



# Rangitikei District Council

## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 11 October 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

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

**Also present:** Ms Meretini Bennett-Huxtable

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administrator

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public Forum

Mr Lance Kelly was in attendance to speak to item 14 of the Agenda - Proposed Name Change of Inland Road –Deliberations. He said that the majority of the Omatane and Taoroa community were against the request to change the name of Inland Road to Keith Law Road. The local residents were upset that there had been no consultation from Mr Heaphy who had suggested this proposal. Mr Heaphy was not a local but resided in the Hawkes Bay. Also of concern were the costs involved in regards to signage etc.

## 3 Apologies

All Board members were present but His Worship the Mayor asked for his apologies to be recorded.

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

The Board Chair reminded members of their obligations.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair advised that item 14 of the Agenda (Proposed Name Change of Inland Road – Deliberations) would be taken next and that the proposal for a LED screen in the Taihape Town Hall foyer and the Christmas lights competition be taken under item 20 of the Agenda (Late Items) as it needed to be given urgent consideration.

## 14 Proposed Name Change of Inland Road

The Board considered the report included in the meeting Order Paper and the comments from Mr Kelly.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/055**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Proposed Name Change of Inland Road - Deliberations' be received.

Cr Rainey / Ms Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/056**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board does not agree to change the name of Inland Road to Keith Law Road.

Cr Rainey / Ms Larsen. Carried

## 6 Minutes of previous meeting

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/057**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 9 August 2017, 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 noted that the Board had held a workshop on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Other matters that she wished to discuss would be addressed through later items on the agenda.

## 8 Taihape Community Board Strategic Plan

There was a brief discussion on the proposed Strategic Plan.

Members felt that the Board's vision was more of a motto so it was agreed that they would discuss this further at their next workshop.

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

This information was noted by the Board.

## 10 Requests for Service concerning Taihape – August 2017

Issues discussed included the present condition of some of the State Highways.

Ms Larsen noted that she had seen contractors filling potholes by Mangaweka in wet weather.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/058**                      **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin / Ms Larsen. Carried

## 11 Youth Development Programme Update – September 2017

It was noted that Eliz Mortland was currently filling in the 6 hours per week role as the Northern youth co-ordinator. Mrs Fannin felt that more volunteers were needed for the northern area.

Cr Rainey was in favour of Council's Youth Policy Aim.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/059**                      **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Youth Development Programme Update – September 2017' be received

Mrs Fannin / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 12 Update on Small Projects Fund

Mrs Abernethy reported that all products had been purchased for the SH1/ Hautapu Street project and all that was now required was for them to be painted.

A letter from the Principal of Saint Joseph's school requesting financial help to purchase curtains for the old Taihape College hall was read and discussed. The letter noted that the hall had been left in a real mess from a previous user.

Mr Hodder advised that Council was simply the licence holder and that the three MoU groups should be consulted. The Board agreed, adding that although they were keen to see the hall being used and wished to support St Joseph's production, they would suggest that the MoU groups follow up with a member of the Taihape Drama Club. Mrs Fannin to pass this onto Christina Meredith.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/060**                      **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin / Mrs Abernethy. Carried

## 13 Additional free parking

Mrs Abernethy spoke to her submission.

Her vision was to see the area behind the Majestic Theatre tidied up in order to provide extra parking along with the alleyway being made more attractive by installing heritage boards.

She was keen for other community groups such as the Youth Zone and local schools to be involved in this project. The Taihape Museum were keen to supply photographs and materials and it was suggested that Darryl O'Hara be asked to supply costs for signage.

The Board were all in favour of this initiative.

Mr Hodder to supply details of the surrounding landlords in order for them to be consulted and hopefully they would make some form of contribution. Mrs Abernethy to approach the Taihape Majestic Theatre and Taihape Area School.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/061**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board supports the upgrading of the additional parking behind the Majestic Theatre with particular emphasis on the decoration of the walkway to the town centre together with appropriate signage alerting visitors to this facility.

Mrs Abernethy / Mrs Fannin. Carried

## **15 Proposed consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act**

Mr Hodder spoke to this item advising of the process. He said that there was to be a public meeting in Taihape on Tuesday 17 October. The Board acknowledged that this was an important issue for Taihape.

## **16 Pedestrian access between Taihape CBD and Mangaone Valley Road/Dixon Way**

The Board was unhappy with the response from Ross l'Anson.

Mrs Abernethy was keen to see the speed limit reduced.

Mr Hodder to explore what could be done to progress this issue, contacting the Roading Asset Manager in the first instance.

## **17 Update on Taihape Memorial Park project**

Cr Gordon spoke to this item.

He said that he and Cr Rainey had been interviewing the Taihape Memorial Park user groups to obtain numeric information along with their future goals etc. It was hoped that this would be completed by the end of the month. Cr Gordon said that he had been surprised to learn about the numbers that were attending certain events.

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

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/062**                      **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin / Ms Larsen. Carried

## **19 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update**

There was a brief discussion on the location of the Mangaweka public toilets. It had been proposed to locate these by the Museum but this may not be possible due to the zoning requirements.

Mr Hodder to follow up with the Parks & Reserves Team Leader in regards to the gate by the Hautapu Street reserve.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/TCB/063**                      **File Ref**

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

Mrs Fannin / Ms Larsen. Carried

## **20 Late items**

### **LED Screen**

Mrs Fannin spoke to her late item submission. She suggested that a LED screen Community notice board be installed in the Taihape Information Centre. This would allow for the community to be able to load their events in a PDF format. Mrs Fannin felt that the present notice board was cluttered. Members of the public would be able to bring in details about their events.

Mr Hodder to ask that Council's IT staff contact Ms Fannin.

### **Christmas lights competition**

Ms Fannin noted that the cost of advertising this in the Feilding/Rangitikei herald would be more this year. The Board favoured using the District Monitor.

**21 Future items for the agenda**

None

**22 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held 13 December 2017

**23 Meeting closed**

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: