butcher selling top quality cuts of meat from local farms?
- Kiwibank/Post shop (possible partnership opportunity?)

Close to the building but connected businesses

- A dog boarding kennel – particularly for sheep dog breeds that could get some useful sheep work training while owners were on their holiday.

- A pick your own organic vege gardens and rose nursery that could double as a picnic spot
- A Menz shed for local retirees creating community projects

These businesses would either be run by the Woolshed business, lease retail space from 'The Woolshed' or be in partnership with The NZ Small Towns Trust.

As noted in the Woolshed events venue business - the Woolshed itself would be a venue in which to run socially fun events such as 'Woolshed dances' with touring bands or shows on the large woolshed floor which could also host indoor sports evenings for locals to either watch or take part in eg indoor bowls, basketball, Tabletennis, Badminton, indoor soccer etc. In this way "The Woolshed Trust" could in fact revive some of the declining country sports clubs by using the Woolshed venue as a social hub with bar and restaurant/s and movie theatre attached. Ie even those who wouldn't join an indoor bowling, badminton club or indoor soccer league could come down to watch the action near a local bar or restaurant with a good chance of being talked into joining in. In this way the NZST Trust would endeavour to lift the "self esteem" and the social fun of living in the small towns in which it would operate, which from my recent observations would be a useful outcome in itself. If it was cool to live in towns such as Taihape and made possible with new employment then the cost of housing for young people could be addressed overnight for those that decided to make the move! This project would also seek to empower and improve the self esteem of older semi retired farmers who have worked hard all their lives only to be faced with declining populations of local community as the elderly move to the city. The NZST Trust would help to celebrate these oldtimers that have been part of and seen so much of the rural industries that has given us many of our country's founding stories.

A project such as this would need considerable investment to start up in any town that it did so would need both govt and private partners to set up

#### **Potential shareholders/partners:**

- Icebreaker (wool industry end product leader)
- NZ beef and Lamb (promotion of the red meat industry)
- Tourism NZ: - 'The Woolshed' will aim to be a great stop off spot for each region/town that it sets up in offering information and booking for local attractions accommodation, sales of local produce and generally encouraging visitors to explore each region more fully)
- KiwiBank/NZpost (banking partner – part of the role will be to encourage new local businesses will also provide a valuable venue for retail space as the woolshed will aim to be a social and business hub to the community.
- MBIE (promoting innovative business and employment in the regions/ promoting "brand NZ")

- Local investors from each town/district where the Woolshed sets up (goals are to promote the local economy and community so is likely to have some support from local business and established farmers).
- Federated Farmers/ Work safe NZ/ ACC other govt and national agencies who wish to engage with Rural communities
- Philanthropic/enterprise trusts

### **Potential towns that a Woolshed Trust operation could work in:**

There are many towns in NZ (and indeed in Australia too) where "The Woolshed" concept would work, but there are some that would probably work better. Once The Woolshed became a well known stop off or social hub it may well become easier to start operating in even smaller towns with a different business model not relying so much on high numbers of tourist traffic. I have avoided choosing towns that would just see it as a tourist venue eg Queenstown/ Rotorua but gone for towns that would simply show off what makes them tick and that would be different for each town so a stop at the local Woolshed would always have its unique displays of interest for visitors as well as the standard active shearing and café business. It could become a kind of iconic small town NZ institution ("The Warehouse" of small towns? – where everyone gets a taste of the town?)

Initial thoughts on towns that would work for this business model:

- Taihape (lots of domestic and international tourist traffic – hard core Hill country farming town – must have many local characters able to carry out the roles of parttime shearer – country yarn expert. Ideally a main street purpose built venue)
- Te Kuiti ( perhaps a Colin Meads memorabilia room with this one)
- Ruatahuna (partnership with Tuhoe? – would have some awesome stories and museum with this one. Could probably offer accommodation and would be able to promote guided hunting and Maori emersion weekends?)
- Murapara?
- Raglan (could have accommodation and surfing theme but a good restaurant with live shearing and woolshed dances would work well)
- Whanganui river communities/Raetihi
- Hawera – (except that it would have to be called "The Cowshed" with live milking through the window. Could work well in partnership with the Tawhiti Dairy museum)
- Wairarapa somewhere (home of golden shears has to have a Woolshed possibly Carterton or Greytown or Martinborough but even Castle point or Ekatahuna would work)
- Waipawa (or somewhere in Hawkes Bay country)
- Whenuakite (or somewhere on Coromandal peninsular)
- Wainui beach Gisborne (surf, fishing and hill country farm themes)
- Tolaga Bay (could become the retail centre in town! But I think would be highly appreciated by locals and visitors alike)
- Dargaville/Kawakawa/Kaikohe/Kaitia/Muangatoroto?

