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TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 16 June 2021

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Taihape Town Hall
90 Hautapu Street
Taihape

Chair: Mrs Ann Abernethy

Deputy Chair: Ms Michelle Fannin

Membership: Ms Emma Abernethy
Ms Gail Larsen
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Tracey Hiroa
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Taihape Community Board Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Taihape Town Hall, 90 Hautapu Street, Taihape on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 5.30 pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of 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, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 14 April 2021 [as amendment/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.



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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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Taihape Community Board meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

ITEM 7.1

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Taihape Community Board meetings that staff have followed up on. All items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

Attachments

1. **Follow-up Actions Register**

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Taihape Community Board meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
14-Apr-21	That the 'Update from MOU Partnering Organisations' report is to be re-instated in future Order Papers.	Ash Garstang	Noted, will include in future Order Papers.	Closed
14-Apr-21	That 'The Outback' is to be an item on the June 2021 Order Paper.	Ash Garstang	Noted, will include in the June Order Paper.	Closed
14-Apr-21	Staff to consider and advise the Board on options for signage including advertising the dog exercise area, dog walking at Memorial Park, and the requirements to be met for finger signs on the intersection of SH1 and the side streets i.e. non standard – e.g. bird themed signs that have been erected.	Gaylene Prince	Staff will assess possible signage options prior to the June meeting and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.	Closed
14-Apr-21	Ms Prince to liaise with Mr Pokiha regarding what information is helpful for him in discussions with Waka Kotahi, and email this detail to Board members.	Gaylene Prince	Ms Prince has spoken with Mr Pokiha and provided feedback to Board members.	Closed

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2021

Author: Ann Abernethy, Chair

The Board's bi-monthly workshop prior to the closure date for the LTP generated lively and productive discussion. Following each workshop I meet with Gaylene to clarify issues and I appreciate her guidance.

The cleanliness of our town is of concern for board and community members. Untidiness and the general state of the footpaths has been mentioned while disappointment was expressed at the state of the Town Clock and Cenotaph gardens for ANZAC day. Considering this is a day of remembrance and of paying respect it was not up to a satisfactory standard. Also TCB was disappointed it was not mentioned during the wreath laying ceremony.

The Community Board Comments which I have written monthly for Talk Up Taihape (TUT) has been reduced to bi-monthly. This is disappointing as it is an ideal avenue to communicate with the wider community and has been well received by all.

Also well received by locals and the travelling public is the Robin Street Dog park. It is rewarding to know that it is well used and appreciated.

I attended the Park Users meeting representing TCB and Taihape A&P Assoc. This was informative as to the "tweaks" that have been made to the plans of the new amenities build.

Recently I attended a meeting of the Women's Club to hear a presentation/workshop by Jaime as to the housing needs of Taihape. Lots of ideas were presented and those present made it quite clear that they wish to remain in our community. However the shortage of suitable building sites (flat and close to shops) limits opportunities. Most present felt our town needs to be "revitalised" -- the Board is working on this but so much is up to private, and often absentee owners.

The Community Board, The Development Trust (TCDT) and Keep Taihape Beautiful (KTB) met to discuss how we can work together and/or projects that complement each other. As a result KTB have offered to fund and manage a Dog Waste Bag Dispenser in the Dog Park. Supporting information clearly states health and environmental benefits of these. TCDT and KTB have also offered to fund a Notice Board at the Information Centre. As these provide a service to both residents and visitors I can see no reason why these projects should not go ahead.

I have written a letter of support for the proposal of Andrew Law who initiated the drive to have the Taihape Area School on the former Taihape College site in Rauma Road.

Nga Mahi, Ann Abernethy (Chair)

Recommendation

That the 'Chair's Report – June 2021' be received.

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - May 2021

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. The big news from the last Council meeting was that Council voted unanimously to look to establishing Maori Wards. This is an incredibly significant step forward for our District and strengthens the relationship that we already currently have with Iwi. So what does this mean? Council will need to undertake a Representation Review of the ward structure of Council and face decisions on the number of Councillors that should be at the table. Currently we have 11 Councillors and a Mayor. Maori Wards would give us 2 Maori Ward Councillors, most likely to be elected from the district at large for those on the Maori Roll. If we were to retain 11 Councillors in total then we would have to look at the current ward structure and possibly review the boundaries of the wards. So where does this leave Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) our engagement standing committee with the various Iwi? TRAK are formed by representation from 8 Iwi and Ratana and can nominate a standing vote on each of our standing committees, so they have a representation on Assets, Finance, Policy and Planning with full voting rights. They do not have a seat at full Council. My view is that this would remain unchanged. The process from hereon in, having voted to establish Maori Wards, is that Council will come up with a view as to what the ward structure will be and go out for consultation to the wider community before making a final decision. The final decision can be challenged and if there is a challenge the decision passes to the Electoral Commission to make the final ruling. The timeframe for this process is tight – we will need to go out for public consultation with our view in October or November.
2. We have a number of professional forums coming up, the first is the Annual Local Government Conference in Blenheim 14-17 July which will be attended by Councillors Dalgety, Duncan, Hiroa, myself and the Chief Executive. I suspect the conference will be dominated by discussion around the Three Waters and what the stance will be by Local Government in terms of handing over their assets to an aggregated company. These Local Government conferences are incredibly important and there will be a number of remits up for discussion. Remits are where, if passed, form the basis of Local Government's questioning of Central Government policy. It is important that Councillors attend these things in terms of their own professional development and being able to put the case of our District forward. The next event is that Cr Wilson, Belsham and myself will attend the Institute of Directors Courses in July. One of the learnings from the building of Te Matapihi was the need to look to upskill Council around how we manage significant programmes. The Institute of Directors is a worldwide recognised process to gain those skills and involves a week long intensive programme.
3. Spatial Plan – Council have recently welcomed back a past employee/planner, Katrina Gray, as Senior Strategic Planner. This is an incredibly timely appointment because we have decided to spend time looking at the spatial planning for our district and this will be a key part of Katrina's role. Spatial planning is essentially a helicopter view of what our various towns could look like in the future, considering where developments will occur, where our parks will be, where we see industrial growth, housing growth and what our infrastructure needs are to handle these issues.

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4. On 7 May I attended the Southern North Island Wood Council Awards night in Palmerston North. This is an industry function for those involved with forestry, harvesting, transport etc within the greater region. While there I was asked by several parties about where the bio-forestry and rail hub is at. “We have heard a lot of talk about it and we are excited about it but what more can you tell us?”. What I can say is that we are in the final processes of our District Plan changes, we have a number of very large companies looking to set up in conjunction with the new rail head, debarker and wood processing. Recently there was a Primary Industries function headed by Ray Smith the Chief Executive of MPI in Palmerston North. This was a chance for Ray to engage with the region around where he saw the possibilities for future growth. Essentially every second word he spoke was aimed at what we are doing. It was extremely positive from our District’s point of view.
5. Of concern to me is where our Community Committees are at. The Bulls Community Committee and Marton Community Committee have not met in recent time. The difficulty is they have been unable to elect new chair-people and have enough interest to form a quorum. Community Committees are the official way that Council engages with each town and it is very important that they continue to exist. Please if you are interested in being part of a Community Committee or want to know what they do or what it entails, contact me or one of the Councillors for your town and we can explain things further.
6. Recently our district has been nominated for several awards. At the NZ Architecture Awards for the Western Region held on 14 May, Te Matapihi Bulls Community Centre, won two awards – the 2021 Public Architecture Award and the 2021 Resene Colour Award, the judges noting that Te Matapihi signifies the beginning of a new civic centre for Bulls. Congratulations to the team involved in this project, the adulations are well deserved. Te Matapihi is also a finalist in the NZ Commercial Projects Award and at the time of writing this report we don’t know the result. The Marton Development Group, headed by Lucy Skou and Brenna O’Neill, have resulted in the new playground Te Ahuru Mowai being nominated for the Playground of the Year Award for the country. This event will be held in Rotorua on Thursday night which means I will hand over the Chairing of Council to Deputy Mayor Nigel Belsham so I can attend that function. I know that Lucy is presenting during the awards process as an example of incredible community effort. Over the school holiday period we had wall to wall people using the playground and the overwhelming response is that it is a sensational feature with many people travelling from out of the district especially to experience it.
7. I will finish with a couple of congratulations. The first is to the Doctors and medical staff in Bulls with the recent opening of the Bulls Medical Centre extension on 12 May. It is fantastic to see the commitment they are giving to Bulls. As Marton and Bulls continue to grow it is essential that medical services continue to expand to service the new communities. The second one is to Dan and Karen Cowper for their Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge event held in Turakina on 16 May. I was stunned at the number of people that attended, the quality of the event and the machinery on display – I can’t believe where those 4x4 vehicles can go – if Beth would let me I would buy one tomorrow. This now forms one of the significant events for our region.

