

MINUTES

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 13 August 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
- Ms Emma Abernethy
- Ms Gail Larsen
- Mr Les Clarke
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Jeff Wong
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting, including those presenting at Public Forum and 2025 Election Candidates.

2 Apologies

No apologies received.

3 Public Forum

- Mr Michael Andrews spoke on behalf of the “One Step Toward The Future” project in regard to his funding application. The project, which was created in May 2023 offered those challenged by employment, an opportunity to learn skills to prepare them for employment. There were currently a number of roles within the Hautapu River Parks project that worked under the guidance of Friends of Taihape. One of the tasks was pest control which included operating a line of DOC 200 traps for rats and stoats. However as feral cats were now prevalent in the reserve, there was a need for more specific traps. Mr Andrews was seeking the Board’s help with funding which would enable him to purchase two such traps.
- Mrs Jan Byford spoke on behalf of Keep Taihape Beautiful in regard to their funding application to assist with the restoration and relocation of one of the former Croquet Club shelters to the Taihape Dog Park on Robin Street. The relocation would ensure that an iconic piece of Taihape history be retained, along with providing a place for the public to sit and relax while using the dog park. Mrs Byford noted that plaques acknowledging those who had contributed to the project would be installed on the shelter.

As a Trustee of the Taihape Community Development Trust, Mr Les Clarke declared a Conflict of Interest in regard to Item 3 – Public Forum on which he spoke regarding the funding request for additional security cameras in Taihape.

- Mr Les Clarke spoke on behalf of the Taihape Community Development Trust regarding their funding request to support the installation of four additional CCTV security cameras within the Taihape township. A letter of support for this request was tabled from Taihape’s Police Sergeant.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

As above, Mr Les Clarke declared a Conflict of Interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/036

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 11 June 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 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 25/TCB/037

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2025

The report was taken as read.

The Chair acknowledged all candidates that had been nominated for the Taihape Community Board.

The Board agreed that the rural workshops be deferred to the new triennium.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/038

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/039

That the rural workshops be rescheduled to take place in the new triennium.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - July 2025

The Mayor took his report as read.

He gave a brief overview of the recent Taihape West Slip Zone public meeting held in Taihape and acknowledged Cr Wong for arranging it.

Other items discussed included the Gentle Annie roading issues. Temporary repairs had been undertaken following damage done by large trucks. It was anticipated that a more permanent fix would cost approximately \$3 million. HWTM noted that the agreement with NZTA would finish in December, and it was possible that this may not be renewed.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/040

That the Mayor's Report – July 2025 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9.2 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

The Chair left the meeting. Ms Abernethy took the Chair

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

- **Taihape Grandstand**
Council have reached out to Copeland Associated for an offer of service of the design services. It is hoped that this will be with Council in the next few weeks.
- **Taihape Town Hall**
The Project Manager met with Maycroft last week to sign off on the preliminary design proposal based on Council decision on 31 July 2025. Maycroft should then proceed to amend the drawings accordingly, before the construction costs can be peer reviewed by our QS.

The Chair returned at 6.35pm

- **Taihape Shelter**
The shelter is now 80% complete with just the roofing iron to be installed and seating to be completed by Taihape Area School students. Unfortunately, weather and time restraints for Council's Maintenance and Renovation Technician has been a barrier.
- **Disc Golf**
Parks & Reserves staff have walked the proposed locations for each of the disc baskets. They will be meeting with the owner of Disc Golf to discuss options with the temporary baskets.
- **Taihape Town Map.**
Council's Economic Lead has advised that the map is almost ready for printing.
- **Taihape Gumboot**
Unfortunately, two of the new pavers have been broken by vehicles driving onto the grass berm/paved area leading to the gumboot sculpture. The Parks Team are considering

installing a number of river boulders in this vicinity to restrict vehicular access. They intend to consult with Keep Taihape Beautiful prior to finalising any decisions.

Taihape Playground Group

Council staff are currently considering the initial playground concept proposal that has been presented to them.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/041

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

9.3 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust

The Chair tabled the report for consideration. After general discussion, it was left on the table. The Chair was to find out more detail regarding the reporting requirements between the Board and the Taihape Community Development Trust.

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2025

The Board discussed Mr Andrews funding request. It was agreed that the Board fund four specific cat traps for use in Taihape native reserves.

Following a brief discussion on the funding request from Mrs Byford, the Board agreed to defer any decision until staff had contacted LINZ to confirm whether they were agreeable to the shelter being installed on the dog park. There was also the suggestion that it may be more cost effective to build a new shelter rather than relocating one from the old croquet club.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/042

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/043

That the Taihape Community Board approve funding of \$132.06 to Michael Andrews for the purchase of four cat traps and that this be funded from the Small Projects Fund.

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/044

That the Taihape Community Board approve funding of \$1000.00 to the Taihape Community Development Trust for the installation of four CCTV security cameras within the Taihape township and that this be funded from the Small Projects Fund.

Ms G Larsen/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/045

That staff identify costs and requirements for the proposed relocation of the Taihape shelter and this information be provided to the Taihape Community Board.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9.5 Funding Schemes Update - August 2025

Cr Duncan noted that there was an opportunity for anyone interested, to take on the role as Assessor for the Creative Communities Scheme.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/046

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2025 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9.6 Inward Correspondence

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/047

That the Inward Correspondence be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Town Lighting

The Chair advised that he had not received any RFS feedback from the three street lighting issues that he had logged earlier this year.

The Mayor asked The Chair to provide him with the RFS number and advised he would then follow up with the Chief Executive.

10.2 Restoration of bins at the gumboot

The Board asked that the Parks & Reserves Team consider reinstating the rubbish bin by the Taihape Gumboot sculpture.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 8 October 2025.

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Chairperson