



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 9 August 2017 – 5:35 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)
Mrs Ann Abernethy
Ms Gail Larsen
Mrs Yvonne Sicely
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Ruth Rainey (arrived 5.45pm)

Also present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Mary Strange, owner of a rural mail delivery service, spoke to the Board about the pooling of water and flooding across State Highway 1 south of Taihape.

She said that around 26th July she reported this issue to NZTA, however no warning signage was put in place. Three days later she was then contacted by a Higgins employee who advised her that this was not a priority. That Friday following a very heavy frost there were three serious accidents on this piece of road due to the water icing over.

The Board acknowledged that this was a very serious issue and asked that the Mayor follow this matter up with NZTA.

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/044** **File Ref**

That the apology from Cr Rainey for lateness be accepted.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

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 Confirmation of order of business

It was agreed that the following item be taken under item 20 of the Agenda (Late Items)

Hautapu Reserve Gate

6 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/045** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 14 June 2017, be taken

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Abernethy. Carried

7 Chair's report

The Chair spoke to her tabled report.

She acknowledged all those that had helped out with the recent snow event in Taihape. She said that a lot of lessons had been learnt and hoped that the public were now better prepared for any future weather events/disasters.

There was a brief discussion on heating for the Taihape town hall. His Worship the Mayor advised that there was still more work to be done on this matter.

More information to be provided to the Board's next meeting.

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/046** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 9 August 2017 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

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

Several Board members noted that they had received complaints from shop owners about the disruption during the Taihape water main renewal. They were unhappy that they were not notified about the cones that were to remain outside of their premises for longer than anticipated.

Mr Hodder to pass their concerns onto the Project Engineer.

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/047** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Requests for Service concerning Taihape – June 2017

Mrs Abernethy noted that there was once again an issue with rabbits at the Taihape cemetery. Mr Hodder to ask that Council staff follow up with this matter.

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/048** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for Service concerning Taihape for June 2017' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Abernethy. Carried

10 Update on place-making initiatives

Mrs Abernethy reported that she had purchased 2 litres of paint but had received the wrong order for the planter boxes. Once this has had been resolved, the Board to arrange a working bee to paint the planters as well as painting the bottom of the town clock.

11 Update on Small Projects Fund

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/049** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2017' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Mrs Abernethy. Carried

12 Taihape Memorial Park project

Cr Gordon spoke briefly about the Project Terms of Reference. He said that this was a "work in progress" and that the first step would be to gain basic information.

Meretini Bennett-Huxtable, Rangitikei Health Promoter for Healthy Families WRR introduced herself and outlined her role.

Cr Gordon to include this organisation in the Key Stakeholders list and asked that members add to the list as he was keen not to leave any out.

13 Change to fees made under the Resource Management Act 1991 – Consultation

This was for the Board's information only.

14 Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/050** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/051** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board still supports the Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Renaming Inland Road

Following some discussion the Board were all in favour of Council undertaking consultation on changing the name of Inland Road to Keith Law Road.

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/052** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agrees that Council consult on changing the name of Inland Road to Keith Law Road

Mrs Fannin/Cr Rainey. Carried

16 Mangaweka recreation reserve

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/053** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board supports Council in their proposal to ask that the Department of Conservation remove the Reserve Status for the Mangaweka recreation reserve.

Cr Rainey/Cr Gordon. Carried

17 Civil Defence actions from the July 2017 snow storm

The Chair was keen for clarification on what the official number of days was that Civil Defence recommended for people to be prepared for in the event of a disaster.

Cr Gordon to raise this at the next Civil Defence meeting.

18 Water conservation order application on Ngaruroro and Clive rivers

The advice of public notification of the water conservation order application was attached for the Board's information.

19 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

Pedestrian route between Taihape CBD and Otaihape Valley Road/Dixon Way

The Board were keen to reschedule the Investment Logic Mapping session which had been cancelled due to the weather.

Mr Hodder to contact Ross I 'Anson and ask what dates would suit him.

Robin Street dog exercise area

The Board to review the conditions from the Office of Treaty Settlements in regards to erecting a removable fence. Further discussion on this to be held at the Board's workshop.

Resolved minute number **17/TCB/054** **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

20 Late items

Gate at Hautapu Reserve

The Chair had received a request from a member of the public to have a small gate installed at the Hautapu Reserve which would allow for pedestrian access. The Reserve currently has a gate that is padlocked due to sheep in there to keep Old Man's Beard under control

Mr Hodder to ask that the Parks & Reserves Team Leader give consideration to installing a small swing gate at the reserve and suggest that he contact Cr Gordon for details on a local fencer that would do the job at a low cost.

The Board were all in favour of publicly acknowledging all those concerned with helping out with the recent snow event via the Talk up Taihape newsletter along with a small write up on Facebook.

21 Future items for the agenda

None

22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held 11 October 2017

23 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: