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DISTRICT COUNCIL
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TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 8 October 2025

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

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

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

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7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

Relocation of Taihape shelter

The Northern Area and Property Manager advised that due to Treaty settlement processes, Land Information New Zealand had declined the request for the former croquet shelter at Memorial Park to be relocated to the dog park in Robin Street.

Taihape Events Boards

Staff confirmed that Council managed the Northern and Southern Taihape Events Boards. The Taihape Community Board had delegation for spending of income on maintenance of the events boards structures and/or to provide generic signage that could be put up when no other signs are in place.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/049

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Mayor's Report - September 2025

The Chair noted that marae signage had been installed on SH1 south of Taihape.

Cr Wong noted that there had also been a request for a turning bay by Otara Road in Ōhingaiti.

From a police perspective, Mr Clarke was keen to have input into this proposal. Cr Wong suggested that he contact Council's Roding Manager.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/050

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

8.2 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:

Street lighting

Recently there have been some ongoing streetlight outages though the Taihape town centre. These larger outages relate to circuit issues where repair is normally not Council's responsibility. Council are drawn in sometimes and its' contractor has assisted Powerco to get lights back on in some cases. It can appear that nothing is happening when people see the lights out for long periods, but in the background Council try to get action via our energy retailer. As Council doesn't get feedback from them when faults are dealt with by Powerco we are often unaware that lights may still be out. It's important that the public continue to log service requests when they see lights out as this alerts us to ongoing issues.

Roading

The majority of pavement and surfacing renewals are happening in the north of the district this financial year. These include:

- major pavement work programmed at 4 sites on Spooners Hill Rd and Taihape Napier Rd 2.
- repairs on the Taihape Napier Rd mainly in preparation work for resealing work
- 34.5 Km of resurfacing, 20km on Taihape Napier Rd, 8km on other northern rural roads and 6.5 km within Taihape.
- preseal repairs in preparation for resurfacing (mostly on Taihape Napier Rd)
- The chip piles in the carpark behind the bowling club will be used for some of this work.

Targa Rally will be undertaking a stage of the Rally from Taihape to Napier via the Gentle Annie. This stage is on Saturday the 18th and a road closure has been approved for this.

Parks

- Memorial Park has been sprayed to control Porina moth caterpillar and grass grub. Affected sports clubs and the local school were notified of the spray program.
- A large river boulder has been placed within the street garden outside McDonalds to stop trucks driving over the garden.
- A number of river boulders have been placed parallel to the Gumboot Sculpture footpath to minimise damage to the new pathway. A number of damaged pavers will be replaced shortly.
- Gardens/vegetation surrounding the Taihape toilets has been removed and replanted. The area of asphalt near the rail track will be extended along with additional yellow 'No Parking' lines . 1 x litter bin will also be reestablished at the site.
- Mt Stewart Reserve Lookout has been closed as a precautionary measure while a structural report is prepared.
- Hautapu Street Gardens will be re-mulched in coming weeks. Garden beds outside kerb & channel sumps will not be mulched to minimise garden mulch washing off beds and blocking sumps during heavy rain events.

Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment:

The Concept plans were signed off and Maycroft are working through the preliminary design. Staff are working closely with Steve Cross on IT/AV requirements.

Ms Larsen noted that the gardens outside the Tui Street toilets looked great along with the new shelter in the Outback which was being well used.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/051

That the Verbal Update - Northern Area and Property Manager be received.

Mr L Clarke/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8.3 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust

No updates were provided.

8.4 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2025

The Board agreed that consideration of the following projects be deferred to the new triennium.

- Taihape town clock bells
- Remembrance Ode

The Board discussed a Small Project Funding request from Taihape Community Development Trust They were seeking funds of \$800 for Taihape Market Day signage which would be installed at the northern and southern events boards. It was suggested that the Taihape Community Development Trust apply to external funders in the first instance. The Board were happy to cover any shortfall if required.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/052

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/053

That further investigations into the town clock bells be deferred to the new triennium.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/054

That further investigation into the Remembrance Ode be deferred to the new triennium.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/055

That Taihape Community Development Trust apply to external funders in the first instance, with opportunity to come back to Taihape Community Board for any shortfall.

Cr G Duncan/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/056

That's the Taihape Community Board approve payment of \$750 to Gary Johnson for the repair of the two picnic tables and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Undertaking

The Northern Area and Property Manager to follow up with the Parks & Reserves Manager regarding suspected damaged done to the picnic table by the Mt Stewart lookout tower.

8.5 Inward Correspondence

It was agreed that Crs Duncan and Wong meet to discuss Taihape Art Clubs gumboot decorating initiative.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/057

That the inward correspondence be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8.6 Funding Schemes Update - October 2025

Cr Duncan was keen for the various funding schemes to be more widely promoted. She suggested that the Sport NZ Rural Travel fund be included in the Talk Up Taihape Newsletter and Taihape Memorial Park User Groups agenda.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/058

That the Funding Schemes Update – October 2025 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9 Discussion Items

9.1 Restoration of bins at the gumboot

Board members voiced their concerns over the removal of the rubbish bins by the Tui Street toilet and the Gumboot sculpture.

Resolved minute number 25/TCB/059

That the bins be reinstated at the Tui Street toilets and Gumboot park.

Ms G Larsen/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9.2 Town Lighting

Board members were satisfied that the Taihape street lighting issues had been resolved.

The meeting closed at 6.36pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed by the Chair



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Chairperson