



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

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

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- Present:** Mrs Ann Abernethy (Chair)
Mrs Michelle Fannin
Ms Gail Larsen
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Tracey Hiroa
- Also Present:** Cr Angus Gordon
- In attendance:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
Mrs Ngawini Martin, Mokai Patea Services
- Tabled Items:** Item 2 Letter from Angela Oliver- vandalism of grassed area,
junction of SH1 and Otaihape Valley road (photos)
Project Proposal from Peter Kipling-Arthur - Heritage Plaques
Item 11 Report from Taihape Community Development Trust
Item 12 Council's Delegations

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Mrs Angela Oliver, Vandalism of the grassed area, junction of SH1 and Otaihape Valley Road

Mrs Oliver spoke to the tabled letter regarding the continual vandalism to the grassed area on the corner of State Highway 1 and Otaihape Valley road. She was seeking the Board's support in requesting that Council provide a permanent solution to this ongoing issue. Photos of the damage were circulated. The meeting agreed that this was not a welcome sight for travellers coming into town. The issue of safety was taken into consideration due to large trucks and trailer units travelling at speeds of 100 km/h close by. The surrounding roads also got quite greasy with the mud that was transferred by the offending vehicle. It was determined that this site was part of NZTAs network, although was maintained at no cost by a member of the public. To date there had been no response from the Police.

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur, Heritage Plaques highlighting people from Taihape

Mr Kipling-Arthur spoke to his proposal to install heritage plaques in the main streets of Taihape. It was intended that the plaques would highlight the contribution to New Zealand and/or the world of people who had been born, lived or worked in Taihape at a time in their lives prior to their death. Along with all the key information, the A4 sized plaques would include a huia logo and a small gumboot outline. Mr Kipling- Arthur had sought support from the Taihape Museum and Mokai Patea Services. It was proposed that a small local committee be formed together with a senior historian from Massey University to approve the names for the plaques.

The Chair thanked both speakers and suggested that further discussion on these items be held during Late items of the agenda.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/012** **File Ref**

That the two items, vandalism of the grassed area , corner SH1 and Otaihape Road and the Heritage plaque proposal be discussed under Late items (Item24 of the Agenda)

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/013** **File Ref**

That the apology for absence for Mrs Emma Abernethy be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. 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.

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cr Hiroa for Item 11, Mrs Fannin for Item 21 and a perceived conflict of interest by Mrs Abernethy for Item 2.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed, with Item 11 to be taken as the following item.

11 Update from MoU partnering organisations

Mokai Patea Services

Mrs Martin gave a short summary of the Work Plan report for the period February to April 2020.

On behalf of Council and the community, His Worship the Mayor wished to acknowledge Mokai Patea Services for their immediate response and work during the Covid-19 period.

Taihape Community Development Trust

Cr Duncan spoke to the Trusts tabled report. She advised that they were still in the interviewing process for a new Co-ordinator.

Cr Hiroa advised that she thoroughly enjoyed Gumboot Day and wished to acknowledge the Trust for all the work that had gone into organising this event.

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

6 Minutes of previous meeting

Amendment

Item 28 Next meeting

The Board noted the incorrect date of the meeting due to Covid-19.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/015** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting as amended held on 12 February 2020, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

7 Chair's report

The Chair took her report as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/016** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease

Mr O'Hara, president of the Taihape Squash Club spoke to this item. He said that the sport had grown in popularity with their club now currently having 124 members. Along with weekly business house competitions they offered a junior squash programme and the Taihape Area School had just started using the facility. With this in mind, the club was keen to build a further two courts complete with a moving internal wall that could be pushed out to make one full sized doubles court. This would allow them to hold national events.

The Squash Club was seeking Council's approval for a land extension to the club's lease as their current land area cannot accommodate their proposal.

Mr O'Hara wished to acknowledge Ms Prince for all her work and support for this proposal.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/017** **File Ref**

That the report 'Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board is received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/018** **File Ref**

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 280m² for the purpose of additional squash courts.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

This item was taken as read.

10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Chair advised that she had logged a Request for Service regarding the building work that was encroaching onto the footpath outside of 81 Hautapu Street, Taihape. There was also some concern about the amount of rubbish and old building materials at the back of their section which could present a health & safety issue.

12 Council's delegations to the Taihape Community Board

The Board noted that the current delegations were in need of updating. It was agreed that this item be discussed at their next workshop.

Resolved minute number **20TCB/019/** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board, in response to Council's invitation to consider and recommend any changes to the Board's delegations, agree that this item be carried forward in order for further discussions at their workshop.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

13 Intermediaries

The Board were all in favour of this recommendation.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/020** **File Ref**

That, the Chair of Taihape Community Board agrees to be an Intermediary on behalf of Council and the community they service.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

14 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park

His Worship the Mayor advised that a new toilet facility within the Taihape Memorial playground vicinity had not been allowed for in this year's budget; however, this could be considered in Council's Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/021** **File Ref**

That the draft minutes of the Taihape Memorial Park User and Management Group meetings 26 February 2020 and 16 June 2020 be taken as read.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/022** **File Ref**

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.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Update on Mangaweka Bridge replacement

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/023** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

16 Options for toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve

Following a site visit to Mt Stewart Reserve, the Board agreed that the Mobil Service Station would be the preferred option in regards to providing toilet facilities for visitors to the Reserve. There was some concern that building a toilet facility within the Gumboot vicinity would not only be an eyesore but there was also the historical significance to consider in regards to the Tamatea Pokai Whenua Cairn that was sited there.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/024** **File Ref**

That, having regard for the options for toilet facilities' near Mt Stewart Reserve, the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that as an interim measure access to the Taihape Mobile Service Station facilities be negotiated for visitors to the Reserve and a letter advising of this be sent to Taihape Rotary.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

15 Update on rubbish collection in Taihape

It was confirmed that Council had agreed that rubbish bags would be sold at Council offices.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/025** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

16 Placemaking

The Chair noted that she had responded to the Taihape Community Development Trust regarding working together on town signage and the event notice boards.

17 Mayoral Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/026** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/027** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

19 Community Grants

The commentary was noted in the agenda.

20 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020

Mrs Fannin noted that the new lock boxes for the AED units had been ordered which would require an adjustment to the total allocation.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/028** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs Fannin. Carried

21 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape - January – April 2020

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/029** **File Ref**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

22 Late items

The Board agreed that they would discuss the following items at their next workshop

- Vandalism of grassed area, junction of SH1 and Otaihape Valley Road
- Heritage Plaques highlighting people from Taihape
- Dog Park
- Taihape Events Signage Boards

23 Future items for the agenda

- Dog Park
- Taihape Event Signage Boards
- Upgrade to Outback
- Safety fence for existing playground at Taihape Memorial Park

24 Next meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2020, 5.30pm

25 Future Meeting date for 2020

Wednesday 11 November at 5.30 pm

26 Meeting closed

7.40 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: