



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes– Wednesday 12 February 2020 – 5:35 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

In attendance: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
Mrs Ngawini Martin, Mokai Patea Services

Tabled documents: **Item 26** Taihape Community Events Boards
Community Representation- Amenities Block

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.35pm.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

There were no apologies.

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.

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cr Hiroa for item 11 and by Cr Duncan for item 25.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

Item 11 to be taken as the following item.

Due to the timing of the Boards workshop following the holiday period, the Chair agreed that the following items be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

The Taihape Community Events Boards
Community Representation – Amenities Block

11 Update from MoU partnering organisations

Mokai Patea Services

Mrs Martin spoke to the Work Plan Report and provided an overview of the various programmes and events that Mokai Patea Services had provided over the past few months.

6 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number	20/TCB/001	File Ref
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That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 4 December 2019, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

7 Chair's report

The Chair's report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/002** **File Ref**

That the 'Chair's report' to the 12 February 2020 meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda and requested that they are kept up to date with the respective matters.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

There were no queries made to Council at the last meeting.

10 Council's funding schemes

The Board note the commentary in the agenda.

All were in favour that Mrs Fannin be appointed as the Taihape Community Board grant assessor for the Community Initiatives Fund and Events Sponsorship Scheme

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/003** **File Ref**

That Michelle Fannin be appointed as the Taihape Community Board grant assessor for the Community Initiatives Fund and Events Sponsorship Scheme.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

12 Update on Place-Making Initiatives

Park Bench Seats

Stain for the park bench seats had been purchased. Crs Hiroa, Duncan and Ms Larsen offered to help out with painting the seats.

Dog Park Fence

The Chair reported on the various fencing materials that she had researched for the dog park. As portable fencing was considered too flimsy, the preferred material was a 10 chain link diamond netting.

It was suggested that a community working bee be arranged to complete this project and that Joe Coogan be approached to help out with the post work.

AED and Lock Box Installation

While in the process of installing the AED by the Taihape Swim Centre, it was noticed that the lock box was unsuitable for the intended site. It has since been returned to St John and will be replaced with a water proof unit.

13 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

14 22 Tui Street, Taihape

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

15 Robin Street Footpath Project

The Board were all in favour of the proposed footpath project.

16 Options for toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve

There was a brief discussion on the options for a toilet facility in the vicinity of Mt Stewart. Some members felt it would not be aesthetically pleasing to have a toilet located next to the Gumboot sculpture.

In order to make a final decision, a site visit is proposed with further discussions at their next workshop.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/004** **File Ref**

That the report 'Options for toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve' to the 12 February 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms Larsen/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/005** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree that during their next workshop they visit the site in order to determine a final decision on toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

17 Placemaking

The Board noted the definition of a placemaking activity in the agenda.

18 Mayoral Update

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his report and added further updates:

As of Wednesday 12 February all of the Rangitikei District is in a prohibited fire season.

Around 100 people had attended the Australian bushfire fundraiser which had raised approximately \$1,400.00.

The meeting in China is now on hold until further notice.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/006** **File Ref**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 13 February 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

19 Youth Update

The commentary in the agenda was noted.

20 Community Grants

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

21 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape - November – December 2019

There was a brief discussion on the policy for abandoned cars.

The Board were keen to have the vehicle removed from outside the Majestic Theatre as they felt it posed a safety risk to the public.

Mr Hodder to ask that Councils Regulatory Manager look into this matter.

The Board reiterated the importance of encouraging the public to lodge Requests for Service through Councils systems.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/007** **File Ref**

That the extract 'Requests for service – First Response, Taihape – November – December 2019' to the 12 February 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Cr Hiroa/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

22 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The Board noted the attachment with the following comments:

Future reports to be in a larger font to enable easier reading.

Cr Duncan spoke in regards to the issues that the Taihape community were facing with the new regime for rubbish collection.

She said that all the necessary information along with a more defined map showing the pickup points was to be collated and distributed by mail drop. Council were currently underwriting the cost of Rangitikei Wheelie Bins rubbish service until the end of March. Following that an assessment would be done to see if this was a viable service and if not other options would be considered.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/008** **File Ref**

That the extract 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Northern Ward' dated September – November 2019 to the 13 February 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

23 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2020

Taihape office staff to seek clarification on the total budget for the Small Projects Grant Scheme. This information to be made available to Board members.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/009** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2020' to the 12 February 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

24 Chair Training

The Chair reported that she would be attending the training on Wednesday 19 February 2020. Mrs Fannin was unable to attend due to a previous engagement.

25 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

Taihape skate park upgrade

Cr Duncan to provide a report at a later date.

Speed management on Otaihape Valley Road

Pedestrian signage to be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Cost of using the overhead banner system outside the Taihape Town Hall

The prescribed fee is currently \$414. This covers Council's costs as a contractor must be used because of working at height. The fee is not reduced for local non-profit community organisations.

The Board felt that the current costs were making the use of the banner unaffordable. They agreed to discuss this further at their workshop.

26 Late items

The Taihape Community Events Boards

Mrs Fannin tabled and spoke to her draft design for the proposed update of the northern and southern community events boards.

The Board were all in favour of changing the wording to "Tai-happenings" and agreed to using the colours Kowhai yellow and navy blue to align with Councils district logos.

Quotes to be obtained from Lasercraft for the signage and Crimpy's contracting for paint work.

Costs for the upgrade to be funded from the events boards' revenue.

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That the Taihape Community Board supports an update of the northern and southern Taihape Events Boards and that all costs are to be funded from the events boards' revenue.

Cr Duncan/Mrs A Abernethy. Carried

Community Representation- Amenities Block

The Chair spoke to her tabled submission item.

She said that as Chair of the Taihape Community Board, she felt that it was her role to act as an advocate for the community and hence was keen for the Rangitikei District Council to re-visit the current plans for the Taihape amenities block.

The Board agreed that this had been an ongoing contentious issue within the community and at times there had been a lack of communication.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/011** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board ask that the Rangitikei District Council to re-visit the current plans for the Taihape amenities block.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

27 Future items for the agenda

No items were noted.

28 Next meeting

The Board to hold a workshop Wednesday 11 March 2020.

~~The next meeting to be held Wednesday 8 April 2020, 5.30pm~~

The next meeting to be held Wednesday 8 July 2020, 5.30pm

A change in meeting schedule due to Covid-19

29 Future Meeting dates for 2020

~~Wednesday 8 April at 5.30 pm~~

~~Wednesday 10 June at 5.30 pm~~

~~Wednesday 12 August at 5.30 pm~~

~~Wednesday 14 October at 5.30 pm~~

~~Wednesday 9 December at 5.30 pm~~

30 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: