

MINUTES

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 June 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present Ms Gail Larsen
Ms Emma Abernethy
Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Gill Duncan

In attendance Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager (left at 6.14pm)
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/TCB/023**

That the apologies were received from Mr Clarke and HWTM Andy Watson.

Ms G Larsen/Cr J Wong. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/TCB/024**

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 9 April 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 P Kipling-Arthur/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/025**

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2025

The Chair spoke to his report. He provided further information relating to the role of the Taihape Networking Group.

The Chair acknowledged receipt of the inwards correspondence items. A brief discussion on each item then followed.

- **Taihape Street cleaning schedules**

Council staff had provided the current schedule for the cleaning of the Taihape kerb and channels. As of 1st July 2025 Street cleaning will fall within the new Roading contract. It was advised that any issues with blocked kerb and channel drains/moss build up etc be logged as a Request For Service.

- **Rauma Road traffic concerns**

The letter from the Principal of St Josephs Primary School regarding Rauma Road/SH1 traffic safety concerns was discussed. It was agreed that Cr Wong and the Chair draft a letter to Council requesting that they approach Waka Kotahi to reconsider the speed limit from the south entrance of Taihape to Winiata Marae and that other traffic improvements be considered.

Taihape Triangle replacement tree (to be discussed under Item 9 of the Agenda)

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/026

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/027

RDC to also be approached re delegation of responsibility for signage and funding of the same for the two Events Boards. This is to enable more efficient use of events boards and to improve the presentation to the town.

Cr G Duncan/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

The Northern Area and Property Manager provided a verbal update to the meeting. The following activities were noted.

Taihape Parks & Reserves projects

- **Memorial Park** – All grass areas except throughout the playground have been sprayed to control broadleaf weeds. Safety mulch topped up throughout the playground
- **Taihape Cemetery** – All grass areas sprayed to control broadleaf weeds
- **Hautapu St CBD** – Street litter bins re-stained
- **Outback** - Picnic tables repainted from brown to dark green
- **Clock Tower raised garden beds** – bases repainted Taihape blue/bench seats re-stained
- **Cenotaph** – the structure was water blasted with anti-moss/lichen chemical applied, and the steps were repainted prior to Anzac Day
- **Papakai Park Bank Flax Planting** – All plants have been ‘chemical released’ (sprayed around to ensure they are not smothered by surrounding weeds)
- **Gumboot Refurbishment** -Power pod moved from beside the gumboot to a nearby garden. Replacement garden plants ordered and ready for collection. Light cages have been straightened/strengthened and reestablished. Contractor has pavers on site at his depot and has applied 2 x coats of anti-slip sealer

Town Centre Projects

The Property team is working with Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead to build a shelter at The Outback funded from the Taihape Town Centre Projects budget.

Also, as part of the project, Council’s Maintenance & Renovation Technician, Danny Paddock, is working with TAS students, providing them practical experience in building. Last week they commenced building the shelter and tomorrow (12 June) they are planning to place the concrete

Youth Development

The Northern Area and Property Manager acknowledged the great work that Kayla, Council’s Taihape Tamariki Rangatahi Engagement Officer had done in the youth space, particularly in gaining a Ministry of Youth Development Grant and exceeding their KPIs.

Taihape Grandstand:

We are still waiting to understand what the next steps look like, since the last meeting with Memorial Park User Group and Taihape Heritage Grandstand Sub-Committee was cancelled due to Taihape Rugby representatives been unable to attend.

Taihape Town Hall & Library:

The preliminary designs including optional items were presented to the Taihape Town Hall user group on 3rd June. There were a few queries raised during the meeting, which the Project Manager is waiting for Maycroft to provide comment on. The Project Manager will compile the response from Maycroft and send an updated design to the User group.

Replacement tree in Taihape Triangle

The Parks & Reserves Manager has purchased a Cherry tree to replace the damaged one in the Taihape Triangle

There was further discussion on the Taihape grandstand and in particular funding options to upgrade underneath. Board members were concerned that the theft incident had not been communicated to them.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/028

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9.2 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust

No updates were provided. The Chair to follow up with a TCDT representative as he was concerned about the lack of communication.

9.3 Small Projects Fund Update - June 2025**Resolved minute number 25/TCB/029**

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

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/030

That the Taihape Community Board agree that \$2,400.00 be set aside from the Small Project Fund to fund applications for any Northern and Southern Taihape Events Board signage for volunteer groups. This amount equates to a total of approximately eight boards which is based on the cost of a previous application from the Anglican Church.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/031

That the Taihape Community Board agree that \$2,400.00 be set aside from the Small Project Fund to assist the Taihape Museum or other interested parties with funding for local historic story boards

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/032

That the Taihape Community Board request Council carry-forward \$930 for the 2025-26 financial year.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

9.4 Consultation Tracker - May

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/033

That the report 'Consultation Tracker – May' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

9.5 Funding Schemes Update - June 2025

The report was taken as read

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/034

That the Funding Schemes Update – June 2025 be received.

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Workshops for 2025

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/035

That Mr Clarke arrange for a workshop in July to be held at Taoroa and that Ms Abernethy arrange for one to be held at Ōhingaiti in September.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

There was a brief discussion on the issue of stray cats within the Taihape CBD. Ms Larsen suggested that Horizons needed to be contacted as the number of cats was getting out of control.

The meeting closed at 6.52pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 13 August 2025.

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Chairperson