



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 4 December 2019 – 5:45 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Ann Abernethy (Chair)
Mrs Michelle Fannin
Ms Gail Larsen
Mrs Emma Abernethy
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Tracey Hiroa

Also Present: Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
Mrs Ngawini Martin, Mokai Patea Services
Mr Colin Baird, Taihape Rotary

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all those present to what she referred to as the first “working” meeting of the Taihape Community Board for the new triennium.

2 Public Forum

Mr Colin Baird spoke to the letter from Taihape Rotary regarding the need for toilet facilities on Mt Stewart.

He said that it had been brought to their attention that the public were toileting in the bushes due to evidence left behind.

Examples of toilets at Bruce Park, Queens Park, Hunterville and Tirau were tabled. The Tirau toilet with its rustic corrugated iron cladding would blend in well with the gumboot sculpture. It was suggested that a Fred Dagg statue could be added for further effect. Another option was to collaborate with the Rustic Steak House to make use their outside toilets.

Taihape Rotary were prepared to make a small contribution towards this proposal.

The Board agreed to discuss the request further in the agenda and thanked Mr Baird for his presentation.

3 Apologies

There were no apologies.

4 Members’ conflict of interest

Mr Hodder reminded the Board the importance that any perceived conflicts of interest were to be declared at the start of each meeting.

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cr Hiroa for item 9 and by Cr Duncan for item 17

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking in account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, the following four items to be dealt with as late items at this meeting:

Dog Fencing quote from Crimpy’s Contracting
Letter from Taihape Rotary regarding toilet facility at Mt Stewart
Taihape Community Board Logo
Reported Injury

6 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/065** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 7 November 2019, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Larsen/Cr Hiroa. Carried

7 Chair's report

The Chair's report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/066** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 4 December 2019 meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs Fannin. Carried

8 Standing Orders

The Board agreed that this item be discussed at their workshop.

9 Update from MoU partnering organisations

Mokai-Patea Services

Mrs Martin spoke to the Work Plan Report, delivering a comprehensive overview of the various programmes and events that they had been involved with over the past 3 months.

It was noted that attendance numbers at the Lobby had declined due to Touch Rugby and other summer activities. A recent soccer game involving the rangatahi, staff and local police had been very successful. It was thought that this could become a regular event.

Taihape Community Development Trust

The Taihape Community Development Trust wished to pass on their apologies for not presenting their written report due to the Trusts Board meeting coinciding with that of the Taihape Community Board.

There was a brief discussion on whether or not the Taihape Community Board would accept written reports from the MoU partnering organisations.

Mr Hodder advised that one form or another was acceptable, but it was favourable to have the report available beforehand and that a MoU member be in attendance to answer any questions which may arise.

Council staff to ask that the Taihape Community Development Trust Chairperson make available the current report for circulation to TCB members. Council staff to suggest that in future the Taihape Community Development Trust have their report ready on time.

10 Update on Place-Making Initiatives

As there was some confusion between Place Making Initiatives and the Small Project Fund, Mrs Fannin to provide information for the next agenda which would help clarify this issue.

11 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – November 2019

As the Chair was keen to complete a number of outstanding projects, it was agreed that a report detailing background information and the status of current projects be provided to their next meeting.

The Board discussed:

Park bench seats – Ms Larsen to arrange for staining of the two seats early next year. Mrs Fannin to contact Father Bernie to determine his preferred site at the Taihape cemetery for placement of the seat.

Tile project – workshops had taken place. To follow up with Ms Woollaston next year

Automated External Defibrillators – One AED and 2 lockboxes had been purchased and were ready for placement. There was some concern that the unit that was to be placed by the Taihape Swim Centre may be subject to theft so security cameras were currently being looked into. Board members were of the opinion that someone's life was worth more than what the units cost so a decision was made to have them installed as soon as possible.

Mrs Fannin to notify Taihape New World staff and Councils Community & Leisure Services Team Leader.

Electronic Noticeboards-Mrs Fannin to follow up with Council staff regarding the suggestion that the TV screen be purchased for skype purposes in the Taihape Council Chambers. Alternative options for a device fit for purpose to be explored.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/067** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board arrange to have the automated external defibrillator complete with lock box placed in the designated area at the Taihape Swim Centre and that consideration be given to installing a security camera at a later date and that the current indoor automated external defibrillator at Taihape New World be relocated to outside the building in a lock box.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs Fannin. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/068** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board authorise Mrs Fannin to complete the sale of the TV screen and to investigate suitable alternatives that are fit for purpose.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/069** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – December 2019' to the 4 December 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms Larsen/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

12 Update on Youth Services

The Board noted the commentary in the Agenda.

13 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park

This item was discussed at length. The Chair reported that the Taihape Community Board is not 100 percent in support of the facility.

Some members felt that funds would be better put towards the community's health & wellbeing i.e. the new St John building. Also of concern was that prior consultation had not been shared with the community.

Cr Gordon was aware of these concerns and advised that a proposed information evening was being arranged for Tuesday 17th December to be held between 7.30pm and 8.30pm at 12 Kokako Street (ex-Bowling Club)

14 22 Tui Street, Taihape

The Board were all in agreement that the buildings at 22 Tui Street be demolished and that this site be investigated for future community housing units.

It was suggested that previous tenants be notified in order to remove any of their property and that any iconic items be salvaged.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/070** **File Ref**

That the report '22 Tui Street, Taihape' to the 4 December 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/071** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the buildings at 22 Tui Street are demolished, and that staff investigate the potential for community housing units to be built on this site, and if the Taihape Community Board and Rangitikei District Council agree to the proposed end use of 22 Tui Street, Taihape, the Chief Executive be authorised to enter into a Deed of Variation to provide for that.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape – October 2019

The Chair noted that the pedestrian signage was yet to be installed on O’Taihape Valley Road. Mr Hodder to follow up with this matter.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/072** **File Ref**

That the report ‘Requests for service – First Response, Taihape – October 2019’ to the 4 December 2019 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

16 Late items

Reported Injury

The Chair reported that a member of the public had fallen over outside the Tui Street toilets and subsequently broken their arm. Council staff were unaware of this incident, but would arrange for the site to be inspected.

Dog Compound Fencing

The Board felt that the quote from Crimpy’s Contracting was a bit excessive and agreed not to proceed with the quote.

Alternative fencing options to be investigated and that Council be asked to provide them with information regarding the minimum requirements for temporary fencing.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/073** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board inform Crimpy’s Contracting in writing not to proceed with the quote.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Letter from Taihape Rotary regarding toilet facility at Mt Stewart

The Board agreed that this item required further discussion.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/074** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council provide feedback on the feasibility of a toilet facility at Mt Stewart and that this be available to the Boards next meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Taihape Community Board Logo

Mrs Fannin spoke to her late item submission regarding the Taihape Community Board having their own logo.

It was agreed that each Community Board and committee could use the same logo but with their own name on it.

Resolved minute number **19/TCB/075** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that each Community Board and Committee has a logo design with the buy line 'A Voice to the Community'

Mrs Fannin/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

17 Future Items for the Agenda

Taihape skate park upgrade – On behalf of the Taihape Community Development Trust, Cr Duncan to provide a report for inclusion in the next agenda.

Speed limit on Otaihape Valley Road – Mr Hodder to provide further information

Taihape Banner – Mr Hodder to investigate costs

18 Next meeting

It was agreed that all future Taihape Community Board meetings are to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting to be held 12 February 2020 at 5.30pm.

Date of workshop to be determined.

19 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: