



# Rangitikei District Council

## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 8 July 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

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The quorum for the Taihape Community Board is 3.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Community Boards, Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

**1 Welcome**

**2 Public Forum**

**3 Apologies**

**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**

That, taking into 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, ..... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

**6 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 12 February 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

**Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting {as amended/without amended} held on 12 February 2020, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

**7 Chair's report**

A report is attached.

**Recommendation:**

That the 'Chair's report' to the 8 July 2020 meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

**8 Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease**

A report is attached.

Mr Daryl O'Hara, President, Taihape Squash Club will be in attendance to speak to his attached proposal.

File ref: 6-RF-1-12

**Recommendations:**

- 1 That the report 'Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board is received.
- 2 That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that a variation to the Taihape Squash Club Deed of Lease be granted for an area of approximately 280m<sup>2</sup> for the purpose of additional squash courts.

**9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

At its meeting on 27 February 2020, the Board resolved to request that the Council to re-visit the current plans for the Taihape amenities block. The outcome of this is included in item 14 of this agenda.

**10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting**

The Board asked for Council to remove a vehicle parked outside the Majestic Theatre in Tui Street. Inspection by staff showed that the vehicle was warranted until April and that there was no offensive odour coming from the vehicle nor was it unsafe. This meant the Chief Executive's powers under ss.29 and 34 of the Health Act could not be used. The vehicle was warranted until April. It was subsequently removed by Council and disposed of.

**11 Update from MoU partnering organisations**

At its emergency meeting on 24 March 2020, Council approved funding for its four current MoU partnering organisations in 2020/21.

Verbal update from:

- Taihape Community Development Trust

Report attached from:

- Mōkai-Pātea Services

**Recommendation:**

That the update from 'Mōkai-Pātea Services February, March, April 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

**12 Council's delegations to the Taihape Community Board**

At its meeting of 31 October 2019 Council resolved to invite the Community Boards in early 2020, to consider and recommend on any changes to their delegations for Council to consider. Clause 32(6) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to "consider whether or not to delegate to a community board if the delegation would enable the community board to best achieve its role".

The current delegations will be circulated prior and tabled at the meeting.

**Recommendation:**

That the Taihape Community Board, in response to Council's invitation to consider and recommend any changes to the Board's delegations....

### **13 Intermediaries**

From time to time, an individual resident or business is dissatisfied with how Council has addressed an issue which they have raised, even though Council considers that the actions taken are reasonable and fair. While such people have a right to request the Ombudsman to investigate the matter, that may be seen as evading the issue and will certainly take time.

An alternative mechanism is to invite the chairs of the Community Boards and Community Committees to act as intermediaries. Such people are more distant from Council than the Mayor and Councillors which means governance-management boundaries are less of an issue. Their role would be to listen to both sides of the story and convey their view. It would not be binding, but it could help increase mutual understanding by both parties.

At its 25 June 2020 meeting, Council endorsed this principle, and invite Chairs of each Community Board and Community Committee to be intermediaries to assess whether Council has been reasonable in fair in responding to a particular issue from a resident or business within the District, and (if the chairs agree) setting that within a broader complaints policy to be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee.

**Recommendation:**

That, the Chair of Taihape Community Board [agrees/does not agree] to be an Intermediary on behalf of Council and the community they service.

### **14 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park**

The minutes from Taihape Memorial Park User and Management Group on 26 February 2020 and 16 June 2020 meeting are attached.

At its meeting on 27 February 2020, following consideration of a detailed report, Council resolved as follows:

That having regard for previous extensive consultation with particular sections of the Taihape community (including annual plan consultation) and the view that there has been insufficient engagement with the Taihape Community, Council authorises the Chief Executive to proceed with a single-storey amenities building on Taihape Memorial Park and rescind the Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape, noting that this revokes part of Council's resolutions in June and August 2019 on the matter.

