

MINUTES of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2021** commencing at **6.05pm**

Present:

Mr G Wiechern (Chairperson)
Mr J Ayers
Ms D Firth
Ms R Kirkwood
Ms V Rice (*from 6:12pm*)
Cr JM Gibb
Cr E Patterson

Attending:

Ms L Tahana
Sgt H Martin (New Zealand Police)
Mr C Smith (Neighbourhood Support)

Mr S Toka (Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Patterson/Ms Firth)

THAT an apology be received from **Ms Morgan;**

AND THAT an apology for lateness be received from **Ms Rice.**

CARRIED

NCB2102/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Patterson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday 9 February 2021 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED

NCB2102/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr Wiechern advised members of the Board that he would declare a financial conflict of interest in item 6.1 [*Discretionary Fund Report to 15 January 2021*] in relation to board nominations to the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Kirkwood/Mr Ayers)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday, 1 December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

NCB2102/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

NZ Police – Burglaries and Prevention.

Sergeant Martin addressed the Board on the following matters:

- Recent criminal behaviour in Ngaruawahia. He reassured the Board that Police are investigating and responding to incidents.
- A burglary prevention pack was available to the public.
- Location clusters of crime and efforts to prevent and investigate incidents in Ngaruawahia.
- Efforts to combat drug houses. The Police were using intelligence and ground work, such as door knocking, to deter the establishment of drug houses. Examples of deployment of services were outlined.
- Significant number of discussions on social media regarding burglaries. Concern that social media posts on community pages are harmful and require moderation.
- Highlighted the importance of using 105 crime line and how the process worked. Perception from the community was that the 105 line was ineffective and the community continued to visit the Police Station instead of calling 105. Police would promote the 105 line in school newsletters.
- Discussion about a community meeting relating to crime There had been a lack of attendance at previous meetings.
- The community was frustrated with the lack of visible action.
- CCTV was an important tool for investigation and providing the deterrence of crime.

ACTION: Police to provide data/stats on 105 phone calls for Ngaruawahia.

Neighbourhood Watch – Prevention

- Mr Smith emphasised the need to report crimes and reiterated the usefulness of the 105 number.
- Establishing of a Neighbourhood Watch Group in Ngaruawahia. A public meeting would be held to assess interest.
- A Neighbourhood Watch Group would be useful if another lockdown occurred.

Ms Rice joined the meeting at 6.12pm during discussion of the above item.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 15 January 2021
Agenda Item 6.1

Resolved: (Crs Gibb/Patterson)

THAT Ms Rice be appointed as Chairperson for Agenda Item 6.1 [Discretionary Fund Report to 15 January 2021].

CARRIED

NCB2102/04

Mr Wiechern declared a conflict of interest in this item and did not participate in the discussion or voting. He noted that, if the Board approved his attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference, his wife would accompany him at his cost.

The report was received (*GOV0508/2989412 refers*) and discussion was held.

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Firth)

THAT the report from the Chief Financial Officer be received;

AND THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board approves that Mr Greg Wiechern be nominated to attend the New Zealand Community Boards' Conference in Gore from Thursday, 22 April 2021 to Saturday, 24 April 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board agrees that Council will fund the conference registration fee (of \$755 incl GST) for one Board delegate, and the Ngaruawahia Community Board will fund its delegate's accommodation, travel and other associated costs for the conference from its Discretionary Fund, in accordance with Council policy.

CARRIED

NCB2102/05

Ms Rice vacated the Chair following discussion on the above item.

Mr Wiechern resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Ngaruawahia Works and Issues Report
Agenda Item 6.2

The following additional items were discussed:

- Dog Agility Park – Ms Rice had met with staff and had set up another meeting to establish a budget and a timeline. Staff would assist with a Health & Safety Plan as well as attaining other pieces of equipment. Funds were available and could be topped up if required.
- Speed Limit Mapping – Need to check accuracy of district mapping. Glen Massey and Bernard Ferguson School speed limits were not on District Council maps.

ACTION: Staff to check accuracy of district mapping relating to speed limits around Glen Massey and Bernard Ferguson Schools.

- Te Mana O Te Rangi - sign unveiling would be held on Saturday, 27 March 2021. The chairperson would meet with staff regarding design guidelines. The Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager suggested approaching mana whenua regarding unveiling protocols before invitations were sent.

ACTION: Staff to meet with mana whenua groups and advise the board of the unveiling arrangements

- Daffodil Volunteer Planting Day

ACTION: Mr Ayres would be the contact person to lead the volunteer day. Waikato District Council to assist Mr Ayers with completion of a Health & Safety Plan

- Ngaruawahia Cricket Nets. The project had received external funding. An official opening event had not be organised.

Resolved: (Cr Patterson/Cr Gibb)

THAT the report of the Projects & Innovation Manager be received.

CARRIED

NCB2102/06

Year to Date Service Request Report
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received and no discussion was held.

Resolved: (Ms Firth/Ms Rice)

THAT the report from the Chief Operating Officer be received.

CARRIED

NCB2102/07

Ngaruawahia Community Board Resolution/Action Register
Agenda Item 6.4

NGARUAWAHIA COMMUNITY BOARD RESOLUTION / ACTION REGISTER – February 2021

Resolution / Action #	Resolution / Action	Update / Comment
ACTION2012	Public Forum – Ngaruawahia High School – Ngaruawahia Dog Agility Park Project	Cr Patterson and Ms Rice met with Staff on 02 February. Will continue working with Ngaruawahia High School to support funding and general enquiries.
ACTION2012	Councillors’ Report – Dog Agility Park Project	Cr Patterson and Ms Rice met with Staff on 02 February. Continue to support Health and Safety.
ACTION2012	Councillors’ Report – Climate Change Committee	Complete.
ACTION2010	Confirmation of Minutes – 08 September 2020	Complete
ACTION2010	Works & Issues – October 2020	Complete
ACTION2010	Community Board Members’ Report – October 2020 Horotiu Industrial Park Bridge	Still ongoing.
ACTION2009	Community Board Members’ Report – September 2020 Significance and Engagement Policy.	The Significance and Engagement Policy can be found here on the <i>Your Council / Plans, policies and bylaws</i> page of Council’s website.
ACTION2007	Councillors’ Report – July 2020 North Waikato Community Newspaper.	Complete
ACTION2007	Community Board Members’ Report – July 2020 Kid Safe day	In progress. Staff are working with schools and our partner organisations to schedule a date – tentatively in March 2021.
ACTION2006	Public Forum – Application for funding for a public beach access area and a diving platform near the Point	Ongoing.
ACTION2006	Youth Engagement Staff to review orchard planting and effects on youth engagement and give feedback to the Board.	This action has been passed on to the Community Connections, Open Spaces Team (team responsible for planting) for cross council youth engagement. Council’s Technical Support Officer will contact the Chair to discuss. Still to be discussed.

NGARUAWAHIA COMMUNITY BOARD CARRY OVER RESOLUTION / ACTIONS

Resolution / Action #	Resolution / Action	Update / Comment
NCB1908/06	The Point Reserve Management Plan	<i>Board to discuss.</i>
March 2019	The Point – Recycling Bins	<p>Recycling not provided at any of our Reserves but it is certainly something we would like to explore. As this would involve a districtwide change to our levels of service (and therefore, budget), a review of services will need to be completed.</p> <p><i>Recycling bins are still needed at The Point and also along the walkway. Need to promote to council as they renegotiate contracts for collections. Do we do them ourselves? Do we pay for collections from board funds? Needs further discussion.</i></p>
May 2017	Pontoon on Waipa River	<p>This project is not funded in the LTP and therefore the Community Board will need to look for other funding sources. Would require consent from Waikato Regional Council to proceed.</p> <p><i>Still current.</i></p>

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August 2017	Patterson Park Netball Courts	<p>Original topography survey of the netball courts (which design was based on) showed a number of height inconsistencies between 10mm and 50mm over the area of the court. The surface was uneven and there was no level fall over the length of the court. The original court surface had large depressions where water would pond.</p> <p>Now the courts are designed and constructed to have a 0.5% grade to allow water to run off. This has improved the surface of the courts and reduced the amount of ponding significantly.</p> <p>The Long Term Plan held an allocation for the upgrade of the Ngaruawahia Netball Courts of \$180,236.</p> <p>Staff approached the project by determining what type of upgrade could be accommodated within that budget allocation.</p> <p>Staff assessed two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reshape and reseal court to improve drainage, replace nets, hoops signs etc. 2. Full NZ Netball specification rebuild, plus replace nets, hoops, signs etc. <p>Assessment of costs for each option was completed by an external consultant. The costs for meeting NZ Netball specification was excessive and would exceed budget (est. by Waikato District Alliance is approximately \$300,000 total project cost). The cost for option one fell inside budget and was completed at a total cost of \$152,000.</p> <p>The courts have been shaped as best as possible to shed water during rainfall events. Staff will continue to inspect through rainfall events to ensure that site drainage is effective and operating as expected. Staff are also happy to meet with netball club/teams representatives and discuss options moving.</p> <p><i>Board to confirm if still current.</i></p>
March 2017	Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve development	<p>Board have been through consultation and will put project forward as LTP item.</p> <p><i>Still current.</i></p>

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August 2015	Wedding Quarry	<p>Council is unable to undertake any formal action for activity. There is no breach of the District Plan. We understand that it is for weed control purposes and is authorised by Waikato Regional Council.</p> <p><i>To remain as a reminder for future Board members to submit if there is an opportunity through a consent renewal process.</i></p>
NCBI 304/0616	Green Belt	<p>A green belt is an area of open land around a city or town on which building is restricted. Rules in the District Plan help ensure that fragmentation of the rural land around Ngaruawahia township is avoided, thus providing a rural interface at the town's northern entrance that supports this green belt concept. District plan rules ensure residential growth occurs within defined zones.</p> <p><i>Resolution to remain to ensure future Board members never forget to protect the rural interface from disappearing.</i></p>

- Ngaruawahia High School to work with the Ministry of Education project managers regarding traffic management due to spill over parking from close carparks. Council would support road marking.

ACTION: Cr Patterson would arrange a meeting with Council regarding traffic management and road marking.

Resolved: (Ms Rice/Ms Firth)

THAT the report of the Projects & Innovation Manager be received.

CARRIED

NCB2102/08

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received and the Chairperson summarised his report. Discussion was held on the following matter:

Ngaruawahia Water Treatment Plant

The smell of chlorine during the backwash process at the Water Treatment Plant near the entry to the Hakarimata Track. Concern was raised about damage to marine life.

ACTION: The Chair to submit a CRM and Cr Patterson will follow up with staff.

Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Cr Gibb)

THAT the report from the Chairperson be received.

CARRIED

NCB2102/09

Councillors' Report
Agenda Item 6.6

Crs Gibb and Patterson gave a verbal overview on current Council issues and advised that meetings and LTP workshops had commenced.

