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5.30pm**

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Councillor Tracey Hiroa (non-voting)
Gail Larsen

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Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

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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 11 November 2020 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting {as amended/without amended} held on 11 November 2020, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

8 Chairperson's Report

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Chairperson's Report' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

9 Update from MoU Partnering Organisations

Verbal updates are to be provided from MoU partnering organisations Taihape Community Development Trust and Mōkai-Pātea Services.

Recommendation:

That the verbal updates from 'MoU partnering organisations Taihape Community Development Trust and Mōkai-Pātea Services' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

10 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

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

11 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2021

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendation:

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

12 Late items

As agreed at item 5.

13 Future Items for the Agenda

14 Next Meeting

Wednesday 5 May 2021 – 5.30pm

15 Meeting Closed

Attachment 1



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
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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
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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
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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: _____

Attachment 2

Report

Subject: **Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings**

To: Taihape Community Board

From: Carol Gordon

Date: 22 January 2021

File: 3-CT-13-1

1 Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous the Taihape Community Board meeting that staff have followed up on. All items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment. Once the items have been reported back to the Council they will be removed from the list.

2 Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision making provisions do not apply.

3 Recommendation

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

Carol Gordon
Group Manager Democracy and Planning

Follow-up Actions from Taihape Community Board Meeting – 11 November 2020

Follow-up Action:	Person Assigned:	Status Comment:
Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand Feasibility Report - circulate the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand Feasibility Report to the Memorial Park User Group	Gaylene Prince	The report was circulated to the Memorial Park User Group. {action now closed}
Previous Actions:		
That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council and request that “Keep Clear Bus Stop” road marking and signage similar to that by the Taihape railway station be installed at the Kuku Street bus shelter.	Keith Sutherland	Roading team supplied an outlined of a proposal, which was agreed to by Board members. This work has been programmed. {action now closed}
Delegations Register - Board’s Current Membership be updated and that information be sought regarding the Taihape Municipal Band Grants Account.	Gaylene Prince	<p>The Delegations Register is scheduled to be updated, and this will include the items identified by the Board.</p> <p>At its meeting on 31 March 2010, the Board made a recommendation to Council (10/TCB/028) That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that, in terms of clause 10 of the <i>Revised agreement for dissolution of the Taihape Municipal Band Fund Incorporated</i>, the funds (‘the Municipal Band Grant’) held be paid to the Taihape Area School Board of Trustees and that a report be provided to Council and the Taihape Community Board on how the funds are used with the stipulation that the funds be used as per the application.</p> <p>Council approved this at its meeting on 29 April 2010 (10/RDC/121).</p>

		Reference to the Municipal Band will therefore be removed from the Board's delegated authority. {action now closed}
Taihape Events Signage Boards - suggested that bollards may be installed to prevent vehicles from damaging the grassed area around them.	Gaylene Prince / Roading Team	Discussions have taken place with Waka Kotahi re the protection of this area of land at the intersection of the State Highway and Otaihape Road as this is under their control. No resolution has been reached at this stage. Unfortunately bollards would not be acceptable from a State Highway perspective, staff will look at whether a guard rail is an option.
Upgrade to Outback It was agreed that Mokai Patea Services be asked for their input into suitable plantings for the Taihape Outback which would tell a story from the past to the present.	Ann Abernethy / Tracey Hiroa Gaylene Prince	To be discussed at May Taihape Community Board meeting.
That the Taihape Community Board determine the criteria for use of the Taihape New World Information Board at their next workshop.	Michelle Fannin	To be discussed at May Taihape Community Board meeting.
Mataroa Road speed restrictions	Ann Abernethy	To be discussed at May Taihape Community Board meeting.
Tamatea Pokai Whenua Cairn	Ann Abernethy	To be discussed at May Taihape Community Board meeting.
Housing needs in Taihape	Gaylene Prince	A Housing Strategy for the whole District is being developed. [action now closed]

Attachment 3

Taihape Community Board.

Chairperson's Report February 11th.

As I begin to write this report I can only wonder what the year 2021 holds, not only for our community, but worldwide. We must stay positive about the future. I am sure the Board joins me in being positive about the future of our community and judging from the discussions that took place at our recent workshop this is going to be a busy year.

The popularity of the Dog Park has been very pleasing and a small addition to the gate means it is secure for small dogs also. Board member Gail has kindly offered to supply a rubbish bin for the use of the handlers. Signage is complete and the board has decided on location. We now have to arrange with Council staff to assist with placement.

We are still waiting for communication from the Parks and Reserves Team Leader to discuss the placement of the seats in the Cemetery and Kaka Rd.

I have spoken with a local craftsman re. designing a TCB Information Board for placement in the New World Supermarket and possibly the Information Centre depending on how the members vote.

On the 16th December I participated in the Webinar introducing the CBEC. The goal was engagement with board members and to brief us on their role and activities. At the conclusion of the presentation each member of the executive spoke on issues facing community boards. I noted a trend of feeling "distanced" from their District Councils, difficulty in engaging staff and even "overlooked" at times and sadly I found myself nodding in agreement.

However I must add that it is pleasing to note the demolition work on the Tui Street building is underway.

On a personal note I have been very busy with the preparations for the recent Go Throw Show – a combination of the A & P Association Show and Gumboot Day.

Finally a big thankyou to the many groups who are working hard for the betterment of our community and I must add that the Christmas lights in Hautapu Street are most attractive.

Ann Abernethy (Chair)

Attachment 4

Report

Subject: **Mayoral Update**

To: Taihape Community Board

From: Andy Watson
Mayor

Date: 22 January 2021

1. Welcome to 2021. I hope everybody enjoyed the Christmas break and spent a relaxing time with family and friends.
2. We have a number of contracts to fulfil this year and I might run through some of them to illustrate the workloads that we have.
3. The most significant is the contract that we have with our community called the Long Term Plan or LTP. This is where we set our aspirations and aims in the vision of Council, what our proposed work programme is and the budget that's required to drive it. The Long Term Plan as I've said previously is a 10 year document that is reviewed every 3 years. The challenges in the LTP are vast. On the positive side our district is changing dramatically. We are getting industry wanting to come here, we have hundreds of new houses going in and the much needed increase in population will make the rates affordable in the future. In the short term there comes some pain with this in terms of making sure that the infrastructure needs, to support the new communities of people, are up to speed. We will need to concentrate on things such as the provision of water by going through the Water Strategy and working out what the future is. One of the biggest decisions that Council will face during the Long Term Plan period is the decision that every Council in New Zealand is facing, around whether we will continue to provide for wastewater and water services or whether they will be taken over by a regional body such as Watercare Wellington, for example. This is the biggest decision that Local Government has ever faced and unfortunately we don't know enough about it to even be able to make a decision now or to talk to communities about the impacts yet. What it does raise is a lot of questions in the future around the role of Local Government.
4. The other major challenge to our LTP is that we have just been through the capital value revaluation of the district. In other words, what people's houses are worth on the market. Because Councils rate on a capital value as part of the rating mechanism this is important. I stress that if all capital values right across the region north, south, rural, urban increased at the same rate it would not be an issue. But what we are seeing is the dramatic increase in sectors of the market especially urban south in Bulls, Marton and coastal settlements. Houses that were worth perhaps \$100,000 three years ago have literally tripled in value. Inevitably some of those properties must face significant rate increases.

Staff and Councillors have spent a considerable amount of time in looking at how rates will be struck this year and if there are any ways that we can put in a smoothing effect through rate differentials for example. This is something we will continue to work on over the next few weeks. We aim to have a draft LTP document available for public consultation and submission

process in early March. I thank staff for the amount of effort that has gone into drafting the document as to where we are now.

5. There are a number of other significant contracts that we have. This year we will see the Mangaweka Bridge being replaced after several years of the decision making process. This is a major project that is funded both by Manawatu District Council and Rangitikei District Council together with the NZ Government through Waka Kotahi (the old NZTA or Transit). We will use the public consultation process across the district to engage with people over the future of setting up a Trust for the retention of the old bridge, the only cantilever road bridge left in NZ.
6. Other contracts will see the Putorino Landfill being remediated which involves digging out all the old historic rubbish and reforming the riverbank. To me this is a sign of things to come for New Zealand. We have multiple old landfills spread throughout the country and historically, farmers and communities of the time, literally decided to fill in the local gully's with rubbish because it was unproductive land. This is not a problem unique to our district.
7. This year will also see the construction of the new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park. I understand the need for the wide public consultation that has occurred but it will be fantastic to get a facility that will enable sport to continue on the park.
8. Everyone in Marton has been watching the development of the new playground at Memorial Park and our thanks go to Lucy Skou and Brenna O'Neill and the Committee that have made this possible. We owe them a huge debt of thanks. We have other groups throughout the district that are interested in doing similar projects, groups in Taihape looking to upgrade the playground there, we have a group working on the Papakai Park Memorial Park Walkways, we have groups looking at Wilson Park in Marton and the Rātana Playground. As a Council we need to support these groups in their desires and commitment to improve our communities for sport and recreation.

Andy Watson
Mayor

Mayors Engagement

January 2021

4	Met with ratepayer re Koitiata Lagoon
6	Attended a local funeral at St Stephens
8	Attended a Capex budget meeting
13	Met with consultant to discuss LTP Consultation Document Worked with stakeholders on Country Music Festival
14	Attended LTP Council Workshop
15	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development Attended Hui at Ratana to discuss Memorandum of Understanding with RDC Attended Marton Rail Hub Project Board Meeting #1
21	To attend LTP Council Workshop via Zoom
25	To attend regular breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
26	To attend Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Session Teleconference To attend presentation on Councillors' Document Distribution Software Evaluation To meet with stakeholders regarding Te Matapihi boundary land
27	To meet with consultant to finalise foreword in LTP Consultation Document
28	To attend LTP Council Workshop To attend monthly Council Meeting
29	To attend fortnightly discussion on Economic Development To attend presentation on Councillors' Document Distribution Software Evaluation
30	To attend Turakina Caledonia Games To attend Taihape A&P Show and Gumboot Day To attend Winiata Marae – Waia Hoete 100 th Birthday To attend judging of duck costumes at the Rec

Attachment 5

Memorandum

To: Taihape Community Board

From: Sheryl Srhoj, Property & Community Housing Team Leader

Date: 1 February 2021

Subject: **Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2021**

File: 3-CB-1-2

1 Allocation

- 1.1 The amount of the 2020/21 Small Projects Grant Scheme for Taihape Ward is \$5,379.
- 1.2 The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's/Board's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee/Board.
- 1.3 At its meeting 25 June 2020, Council resolved to carry-forward the full amount of unspent funds from the 2019/20 year of \$5882.18 to the 2020/21 year due to COVID-19 and the inability of the Committee to hold meetings and make their own carry forward recommendations.
- 1.4 This gives a total allocation for the 2020/21 year of \$11,261.18.

2 Breakdown

- 2.1 \$140.00 has been approved for Dog Park Directional Signage. *Paid 28/01/2021*

3 Remaining Budget

- 3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2020/21 financial year of \$9590.71

4 Recommendation

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

Sheryl Srhoj
Property & Community Housing Team Leader