



# Rangitikei District Council

## Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes– Wednesday 11 November 2020 – 5:40 p.m.

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**Present:** Mrs Ann Abernethy (Chair)  
Mrs Emma Abernethy  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Cr Gill Duncan

**In attendance:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (arrived at 5.56pm)  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Team Leader - Property & Community  
Housing/Administration  
Mrs Dawn Hesketh, Administration (left at 6.45pm)  
Mrs Ngawini Martin, Mokai Patea Services  
Mrs Pania Winiata, Taihape Community Development Trust

**Tabled Documents:**

Item 7:	Chairs Report
Item 9:	Taihape Community Development Trust Report Mokai Patea Services Work Plan Report
Late Items:	Quote for Dog Park Direction Sign Submission- Christmas House/letterbox competition

## **1 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5.40pm.

## **2 Public Forum**

### **Mathew Churchward**

Mr Churchward spoke on behalf of Saint Joseph's School and other interested parties regarding the proposal to have the southern speed limit reduced from the 50km zone to just further south of the Winiata Marae. This would allow for safer exiting from Rauma Road onto State Highway One. Discussions with NZTA had confirmed that a turning bay would be too expensive. The proposal had support from the majority of Dixon Way and O'Taihape Valley Road residents along with the Winiata Marae Committee.

The Board were happy to support this recommendation.

### **Charlotte Oswald and Charity Davis**

Mrs Oswald and Mrs Davis provided an update on the Taihape Playground Group. They had received positive feedback from a recent online survey that they had undertaken. The public's wish list was to have a safer playground/skate park that would be accessible in all weather conditions, better parking and toilet facilities, the option to have barbeques and biking facilities. The group were currently in the process of exploring all fundraising avenues with guidance from the Taihape Community Development Trust. They were seeking Councils support with help with design and compliance.

The Chair was keen that Council support the Taihape Playground Group by helping out with compliance and design along with additional funding. It was suggested that the group submit their ideas at an upcoming LTP pre-engagement event.

### **Mrs Jan Byford**

Mrs Byford was keen to see the completion of a number of projects that the previous Taihape Community Board had initiated. In particular, was the reinstatement of the town notice board outside the Taihape Town Hall. This would allow the all the various local events to be advertised. She said that there had been some discussion about an electronic noticeboard, which she felt would not be suitable. Mrs Byford asked that consideration be given to updating the Northern and Southern Events Boards to enable them to be more user friendly.

The Chair acknowledged her concerns, advising that the Taihape Community Board had been very busy finishing off some projects. They were currently in discussions with the Manager of Taihape New World who had agreed to make one wall available for a community notice board. They were also looking at relocating the southern notice board to a more suitable place, which would require NZTA approval.

### 3 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/043**                      **File Ref**

That the apology for absence for Mrs Michelle Fannin be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

### 9 Update from MoU Partnering Organisations

#### Taihape Community Development Trust

Mrs Winiata provided a verbal update on activities/events that the Taihape Community Development Trust were currently working on. These included Christmas in the Park, the Christmas Parade and Christmas Lunch. The Trust had also kindly offered to transport our local Kaumatua to a Christmas luncheon at the Rata Marae. Mrs Winiata advised that they had also been in discussions with the Taihape A&P Association, Taihape Shearing and the New Zealand Boot Throwing Association to discuss the possibility of a one-stop show. The Trust were also partnering with Taihape Playground Group in order to providing support with administration and help with funding.

#### Mokai-Patea Services

Mrs Martin spoke to her tabled report, outlining the key projects and activities that they had been involved in over the past two months. Some of which included Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori involving MPS staff and Taihape Area School students. She also provided an update on the number of rangatahi that attended the Lobby for the period July to September. Following a query from the Board as to why there seemed to be a lot more males attending the Lobby, Mrs Martin replied that the girls had commented that the boys were too loud. Mokai Patea Services Management team had met with Councils Strategic Advisor for Youth as a meet and greet and briefly discussed future ideas for the Rangatahi Mentoring Space.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/044**                      **File Ref**

That the verbal updates from 'MoU partnering organisations Taihape Community Development Trust and Mōkai-Pātea Services' to the 11 November 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

### 10 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.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 11 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, the Chair agreed that the following be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

- Signage for Dog Park
- Late Item submission regarding Christmas house/Letterbox decorating competition
- Discussion on amenities facilities at Memorial Park, Taihape

## 12 Minutes of previous meeting and follow-up actions

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/045**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 9 September 2020, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 13 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her tabled report noting that the Dog Park Fence was now completed and had been officially opened. She acknowledged Mr Don Tweeddale and Ms Larsen for donating gates to allow for vehicle access as well as one for pedestrian use.

Also noted was the placement of the two AED units complete with lock boxes - one outside of Taihape New World and the other on the outer wall at the Taihape Swim Centre.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/046**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Chair's report' to the 11 November 2020 meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs E Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

## 14 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

Cr Duncan noted there was to be a LTP pre engagement event in Taihape on Sunday 29 November at the Christmas in the Park event.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/047**                      **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' be received.

Cr Duncan/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

## 15 Mayoral Update

His Worship the Mayor took his report as read and then noted the following additional information to his Mayors report.

The Friends of Taihape Group had received funding of \$72,000 from the Dudding Trust.

He wished to acknowledge Ms Larsen who had received Highly Commended at the Whanganui Heritage Awards for her work in saving and restoring the Taihape Majestic Theatre.

Also noted were the Treaty of Waitangi sheets, which Mr Michael Andrews had donated to Council. These have all been framed and were now hanging in the Marton Council Chambers.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/048**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 11 November 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

## 16 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – November 2020

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/049**                      **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – November 2020' to the 11 November 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Ms Larsen/Cr Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/050**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to the following purchases, having already been made, to be paid from the Taihape Small Projects Grant Scheme totalling \$1530.47

- Lock Box for both the AED box located at the Taihape Swim Centre and the current AED box located at New World \$ 1139.13
- Installation of the Lock Boxes \$198
- Fence Posts for Dog Park \$54.34

Ms Larsen/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 17 Late Items

### Dog Park Direction Signage

The Board were all in favour of accepting the tabled quote from Lasercraft for the Dog Park Direction sign.

**Resolved minute number**                      **20/TCB/051**                      **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board approve payment of \$140.00 plus GST for the dog park directional signage and that this is to be funded from the Small Projects Grant Scheme.

Ms Larsen/Mrs E Abernethy. Carried

Christmas House/Letterbox decorating competition

A late item submission from was tabled by Mrs Fannin. She was seeking Board support for holding a Christmas House and or Letterbox Decorating competition with prizes to be funded from the Small Projects Grant Scheme. Unfortunately, the Board felt that there was insufficient time and available resources to organise the event this year.

Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand Feasibility Report

The Board were keen that all Taihape Memorial Park User Groups were aware of the information provided in the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand Feasibility Report; this was presented to the October meeting of Council.

Undertaking: Ms Prince to circulate the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand Feasibility Report to the Memorial Park User Group.

## **18 Future Items for the Agenda**

Upgrade to Taihape Outback  
Mataroa Road Speed Restrictions  
Tamatea Pokai Whenua Cairn

## **19 Next Meeting**

The 2021 calendar is currently being drafted, once that has been confirmed future meeting dates will be provided.

## **20 Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 7.36pm

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_