

MINUTES

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 April 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
Ms Gail Larsen
Cr Jeff Wong
Mr Les Clarke

In attendance Ms Gaylene Prince Northern Area And Property Manager
Ms Johanna Verhoek Manager Planning
Mr Jared Calkin Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Dawn Hesketh Administration

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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/TCB/011**

That the apologies be received from Cr Duncan, Ms Abernethy and HWTM Andy Watson.

Ms G Larsen/Cr J Wong. Carried

3 Public Forum

Ms Renee Bellamy spoke on behalf of Taihape junior netball. There is concern from coaches and parents regarding the safety of children alone at Nga Awa waiting for practice to start. They would like the parking area to have restricted use during this time, suggesting signage for parking in the metal area.

Ms G Larsen said the whole idea of the parking area was for campers and others to access Nga Awa.

Mr L Clarke Suggested a safe place be organised for children to be dropped off.

Ms G Prince suggested gates near Old boy's and netball courts in Kokako street be used for children to enter courts and wait for coaches in the court area.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur asked Ms Bellamy to write a letter which could then be presented to council by himself and Cr Wong.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved minute number **25/TCB/012**

That item 11.3 Traffic issues are deferred for a later date

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/TCB/013**

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 12 February 2025 **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 L Clarke/Ms G Larsen. 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 25/TCB/014

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/015

That the Chair's Report – April 2025 be received.

Cr J Wong/Mr L Clarke. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Huriwaka Windfarm Update

Ms Johanna Verhoek Manager Planning provide a verbal update to the meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/016

That the 'Huriwaka Windfarm Update' report is received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

Ms G Prince provided a verbal update to the meeting

Taihape Town Hall & Community Hub Redevelopment works:

- Staff presented two design proposals for Council consideration at the March meeting.
- Option 1 - Seismic Strengthening and retain the existing town hall
- Option 2 - Seismic Strengthening and retain the front Two Storey Structure but demolish and re-build the Hall and Stage area including the supper room and toilets. This option was chosen by Council.
- Option 2 would offer a much longer life span, have reduced operational/maintenance costs, and a new building would also have more effective heating solutions compared to the old hall that included a fly tower.
- As next steps, staff have organized a meeting with the User Group on Thursday, 10 April 2025 to provide a quick brief on the planned redevelopment works and take feedback from the User Group before proceeding with further design.

Taihape Gumboot

- Replacement garden plants have been ordered. The replanting will occur once we have more favourable ground conditions and will be carried out by the Parks team with participation from Keep Taihape Beautiful (KTB), and Gordon Collier.
- KTB will cover costs for the supply and installation of a new bench seat. This will be installed within one of the nearby gardens.
- Pavers will be laid from the footpath to the gumboot in the next 4-6 weeks.

Taihape Street Litter Bins – Litter bins throughout the main Street have been re-stained.

Clock Tower Raised Garden Beds – The flaking blue paint has been water blasted and is scheduled for repainting during the week of 7-11th April (weather permitting).

Taihape Cenotaph – This has been water blasted and cleaned. The white steps will be repainted prior to Anzac Day.

Outback Picnic Tables – 4 x timber picnic tables are scheduled for repainting over the next few weeks.

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- The sign in front of the gumboot will be repainted.
- Community Engagement is being undertaken with TAS new entrant classes. This includes fortnightly visits up to the Library and Lobby and they will venture out to explore our community. The tamariki are learning some independence skills; accessing library cards and engaging with our community engagement officers in the library.
- Have supported a Fluro Golf Day at Rangatira Golf Course run by GolfNZ had over 65 rangatahi attend from approximately nine different schools. Staff will be supporting some more events/training within some of the rural schools and some leadership programs at the Taihape Golf Course.
- Kiwi Harvest – This programme has been supporting The Lobby with supplying sandwiches, toasties and wraps the day or two before needing to be disposed. This initiative has been introduced to prevent high food wastage. We are currently collecting the food from our local BP Connect. Any excess food that doesn't get used in The Lobby has been shared through some local community groups such as Older and Bolder.

Mr P Kipling- Arthur asked if the timber from the Townhall demolition was going to be recycled.

Mr L Clarke said there is tar from road works near the cemetery that has been left in the drains. He is concerned this may cause road flooding with rain

Mr P Kipling-Arthur will ring Waka Kotahi concerning this

Mr Jared Calkin Economic Wellbeing Lead spoke the importance of a town map which he hopes will be available in the next few months.

Ms G Larsen said the hedge around empty Tui street property is very over grown. Ms G Prince to contact Parks and Reserved to have this trimmed.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/017

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2025

Mr P Kipling-Arthur is to contact Murray Philips regarding concrete pad for table at the Quick Stop

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/018

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – February 2025' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.3 Mayor's Report - 27 March 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/019

That the Mayor's Report – 27 March 2025 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

10.4 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust

There was no update received.

10.5 Inward Correspondence

Ms Kathy Clarke carols by candle light accountability report

Cr J Wong Horizons passenger transport committee

Ms G Larsen has reported that more people are using the Horizon bus service and she is looking at requesting a larger bus.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/020

That the inward correspondence be received.

Cr J Wong/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.6 Consultation Tracker - March

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/021

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - March' be received.

Cr J Wong/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

10.7 Funding Schemes Update - March 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/022

That the Funding Schemes Update – March 2025 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

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11.1 Workshops for 2025

The committee will plan the country visits in the May workshop.

11.2 Traffic Issues

The footpath outside Brown Sugar café is scheduled to be repaired

The signage boards at both ends of town. The southern one has not been updated.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur to put an article in TUT to make public aware of the availability of these for advertising.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 11 June 2025.

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Chairperson