

MINUTES

TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 15 April 2026

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Cr Jeff Wong
- Ms De-Anna Green
- Ms Melanie Pera
- Ms Gill Duncan
- Mr Peter Kipling Arthur (Zoom)

In attendance

- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Manager – Community Property
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Karakia

Mrs Duncan opened the meeting with a Karakia at 5.30pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/010

That the apologies be received from Jordan Winata-Haines, Cr Baird and HWTM A Watson

Mrs G Duncan/Ms D Green. 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 were no further changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/011

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 11 February 2026 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.

Ms M Pera/Ms D Green. Carried

7 Follow up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

Item 1 - AED New World

The Taihape Community Board will ask New World to purchase a new AED.

The Board will hold off further decisions and find out where all AED devices are and wait until the workshop. St John advice be that the AED could be moved from Taihape swim centre to Nga Awa due to the close proximity of the AED in town that is owned by Council.

Item 2 - Flag Tracks Thanks to Roothing for this edition to Taihape.

Staff to confirm flags are available to be put up from council.

Item 3 – Marae Visits

Ms Pera gave an update on this item. The community board is supportive of the initiative and further information will to come to a Taihape Community Board workshop.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/012

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

Ms M Pera/Ms D Green. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2026

The report was taken as read.

Mrs Duncan highlighted the Winata Marae during the storm event and the work that had been undertaken.

Mrs Duncan gave thanks for the AED work from Ms Srhoj and Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur.

Cr Wong updated the board that the Taihape Hospital work is not progressing at the rate that was expected, however, work continues.

Mrs Duncan highlighted the LGNZ online webinar conference she attended and the Taihape gumboot day.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/013

That the Chair's Report – April 2026 be received.

Mrs G Duncan/Ms D Green. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Discussion of recent storm event from the Taihape perspective

Most shops were closed and the main street was blocked by trucks. The communication when the phones went down was a concern. Thankful that the council library and offices were open and the marae was providing food and shelter for whanau and then extended that to stranded public.

Ms Green highlighted the role of Mokai Patea services during the event.

The board noted that the intercity buses travelled and then were stuck in Taihape which was disappointing, however, noted the role of Winata Marae opening was positive.

The board requested that all Civil Defence Taihape equipment should be based in Taihape not in Marton. At the most recent event this was brought to Taihape, including the Civil Defence trailer. Housing the trailer is the most pressing issue.

The Taihape Community Board will have a workshop to discuss this before the next meeting with Mr Chaffe.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/014

That the report Discussion of recent storm event from the Taihape perspective be received.

Mrs G Duncan/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.2 Verbal Update - Northern Area and Property Manager

Roading

Weather permitting for Taihape all road resealing and chip outside Kokako Pavillion will be removed. The board asked if there had been any loose seal on the roads.

Taihape – Better Off Funding

Mr Calkin is seeking feedback from the Taihape Community Board and will be in contact with members.

Property

Taihape Town Hall - presently in the middle of the developed design stage, which is expected to be completed by mid-May 2026.

Taihape Grandstand - presently finalising agreement between Council and the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee. A meeting to be held to commence work on preparing a Project Plan for the Committee.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/015

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

Ms M Pera/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.3 Letter - Ngā Awa Block

Ms Prince commented on this item that there isn't a bylaw that signs can be put up but they cannot be enforced.

The board discussed the potential for signage or a bylaw.

Ms Green had circulated a letter to members before the meeting and read it to members.

Ms Prince highlighted that she will be attending a webinar on Freedom Camping and can provide feedback on these implications.

Ms Prince initially was considering the park situation but cost was why this wasn't developed.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/016

That the Letter – Ngā Awa Block be received.

Ms D Green/Mrs G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/017

That Council staff investigate and report back on the following:

1. There are approximately 30 parking spaces located at Ngā Awa Block. Could 20 of these parks (preferably the parks nearest to the facilities) be reserved for sportsground users
2. Is it possible to restrict parking hours for campers i.e. no parking between certain times.
3. Develop the grass area between the bowling club and Ngā Awa Block (former Croquet Green) for Freedom campers only parking, leaving Ngā Awa Block parking strictly for sportsground users
4. Develop the gravel area for freedom camping
5. Move freedom camping completely away from Ngā Awa Block to Gumboot Alley
6. Investigate other rural communities to consider viable options that support local users while accommodating freedom campers

Ms D Green/Mrs G Duncan. Carried

9.4 Updates from Taihape Community Development Trust

Moved back to this after the Mayor's Report.

Staff to confirm if there is an expectation that a report is presented to the Board.

9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2026

AED is a potential payment from here –

Mrs Duncan spoke to the board that Rotary has asked the Board to be responsible for gumboots at Gumboot Lane.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/017

That the report Small Projects Fund Update – April 2026 be received.

Ms D Green/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.6 Mayor's Report - March 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/018

That the Mayor's Report – March 2026 be received.

Ms D Green/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.7 Funding Schemes Update - April 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/019

That the Funding Schemes Update – April 2026 be received.

Mrs G Duncan/Ms M Pera. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Annual Plan Taihape Community Board Submission

Mrs Duncan noted that she was at the Annual Plan consultation meeting and to include the potential costs of Central Districts Water costs and that these are shared with the Taihape Community Board with information on how the separate water rate for all households will look.

The board will have a conversation at the workshop about communication as a group.

Resolved minute number 26/TCB/020

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council receives the Annual Plan submission and that the officer analysis and decision by Council be reported back through the Taihape Community Board.

Ms M Pera/Ms D Green. Carried

10.2 AKONA and LGNZ

Ms Spence provided a presentation on AKONA and LGNZ website resources to board members.

The meeting closed at 6.56pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 10 June 2026.

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Chairperson