



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Taihape Community Board Meeting
Wednesday, 14 April 2021

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**MINUTES OF RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TAIHAPE TOWN HALL, 90 HAUTAPU STREET, TAIHAPE
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2021 AT 5.30 PM**

Present: Ann Abernethy
Michelle Fannin
Emma Abernethy
Gail Larsen
Cr Gill Duncan

In Attendance: Cr Angus Gordon
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community Services
Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 5:35pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **21/TCB/001**

That the apologies for the absence of Mrs Michelle Fannin, Cr Tracey Hiroa and His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

3 Public Forum

Mr. Andrew Law – Spoke about the Taihape Area school and the school farm. He said it was important to go with facts about the school rebuild. The Ministry of Education decided to rebuild due to design flaws. Mr. Law spoke about the old college site at Rauma Road v Huia Street site. Mr Law has written to the Ministry to request the school be built at Rauma Road on the old Taihape College site. The letter didn't get presented to Mr Hipkins, Minister of Education, but the Ministry have basically said no to Rauma road site. The Rauma Road site has been land banked. Mr Law would like Community Board to write to the Minister requesting Rauma road support. Mr Law is no longer on the school Board of Trustees. Ms Ann Abernethy asked if Community Board support the idea of writing the letter – Cr Gordon asked if the local MP would support this proposal. Mr Law advise the MP is not supportive.

Mr Law spoke about a letter from the Minister of Education (at the time) saying the farm remains the property of the School. He also referred to a letter from The Ministry of Education saying the farm couldn't be taken out of land bank. Mr Law would like the Community Board to write to

Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Education to have the farm returned to the school. Cr Gill Duncan questioned the effect on Iwi claim. There was discussion that with Iwi Claims, the Iwi would receive either monetary compensation or land. Cr Angus Gordon asked if the opposition party been involved – no. Mrs. Ann Abernethy stated she is concerned about this causing community division.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The item 'Update from MOU Partnering Organisations' had been missed off the order paper, so the Chair invited Taihape Community Development Trust to present at this point.

Ms Pania Winiata, Taihape Community Development Trust, provided feedback on the Go Throw Show, Welcome Packs, Economic Development, and Social Media presence.

Resolved minute number **21/TCB/002**

That the report tabled by Taihape Community Development Trust be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr G Duncan. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/TCB/003**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 11 February 2021 note that Ms Larsen tendered an apology and, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr G Duncan. Carried

7 Follow up Action Items from Previous Meeting

Ms Prince provided an update on the proposed bus stop markings and accessibility access in Kuku Street.

Mrs Ann Abernethy had met with Mokai Patea Services to discuss ideas and information on planting in the Outback. She would discuss the suggested plantings with Mr Phillips, Manager – Parks, and also obtain a price for a story-telling plaque for this area.

Resolved minute number **21/TCB/004**

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

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

Mrs Ann Abernethy has a new sign for dog park which has been donated from Laser Craft. The placement of Dog Park Notice directional signage was discussed. Ms Prince advised that the Property Team would prefer that it was not placed directly on to the toilet building and would discuss options with the Infrastructure Roading team. Cr Angus Gordon asked how much signage should be displayed. He suggested signs by Brown Sugar Café and the Outback area. Ms Gail Larsen agreed signs by the Gumboot Lane would be beneficial. Mrs Ann Abernethy has approached AA re signage on streets. Cr Angus Gordon suggests a sign with an illustration/picture of a dog in gumboots and the wording (for example) dog park 200 meters. Ms Prince suggested, that as the Board had previously discussed generic signage for the Events Board when there was available space, there could be one advertising the dog park.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/005

That the Chair's Report be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

The Chair urged people to be aware of the 3-waters reform.

Cr Gill Duncan advised that nominations were open for the Youth Awards.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/006

That the 'Mayoral Update – March 2021' report be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Speed limit for motorists on Mataroa Road / State Highway 1

Ms Prince advised of Council's discussion and decision on the Speed Limit Bylaw. She advised that Council recommended to staff to work with Waka Kotahi and raise community speed limit change requests with them.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/007

That the report 'Speed limit for motorists on Mataroa Road / State Highway 1' be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/008

That the Taihape Community Board committee recommends to Council that the Council negotiate with Waka Kotahi / NZTA in order to return the speed limit on Mataroa Road / State Highway 1 to 50 kph.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Cairn at Mataroa Road

Mrs Ann Abernethy will discuss with Mokai Patea ways to enhance the Cairn.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/009

That the 'Cairn at Mataroa Road' verbal report be received.

.Mrs Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

11.2 Small Projects Grant Scheme update - April 2021

Ms Gail Larson suggested signage for Memorial Park "keep dogs off playing field"

Cr Angus Gordon is looking at spring loaded gates for the park to enable easy access to walking tracks but will also keep stock in. He will arrange a meeting with Murray Phillips, Manager - Parks and Reserves, to discuss this.

Resolved minute number 21/TCB/010

That the 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – April 2021' report be received.

Mrs Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

12 Late Items

Ann Abernethy/Gail Larsen. Carried

13 Future Items for the Agenda

Tamatea Waka Cairn - Chair

Notice board at New World - Chair

Housing Steering Group update – Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services

MOU with Mobil re using toilets for Gumboot Park – Sheryl Srhoj, Manager - Property

Update re rubbish collection trial in Taihape – Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning

14 Next Meeting

16 June 2021

15 Closed Meeting

The Meeting closed at 7:14pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 16 June 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON