

# MINUTES

## TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 February 2022

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Present** Ms Michelle Fannin  
Ms Gail Larsen  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Tracey Hiroa [*via Zoom*]  
HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance** Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Ms Kezia Spence, Executive Assistant [*via Zoom*]  
Ms Pania Winiata, Taihape Community Development Trust

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## 1 Welcome

Ms Fannin welcomed all to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/001**

Apologies were received from Mrs Ann Abernethy and Mrs Emma Abernethy.

Cr A Gordon/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflict of interest declarations.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the Order of Business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/002**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting minutes held on 15 December 2021, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Amendment:

Ms Larsen noted that she had submitted an apology to the meeting.

Ms M Fannin/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report - February 2022

The Chair's report noted that *"While 2022 is a new year it remains one of uncertainty and concern. Under the circumstances it is easy for negativity to creep in but let us all "play by the rules" and support each other to remain positive."*

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/003**

That the Chair's Report – February 2022 be received.

Ms M Fannin/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/004**

That the Taihape Community Board recorded a vote of confidence in Council's Chief Executive and staff.

Ms M Fannin/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - January 2022

His Worship the Mayor advised the Board:

- Covid-19 may have a large influence on the 2022/23 annual plan; there would likely be funding carried forward due to unavailability of staff and contractors through illness; and the cost of doing capital work could increase by up to 35%.
- Taihape Town Hall strengthening investigations are continuing and a report to Council is expected for the March meeting (and therefore an update to the Board in April).
- Work is programmed to start on the Taihape amenities building in the near future.
- Speed limits – Waka Kotahi has been considering speed limits around the country. They are recommending that the speed limit from Bulls to Whanganui be reduced. Council has written to Waka Kotahi agreeing that speed limits be considered for safety, but not carte blanche.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/005**

That the Mayoral Update – January 2022 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms M Fannin. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Risk Prioritisation for Climate Action

Ms Spence spoke to her report, asking board members to identify what climate issues were currently being faced or might be a significant issue in the future, and what impacts climate change will have on the community.

Ms Spence also advised the Board that Horizons had recently done a risk assessment.

Undertaking: Ms Spence to provide Board members with a copy of the risk assessment prepared by Horizons Regional Council.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/006**

That the report 'Risk Prioritisation for Climate Action' be received.

Ms M Fannin/Ms G Larsen. Carried

### 9.2 Welcoming Communities Update for Community Committees & Boards - January 2022

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/007**

That the report 'Welcoming Communities Update for Community Committees & Boards - January 2022' be received.

Ms M Fannin/Ms G Larsen. Carried

### 9.3 Update from MOU Partnering Organisations

Ms Winiata advised the Board:

- Combined Gumboot Day and A&P Show was cancelled due to Covid-19.
- CCTV cameras – the programme to update the cameras was well underway, and the supply and installation of the cameras had been supplied at an extremely generous price. Hunterville and Bulls were almost complete, while work would commence in Taihape at the end of February. Funding would be sought to update the Marton system.
- The Taihape Town Map has been completed and is now with Council's graphic designer.
- A Business Phone Tree list has been created, to enable businesses to contact each other with important information.
- Community newsletter is continuing to be printed.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/008**

That the verbal updates from 'MOU partnering organisations' be received.

Ms M Fannin/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**9.4 Funding Schemes Update - February 2022**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/009**

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2022 be received.

Ms M Fannin/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2022**

Mrs Ann Abernethy to confirm that all invoices have been submitted.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/010**

That the 'Small Projects Fund Update – February 2022' report be received.

Ms M Fannin/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**10 TCB Other Projects**

**10.1 Closure of the Taihape Town Hall**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/011**

That the report 'Closure of the Taihape Town Hall' be received.

Ms M Fannin/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Recommendation**

That Council urgently prioritise reinstating our Town Hall facility.

Left to lie.

**10.2 Cleaning Contract / Rubbish Collection**

Cr Gordon advised that he had lodged an Request for Service about the state of the channels in Taihape. Waka Kotahi have requested that the contractor working on the state highway come back to clean out the channels.

Members also discussed the litter issue in general, both around the township and at Memorial Park, and felt that the public needed to take some responsibility to dispose of litter responsibly.

It was agreed that a promotion be held during Parks Week (5-13 March) to encourage the collection of litter from Memorial and Papakai Parks, and around town. This could include a litter collection day and BBQ on Sat 5 March.

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/012**

That the report 'Cleaning Contract / Rubbish Collection' be received.

Ms M Fannin/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/TCB/013**

That the Taihape Community Board work with other local groups to run a promotion about responsible disposal of litter during Parks Week, and seeks the assistance of Council staff to design a poster.

Ms M Fannin/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 20 April 2022.**

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**Chairperson**