

# MINUTES

## TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 December 2023

**Time:** 5.30pm-7pm

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

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Present	Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur Ms Emma Abernethy Ms Gail Larsen Mr Les Clarke Cr Gill Duncan Cr Jeff Wong
In attendance	Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager Community Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Manager Community Partner Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/066**

Apologies received from HWTM Andy Watson.

Ms G Larsen/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Mrs Alison Dorrian spoke in regards to the Mangaweka Scenic Reserve walking tracks which had fallen into disrepair since the local Department of Conservation office had closed in the 1980s. Mrs Dorrian was keen for some maintenance work to be done on them. An agreement would be entered into between DOC and Mangaweka Heritage to allow the community to carry out maintenance work.

Mrs Dorrian was seeking some financial assistance from the Taihape Community Board to go towards hiring a digger to undertake some urgent repairs over the summer months.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Mr L Clarke declared a conflict of interest with Item 11.2 of the Agenda, being a Trustee of the Taihape Community Development Trust.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair agreed to a request from Cr Duncan to take Item 10.1 Verbal Update- Gaylene Prince prior to Item 6-Confirmation of Minutes.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/067**

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 11 October 2023 **without amendment** 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.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

## **7 Follow up Actions**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/068**

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

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - December 2023**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/069**

That the Chair's Report – December 2023 be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## **9 Reports for Decision**

### **9.1 Mayor's Report - November 2023**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/070**

That the Mayor's Report – 30 November 2023 be received.

Ms G Larsen/Cr J F Wong. Carried

### **9.2 Letter- Taihape Rotary**

Undertaking:

Staff to advise Taihape Rotary that Council currently provide an annual grant to Taihape Mobil to allow their toilets to be available for public use, attaching a copy of a letter sent to Rotary in 2020.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/071**

That the 'Letter- Taihape Rotary' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

## **10 Reports for Information**

### **10.1 Verbal Update- Gaylene Prince**

Ms Prince provided a verbal update on the following items:

#### **Roading**

Ms G Prince advised that following the Chairs presentation to Council, the items raised have been re-directed to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and to Waka Kotahi as appropriate.

#### **Taihape Grandstand**

Council had a total budget of \$1 million towards the strengthening of the Grandstand. Council would fund maintenance work on the grandstand. Any further work beyond this would need to be fundraised.

#### **Taihape Town Hall**

Ms Prince advised that at its November meeting, Council considered scope for the Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment. HWTM has raised a valid Notice of Motion to revoke the resolutions made at this meeting i.e to remove the first floor and to demolish and to rebuild the façade. This will be considered by Council tomorrow.

Ms Prince drew the Boards attention to the Taihape Town Hall and Library Development – Finalising Scope report being presented to Council tomorrow, which included the detailed scope. Ms Prince also advised of the membership of the Town Hall User Group and what functions they represented.

#### **Taihape Area School**

Ms Prince advised that there was nothing to report on the Taihape Area Schools intention to decant.

#### **State of Grounds by Nga Awa**

Ms Larsen stated that the grounds around Nga Awa are very untidy, although the former Croquet Club had been mowed.

#### **Undertaking:**

Staff to follow up on the gravel that has been stock piled and the effect this is having on maintenance to the Kowhai garden.

Staff also to advise if rubbish bins will be installed in this vicinity.

#### **Resolved minute number 23/TCB/072**

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Ms G Larsen/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

### **10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2023**

Mrs Srhoj advised that the Councils roading staff were arranging for slower speed signage to be installed on Loder Drive, Taihape.

Mr Kipling-Arthur has designed an application form which would be available for public use when applying for funds from the Small Projects Fund.

After some discussion the Board were all in favour of supporting Alison Dorrian with the maintenance work on the Mangaweka Reserve walking track

The Board were keen to provide funding to Aakiya Tihore, a student from the Taihape Area School who had been selected to travel to Rarotonga with the Future Leaders Academy in 2024 on the proviso that she provide a presentation to the Taihape Community Board.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/073**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – December 2023' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/074**

That funds are no longer required from the Small Projects Fund for the placement of concrete pads as this had been funded from another General Ledger account.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/075**

That the Taihape Community Board provide funding from the Small Project Fund of up to \$1500.00 to V-Ray Light and Sound for the Taihape Christmas Parade entertainment services.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/076**

That the Taihape Community Board provided funding of \$500 from the Small Projects Fund to Taihape Dance Academy to assist with their end of year event.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/077**

That the Taihape Community Board approve payment of \$1000.00 from the Small Projects Fund to Mangaweka Heritage Incorporated to assist with digger hire costs for maintenance work on the Mangaweka Reserve walking tracks.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/078**

That the Taihape Community Board approve payment of \$1000.00 from the Small Projects Fund to assist Aakiya Tihore to attend the Future Leaders Academy in Rarotonga and that following her return she provide a presentation to the Taihape Community Board.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/079**

That the Taihape Community Board accept the additional costs from Bill Nelson to paint the outback photo board.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

### **10.3 RDC Engagement and Consultations**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/080**

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

### **10.4 Funding Schemes Update - December 2023**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/081**

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2023 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

## **11 Discussion Items**

### **11.1 Maintenance on the Northern and Southern Taihape Event Notice Boards**

Ms Larsen and Mr Kipling-Arthur are to discuss this and present their ideas to the next TCB meeting

### **11.2 Dates for the Taihape Community Board**

The first meeting of 2024 will be held February - date to be confirmed.

### **11.3 Update from MOU Partnering Organisations**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/TCB/082**

That the tabled report from the Taihape Community development Trust be received

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 14 February 2024.

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Chairperson