- Takaka (lots of tourists looking for extra experience and lunch could be a close to main street project or out of town a bit.
- Kaikoura ( the woolshed dances would be well supported by the tourists apres whaling!)
- Cheviot -
- Oamaru or Kurow
- Arrowtown/Te Anau sheep station ( it might work well simply from the tourist point of view and may be worth setting up one here for the trust /business to support other areas?)
- Ranfurly - Otago mountain bike trail "shearers quarters accommodation"
- One of the West Coast SI towns (perhaps with a timber/mining themed museum galleries)
- Bluff ( Beef and Lamb and oysters in season)
- Riverton/Tuatapere

#### **Investment required:**

Clearly a large investment is needed to get such an enterprise going, perhaps kicking off with one trial flagship costing perhaps \$2-4m. I would expect some economic profit from each venture although it is unlikely to meet the higher levels of business return. However with a reasonably large group of potential business partners and some public funding sources, It would be interesting to see how such a project would work in an initial trial town. I would envisage each venue would take several years to get working well so any roll out around the small towns would require a project manager and investment for each place. If the model project showed that such a business could create valuable social benefits to small town NZ, I can quite believe that there would be local farmer investors who would be willing to help finance such a business/trust in their area along with public sector enterprise funding and private philanthropic funds.

I acknowledge that the transporting of sheep to shearing venue is a business model that hasn't been tested, however I see this as working within the cost structure of the overall business of café/restaurant/bar events venue all in a working woolshed environment. Sheep throughput would hardly be up to the levels of a contract gang but the skills and characters on show and the buzz of the working shed with working dogs, fleece throwing, skirting and pressing and storage of wool bales would all be there. Shearing and other sheep work in the Woolshed could be carried on over much of the year. Shearing time is what creates the buzz of sheep country NZ, this project would be sharing that fun and excitement and the best of Rural NZ products and culture with the domestic and international tourists

Richard Witheford-Smith  
July 2014



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## REPORT

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

**TO:** Taihape Community Board

**FROM:** Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

**DATE:** 8 December 2016

**FILE:** 3-CB-1

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### 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The role of community boards is defined in the Local Government Act. The Council has wide discretion on the functions and powers it delegates to the District's two Community Boards, at Ratana and Taihape. At present those delegations are very limited. This is not unusual: more extensive delegations are typically found in the larger urban local authorities and/or where the whole area of the local authority is subdivided into community boards.
- 1.2 However, delegations are only one component in considering the effectiveness of each Board. Other components are the opportunities for members to build expertise through training, the quality and timeliness of advice from Council staff through briefings and reports, and the level of administrative support provided.
- 1.3 The report looks for the Board's view on beneficial changes to its delegations and/or the level of support, for subsequent consideration by Council.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 3 November 2016, Council resolved that both Community Boards be invited, at their first meetings, to consider and recommend on any changes to their delegations (and preferred level of support) for Council to consider at its meeting on 26 January 2017.<sup>1</sup>
- 2.2 Since its inception in 1989, the Rangitikei District has had two Community Boards, at Ratana and Taihape. Their contribution to local governance has been considered in the six-yearly Representation Reviews but they have both

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<sup>1</sup> 16/RDC/307.

continued without change, except for the inclusion of a Councillor as a formal member of the Ratana Community Board from the 2012 review.

- 2.3 The delegations to each Community Board are not part of the Representation Review. They are determined by Council and are set out in the Council's Delegations Register. Both Boards are empowered to determine and set names for roads in their area of responsibility. In addition, both Boards are delegated a role in seeking community views on projects or initiatives requiring Council funding and have access to a small projects fund (\$5,000 annually) but to date this has been used by the Taihape Community Board but not Ratana.
- 2.4 The Chief Executive (or nominee) typically attends each Board meeting. Council staff prepare the agenda, compile and distribute the Order Papers, and take minutes of Board meetings. It is Council's responsibility to provide public notification of these meetings.

### **3. Comment**

- 3.1 The statutory provisions for community boards are set out in sections 49-54 of the Local Government Act 2002 – these are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. Of particular relevance is section 52 which defines the roles of community boards as to:
  - (a) represent and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community;
  - (b) consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority or any matter of interest or concern to the community board
  - (c) maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community;
  - (d) prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community;
  - (e) communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
  - (f) undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.
- 3.2 Delegations to community boards vary considerably – typically being greater when the whole area of a local authority is divided into community boards or in larger cities. In Southland District, the 12 community boards prepare local budgets, recommend local rates, and exercise decision-making power on issues specifically delegated by the Council. By contrast, in the Tararua District, no delegations have been made to either of the community boards (Dannevirke and Eketahuna). In some councils, community boards administer grants – in the Far North District (subdivided into three community boards), each administers an Amenity Fund which is based on a \$10 charge on each property as part of the District rates.
- 3.3 Council's consultation with the community in proposals such as the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan or bylaws is on a District-wide basis. However, from time to time, there are project proposals or initiatives seeking Council support which

relate to specific locations. In addition, there are significant Council-funded projects (such as main street upgrades) where there is a need for community consultation during the implementation phase, evaluating design options etc. Where these relate to Taihape or Ratana it is preferable for the relevant Board to lead that consultation, and that is reflected in the current delegations.

- 3.4 Council manages a wide range of community facilities and services in Taihape and (although to a lesser extent) in Ratana. The Community Boards are potentially better placed to understand local needs and priorities, and thus could also be given delegation over the management of community facilities within their respective areas, including conditions of use and fees. Obviously, there are a number of issues which would need closer consideration, such as the District-wide contracts for maintaining parks, the District-wide approach to managing libraries and (in Ratana) the current contract with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees. However, if the Board saw merit in this idea, a recommendation could be made to Council.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding delegations, the effectiveness of each Community Board is largely determined by its membership, how it interacts with the community and the Council, and how it achieves a productive working relationship. The Taihape Community Board, in particular, has frequently held workshops in the alternate months it does not have a formal meeting, and invites the community to join in. This has enabled a frank exchange of information and views, useful in subsequent formal deliberations. The Ratana Community Board, serving a much smaller area, has the opportunity for more informal discussions within that community.
- 3.6 One important factor is the opportunity for Board members to have access to relevant information and training – not only from Council but also from sector bodies particularly that provided by Local Government New Zealand on governance matters. Unfortunately, much of this training is concentrated in the immediate post-election period, meaning that members joining a Board through a subsequent by-election or appointment process do not have the same ready access. However, Local Government New Zealand does provide an ongoing schedule of training, in different parts of the country and aims at a Community Board conference at least every alternate year.
- 3.7 A further factor in the success or otherwise of the Board is the quality and timeliness of advice from Council staff. Each Board is typically briefed, either orally or through written reports, on matters of relevance to its community, sometimes at the specific request of the Board, sometimes at the direction of Council.
- 3.8 Following through on Board decisions, and conveying that, is important for the Board's profile in the community. This also links into how Council responds to requests for service from individual members of the community. This has a lower profile in Ratana, given the role of the Communal Board of Trustees from its contract with the Council to deliver services within the community.
- 3.9 A final, but important, factor is the responsiveness of Council to recommendations from the Boards. There will be occasions when the Council

considers it must decline or defer a proposal, and it is helpful for Boards to be informed why that is the case.

**4. Recommendations**

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

EITHER

- 4.2 That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that consideration is given to making the following changes to the Board's delegations and level of support .....

OR

- 4.3 That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the current delegations and level of support to the Board are sufficient for its purposes.

Michael Hodder  
Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

**Rangitikei**  
UNAPOLOGUALLY...**Memorandum**

**To:** Taihape Community Board

**From:** Michael Hodder

**Date:** 9 December 2016

**Subject:** Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board and consideration of other matters affecting Taihape

**File:** 3-CB-1-2

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There were no recommendations to Council from the Board's inaugural meeting on 10 November 2016. The following is an extract from the Chief Executive's 'Top Ten Projects' provide to Council's meeting on 1 December 2016.

