

Rangitīkei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting Minutes-Thursday, 11 February 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Ann Abernethy (Chair)

Mrs Michelle Fannin Cr Tracey Hiroa Cr Gill Duncan

In attendance: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive

Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services

Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

Mrs Ngawini Martin, Mokai Patea Services

Tabled Documents: Item 9: Mokai Patea Services Work Plan Report

Item 11: Updated Memorandum – Small Projects Grant

Scheme- February 2021

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/052 File Ref

That the apologies for absence from Cr Gordon and Mrs Emma Abernethy be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs Fannin. Carried

UPDATE: In the 14 Apr 2021 meeting, the Board clarified that Ms Larsen tendered an apology for the 11 February 2021 meeting.

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

There was no conflict of interest declared.

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

- Future meeting dates for Taihape Community Board
- Doggy Doo Bin for Hautapu River Park Project
- Parking upgrades within the CBD and surrounding areas
- Beautification of southern entrance to Taihape

6 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The following amendments were made to the minutes of the Taihape Community Board 11 November 2020.

- Cr Hiroa to be noted as being present
- Item 15 Mayoral Update-paragraph 3 to read as follows:

"He wished to acknowledge Ms Larsen who on behalf of the Taihape Heritage Group had accepted a Highly Commended award at the Whanganui Heritage Awards for their work in saving and restoring the Taihape Majestic Theatre".

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/053 File Ref

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 11 November 2020, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

7 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

There was a brief discussion on the location of the current wheel chair accessible car parks within the CBD and whether more were required. It was suggested that one be installed at Taihape Memorial Park.

Ms Prince reported that Councils Roading Team were proposing to install a wheel chair accessible car park adjacent the Kuku Street bus stop as agreed to by the Board at its November meeting.

Undertaking:

Ms Prince to determine when the "Keep Clear Bus Stop" signage is to be installed by the Kuku Street bus shelter.

Undertaking:

That Council staff will note on the follow up action template whether actions are assigned or closed. Actions will no longer say closed until the action has been completed.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/054 File Ref

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meeting' be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair took her report as read.

Mr Beggs noted the importance of issues being logged through the Request for Service (RFS) system, however he was more than happy for the Chair to contact either himself or for her to contact Ms Prince if any Taihape Community Board matters/requests had not been actioned.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/055 File Ref

That the 'Chair's report' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

9 Update from MoU Partnering Organisations

Mokai-Patea Services

Mrs Martin spoke to the tabled Work Plan report for the months October to November. She provided the Board with an overview of the various projects and activities that Mokai Patea Services had been involved with. Monthly attendance data for individuals who presented at the Taihape Youth space was summarised. During December there had been a period of days where no Rangatahi at all had signed in. This was most likely due to a number of students being involved in Touch and other sporting codes, practices etc.

The youth space is available for other organisations to use, outside of the hours where the centre is open for youth activities. Board members are encouraged to refer any enquiries or requests to Council staff.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/056 File Ref

That the verbal update Mōkai-Pātea Services' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

10 Mayoral Update

The Mayor took his report as read, noting further information as follows:

- the meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys had not gone ahead,
- judging of the duck costumes had been rescheduled to 13th March 2021,
- acknowledgement of the amount of work that goes into Treaty Settlement processes, and
- an update on the closure of the Kuripapango Bridge on the Taihape Napier Road.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/057 File Ref

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

HWTM/Mrs A Abernethy. Carried

11 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – November 2020

An updated memorandum was tabled.

Mrs Abernethy noted that a small board had been placed under the gate at the dog park to contain smaller dogs.

Undertaking:

Ms Prince to query the payment of \$270.00 for the "Dog on Leash" signage. There was some suggestion that this particular signage may not have been requested by the Board.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/058 File Ref

That the tabled memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2021' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs Fannin. Carried

12 Late items

Doggy Doo Bin

Cr Duncan had received a request from the Society of the Friends of Taihape, for a Doggy Doo Bin to be installed at the Hautapu River Park. This site was proving to be a very popular with not only locals but visitors to the town.

The Board were all in favour of this initiative.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/059 File Ref

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council purchase a Doggy Doo Bin for placement at the Hautapu River Park and that this be funded from the Small Projects Grant Scheme.

Cr Duncan/Mrs Fannin. Carried

Parking upgrades within the CBD and surrounding areas

Mrs Fannin spoke to this item. She was keen for further development at the Outback in order to allow for better parking. Presently there were a number of business owners parking in the main street as they were uncomfortable parking in the Outback due to potential damage that may occur to their vehicles.

To determine the various property boundaries in the Outback, a map to be provided showing titles and easements.

Undertaking:

That Council staff provide a map of the Taihape Outback area which illustrates all titles and easements

Beautification to southern entrance to Taihape

Mrs Fannin was keen to have the southern entrance to Taihape tidied up. She suggested that shell rock be placed on the verge from the CBD to just before the rail bridge. It was suggested that this item be discussed as part of the LTP process.

Meeting dates

The Chair noted that the Board usually met every two months and was concerned about the proposed change to meet every three months. The Chief Executive confirmed that there had been no change to the Boards meeting schedule and how it was serviced by staff.

Undertaking: Council staff to email out an amended meeting schedule.

13 Future Items for the Agenda

Mataroa Road Speed Restrictions

14 Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 April 2021 - 5.30pm

15 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

Confirmed/Chair:	 	 	
Date:			