Andy Watson

Mayor

Mayors Engagement

May 2021

1	Attended District Foundation Meeting in Tawa
5	Attended Powhiri for new Police Central District Commander Supt Scott Fraser at Te Rangimarie Marae Palmerston North Attended meeting in Bulls to discuss Chorus Fibre
6	Attended online LGNZ Spatial Planning Interactive Symposium
11	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
12	Attended LTP submission hearings at Taihape Town Hall Attended Bulls Medical Centre Opening Attended Pink Ribbon function at Te Matapihi
13	Attended LTP submission hearings at Council Chambers Marton Visited Graeme & Elspeth Hill for Diamond Wedding Anniversary
14	Attended Official Opening of Nga Tawa Running Track and Unveiling of Commemorative Brick Wall
16	Attended Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge at Turakina – officiated opening
17	Attended a Joint Workshop with TRAK and RDC Elected Members
18	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Session Teleconference
19	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Rail Hub Project Board Meeting #5
20	Attended CDEM Declaration Exercise Attended Taihape Memorial Park Users Meeting??
21	Attended NZ Commercial Project Awards Gala Dinner (Te Matapihi entrant)
24	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Marton Rail Hub Commercial Meeting
27	Attended Audit Risk Committee Meeting Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting

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28	To attend Setting of Speed Limits Rule – Waka Kotahi/MOT Consultation To attend Citizenship Ceremony at Te Matapihi (4 new district citizens)
31	To attend Governance and Strategy Advisory Group Meeting

Recommendation

That the 'Mayoral Update – May 2021' be received.

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Carry-forward of funds for the Small Projects Grant

Author: Ann Abernethy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 At previous meetings the Board had been advised that the amount of the Small Projects grant was \$5,379. At this time the Board was undertaking the completion of the Robin Street Dog Park and being unsure of final costs did not undertake other projects. At the April 14 Meeting the Board was advised of further funds but this left little time to action projects.

Recommendation

That the Taihape Community Board requests that the Council carry forward the unspent funds to the 2021/2022 year due to being mis-informed as to funds available.

10.2 Cleaning Contract**Author: Ann Abernethy, Chair****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Concern has been expressed as to the “drab and sad” appearance of Taihape’s main street. This is largely due to the general untidiness and state of our footpaths.

Recommendation 1

That the report ‘Cleaning Contract’ be received.

Recommendation 2

The Taihape Community Board requests that a report be given as to the contract specifications for the cleaning of footpaths.

Recommendation 3

The Taihape Community Board requests that in the absence of a staff member with responsibility in this area that another with adequate training be appointed on a temporary basis to oversee and manage our streets and gardens.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Small Projects Grant Scheme update - June 2021

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

1 Allocation

- 1.1 The regular yearly allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Taihape Community Board is \$5,379. The yearly allocation aligns with the financial year, from 01 July to 30 June.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow a carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee.
- 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 \$5,882.18 to the 2020/21 year, due to COVID-19 and the inability of the Board 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 Payments made from the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the financial year 2020/21 are:
 - Lock Box for both the AED box located at Taihape Swim Centre and the current AED box located at New World \$1,139.13 – *Paid 30 Jun 20*
 - Installation of the lock boxes \$198.00 – *Paid 19 Oct 20*
 - Fence posts for dog park \$54.34 – *Paid 21 Sep 20*
 - B4 u dig ground survey for Dog Park Fence \$139.00 – *Paid 08 Oct 20*
 - Bill Nelson work completed \$1,985.86 – *Paid 04 Nov 20*
 - Strainers and fence posts for Dog Fence \$1,110.44 – *Paid 19 Oct 20*
 - Repair to AED cabinets outside Taihape Swim Centre \$65.00 – *Paid 11 Dec 20*
 - Dog Park Directional Sign \$140.00 – *Paid 23 Dec 20*
- 2.2 Credits made back into the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the financial year 2020/21 are:
 - St John, credit note for Taihape for AED units \$780.80 – *Received 30 Nov 20*
 - 3 Dog on Leash signs, credit for \$270 – *Received 16 Mar 21*

3 Remaining Budget

- 3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2020/21 financial year of **\$7,480.21**.

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Recommendation

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

11.2 Update from MOU Partnering Organisations

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Verbal updates are to be provided from MOU partnering organisations.

Recommendation

That the verbal updates from 'MOU partnering organisations' to the 11 February 2021 Taihape Community Board be received.

11.3 Update on the Outback

Author: Ann Abernethy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Little progress has been made here as the Board awaits further contact from Council staff. Suggestions have been made to Mokai Patea as to incorporating Maori culture into the upgrade by suitable plantings and art work. The suggestions were well received but have yet to be finalised and approved by Council. Parking facilities need further investigation.

Recommendation

That the report 'Update on the Outback' be received.

11.4 Update on Tamatea Pokai Whenua Cairn**Author: Ann Abernethy, Chair****ITEM 11.4****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 A draft Story Board explaining the cultural significance of the Cairn has been given to Mokai Patea Services with a request that iwi add further information and verify accuracy. As soon as this has been done the Story Board will be completed and placed at the site. A sign will indicate the position of this historical site and the planting of appropriate plants will complete the upgrade.

Recommendation

That the report 'Update on Tamatea Pokai Whenua Cairn' be received.

12 Late Items

13 Future Items for the Agenda

14 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 06 October 2021 at 5.30 pm.

15 Meeting Closed