**Upgrade of Taihape Pool**

Major work is required in filtration and heating to get this pool to a satisfactory standard. An expert assessment was obtained and peer reviewed. Initially, there was an assessment that the existing electricity supply to the pool would need upgrading, but on further examination will not be necessary. The costs for the full extent of work are estimated at \$430,000 which takes the project beyond the funds committed by Council and the Trust – and also extend the timeframe for completion beyond the time when the new swimming season would start.

There has been a meeting with the Taihape Community Development Trust (which has a service contract to manage the Pool) and a commitment secured to work on a joint funding strategy to secure the funding gap of \$200,000 to enable the work to be done during 2017. A contingency budget to fund this upgrade is proposed for inclusion in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, so could be an element for community consultation.

No application for external funding as yet been submitted.

**Taihape civic and community centre**

This is the least conceptualised town centre complex – but its location, on the Town Hall site has previously found strong support. Early in 2017, Taihape will be asked to say where their preferred site is for the new amenity block on Memorial Park. That facility will have provision for a second storey, which may be part of finding a long-term solution for those organisations currently using the former Taihape College buildings on Rauma Road. That discussion will provide an opportunity to think in more detail the nature of the facility on the town hall site and the extent to which the current building can be an integral part of that. Both these issues were explored at a joint meeting between Council and the Taihape Community Board on 3 November 2016, and with the users of the Rauma Road facilities on 14 November 2016.

**Recommendation**

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

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## Taihape issues discussed with Council by members of the Taihape Community Board, 10 November 2016

### Taihape Town Hall development/civic centre

- Town Hall site is the preferred site signalled by local people in earlier consultation for a new civic centre but unresolved is the future of the Town Hall building<sup>1</sup>:
  - strengthen (and refurbish)?
  - demolish (and erect with wholly new structure)?
  - retain and refurbish front section, demolish back portion (Hall) and construct new building there?
- Needs a process
- work through each option in detail, starting with high-level costs,
  - Establish Steering Group – TCB – others in the community,
  - quarterly community newsletter to all households – important to nip rumours – first one potentially before Christmas/February
  - signal preferred option in the next Long Term Plan (i.e. in March 2018)

### Consultation on location of new amenity block on Memorial Park

- Establish and publicise criteria for location – advantages/disadvantages of different sites
- Future of grandstand – deal with first?

### Rauma Road (former Taihape College buildings)

- Ministry of Education has offered Council a licence to occupy because it doesn't want to deal with individual community groups;
- Licence term is for one year, monthly after that ('land-banked'), i.e. no long-term certainty;
- All costs, including maintenance, to be with Council – how is this to be funded.

### Youth services

1. Need a bigger room than Town Hall Supper Room
2. Include in new amenity block planned for Memorial Park?

### Main Street footpath

- Slipperiness has been an issue on sections soon after new pavement completed;
- Options are to remove the surface, to add a non-slip surface, or to replace;
- Work done recently – let's see how it lasts.

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<sup>1</sup> Status quo not an option – Town Hall is a priority earthquake-prone building in terms of government legislation in effect from 1 July 2017

**Lime chip footpath to Dixon Way**

- Residents do not want a fancy footpath;
- Regional Land Transport Committee might overcome NZTA intransigence;
- Do it informally?

**Taihape Pool upgrade**

- Separate filtration for each of the three pools;
- Heating;
- Upgrade of electrical system;
- \$175,000 shortfall (taking into account Council budget provision and funds from Taihape Community Development Trust); will require use of Council reserve funds if no external grants can be found;
- To be done in 2017 (after swimming season ends).

**Future of hospital site – Otaihape Health Trust**

- Elderly care (and housing generally).

**Processes**

- "Things take too long".

## Service Request Breakdown for Taihape October 2016 - First Response

Service Requests Department	Compliance		Responded in time	Responded late	Grand Total
	Current	Overdue			
<b>Animal Control</b>			<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>
Animal welfare			2		2
Attacks on humans			1		1
Barking dog			10	3	13
Found dog				1	1
Lost animal			1		1
Rushing at human				1	1
Wandering stock			2		2
Wandering/stray dog			3	1	4
<b>Cemeteries</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
Cemetery maintenance			2		2
<b>Council Housing/Property</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Council housing/property maintenance		1	3	2	6
<b>Environmental Health</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
Abandoned vehicle			1		1
Dumped Rubbish (outside town boundary)				1	1
Noise - day and night		2	1		3
Untidy/overgrown section				1	1
Vermin			1		1
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Pest problem eg wasps			1		1
<b>Public Toilets</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Maintenance (public toilets)			1	1	2
<b>Road Signs</b>			<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>
Maintenance (road signs)			2		2
<b>Roads</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
Maintenance (roads - not potholes)			7	1	8
Maintenance (roads - potholes only)			2		2
<b>Street Cleaning and Litter Bins</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
CBD cleaning (gutters/sumps) - Hunterville/Taihape		1			1
<b>Vehicle Crossings</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Maintenance (vehicle crossings)				1	1
<b>Wastewater</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Maintenance (wastewater)			1		1
<b>Water</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>
Disconnect water supply	1				1
Replace toby or meter			1		1
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries			2		2
Water leak at meter/toby			3		3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>65</b>

Feedback Required (Multiple Items)

Count of Rec No	Column Labels				
Row Labels	After hours	In Person	Not able to contact	Not provided	Grand Total
Animal Control	1	2		2	5
Parks and Reserves		1			1
Road Signs				1	1
Vehicle Crossings		1			1
Wastewater			1		1
Water		1		1	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>

**Taihape Community Board Agenda Item Submission Form****Meeting date: 14 December 2016****Submitted by: Michelle Fannin****Agenda item:**

The Annual Community Christmas Light Competition

**Description of issue to be tabled**

This is the third year that this competition has been run.

Prizes are donated.

That Taihape Community board covers cost of one advert, the other 2 are paid for by Fairfax media.

**Resolution sought**

That Taihape Community Board continues to organise this community event and pay for the cost of 1 advertisement.

**Outcome**

That is event continues, and that community spirit is continued.

Please ensure that this form is with Michelle Fannin ([thefannins@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thefannins@xtra.co.nz)) no later than five clear working days before the meeting (i.e. close of business on Tuesday the week before the meeting) and at the same time send a copy to Sheryl ([sheryl.srhoj@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:sheryl.srhoj@rangitikei.govt.nz)).

**Taihape Community Board Agenda Item Submission Form****Meeting date: 14 December 2016****Submitted by: Michelle Fannin****Agenda item:****Taihape Community Christmas Lunch****Description of issue to be tabled**

Donation to TCDT for this Community Christmas Lunch

**Resolution sought**

That Taihape Community Board supports this function by donating up to \$200 to the Taihape Community Christmas Lunch organised by Taihape Community Development Trust

**Outcome**

That this Community event costs are covered. .

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**Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Progress reports****1. Alex Wong corner**

The New Zealand Transport Agency has this project on hold. It is not known when a decision will be made to commence.

**2. Irrigation on Taihape Memorial Park**

The required works are complete. Commissioning is to take place in the week beginning 12 December 2016.

**3. Community use of surplus buildings on the former Taihape College site, Rauma Road**

The Mayor and the Chief Executive met with users of the buildings on 14 November 2016. A follow-up meeting is intended before Christmas.

The licence to occupy offered to Council by the Ministry will be for twelve months and thereafter on a month-by-month basis.

**4. Fence line with KiwiRail from Kiwi Road Bridge to Eagle Street**

The upgrade work has been done.

**6. Main Street footpath surface**

The high pressure work on selected sections was undertaken in October. There have been no known incidents of people slipping over in the past month. Grit blasting and grinding is planned for March/April 2017.

**7. Banner over Hautapu Street**

The bracket system for attaching to the Town Hall wall needed a design change and this is close to completion and then will need to be galvanised. It was intended that the attachment to the wall would be done at the end of the third week of October, with the erection of the banner gear across the street expected to take two or three days.

However, the matter has been delayed because of the need for a building consent and, because of the specialised nature of the work, a decision to refer it for peer review. Approval is dependent on adequate engineering calculations being provided.

**8. Loading zone in Tui Street**

The Roading team has yet to talk with affected property owners. The best solution is unclear, given that it is a rare occurrence for trucks to be parked on each side of the street to unload.