At its meeting on 30 April 2020, Council considered a letter from the Taihape Heritage Trust and resolved to

- confirm that the administration of the new amenities building on the Taihape Memorial Park at the Tennis Court site does not imply an intent to demolish the grandstand to avoid the cost of seismic strengthening, and
- invite the Taihape Heritage Trust to lead a working party (to include Council representatives) to consider the long-term preservation of the grandstand, including the lease of the structure to the Trust.

Formation of that working party is in progress.

An extract from the relevant section of the 'Top Ten Projects' report provided to Council's meeting on 25 June 2020 is attached.

**Recommendations:**

- 1 That the minutes of the Taihape Memorial Park User and Management Group meetings 26 February 2020 and 16 June 2020 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.
- 2 That the update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park to the meeting of the Taihape Community Board's meeting of 8 July 2020 be received.

## **15 Update on Mangaweka Bridge replacement**

- A detailed business case for the replacement of the Mangaweka Bridge was approved by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).
- The future of the existing bridge was considered, and in August 2019 Council agreed (as has the Manawatu District Council) to retaining the existing bridge as a walking and cycling facility, and supported the setting up of a trust to manage the future use of the bridge.
- The project is now in the pre-implementation phase. This phase includes land purchase negotiations, planning requirements such as designations and early contractor involvement.

**Current status update:**

NZTA have provided guidance on how to prepare a MoU between Rangitikei and Manawatu District Councils and Mangaweka Heritage Inc. for the ongoing management of the historic bridge. Legal advice has been received on how this matter can be addressed, and a draft MoU has been written. Shortly negotiations will commence between Rangitikei and Manawatu District Councils and Mangaweka Heritage Inc. to craft a mutually agreed upon MoU.

Contractors were invited to register their interest in this project at the beginning of the Pre-Implementation Phase. As a result four contractors have had early engagement throughout the design process to ensure the constructability of the new bridge. On 4th May 2020 these four contractors were invited to submit tenders. The deadline for submission of tenderers has been extended to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

NZTA's Probity Auditor: Shaun McHale (McHale Group) has been appointed to oversee the Tender Process.

Indicative Project timeframe:

Call for tenders on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Tender award: August 2020

Construction: August – September 2020 – May 2022

**Recommendation:**

That the 'Update on Mangaweka Bridge replacement' to the Taihape Community Board's meeting on 8 July 2020 be received.

## 16 Options for toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve

At its meeting on 12 February 2020, the Board considered a report and agreed that during their next workshop Board members would visit the site in order to determine a final decision on toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve.

**Recommendation:**

That, having regard for the options for toilet facilities' near Mt Stewart Reserve, the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that it .....

## 17 Update on rubbish collection in Taihape

The report to Council's meeting on 25 June 2020 is attached. Council resolved:

That, having regard for the disruption caused by the COVID-19 alerts, Council agree to continue underwriting part of the cost for Rangitikei Wheelie Bins to provide a kerbside rubbish bag collection service in the Taihape area for a further eight months at a cost of \$388.20 (GST excl.) per week, funded from District promotions budget (40200554), with a review after the first four months; and

That Council request staff investigate whether it would be appropriate for rubbish bags to be sold at Council offices.

**Recommendation:**

That the 'Update on rubbish collection in Taihape' to the Taihape Community Board's meeting on 8 July 2020 be received.

## 18 Placemaking

Discussion item.

## **19 Mayoral Update**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

## **20 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Marton Community Committee meeting be received.

## **21 Community Grants**

Round 1 for the 2020/21 year for Councils funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- Events Sponsorship Scheme will be open from 1 August – 21 August 2020.
- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

Posters are attached advertising the upcoming funding schemes.

## **22 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

## **23 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape - January – April 2020**

An extract is attached.

File ref: 5-CS-1-9



**Recommendation:**

That the extract 'Requests for service – First Response, Taihape – January – April 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

**24 Late items**

As agreed at item 5.

**25 Future items for the agenda**

**26 Next meeting**

Wednesday 9 September 2020, 5.30pm

**27 Future Meeting date for 2020**

Wednesday 11 November at 5.30 pm

**28 Meeting closed**