
Minutes for a meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (OTCB) held via Audio Visual Conference on **TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2022** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Ms C Conroy (Chairperson)
Cr CA Eyre
Cr SL Henderson
Mr S Jackson
Ms K Ngataki
Mr VL Reeve
Mrs BI Watson
Mr J Lovatt

Attending:

Cr JA Church

Ms S O’Gorman (General Manager Customer Service)
Mrs G Kanawa (Democracy Team Leader)
Mr J Marconi (Community-Led Development Advisor)
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

Ms R Bills
Mr D Cameron
Ms K Wood

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mrs Conroy/Mr Jackson)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 7 June 2022 be confirmed, with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

OTCB2206/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mrs Conroy/Ms Ngataki)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 26 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment:

Item 1 – Cr Eyre was an apology for early departure

CARRIED

OTCB2206/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Onewhero Area School Principal, Rebecca Bills delivered a presentation, and the following points were raised:

- The purpose of the presentation was to initiate engagement and conversation regarding road safety outside Onewhero Area School (29 Hall Street, Tuakau), particularly at pick-up and drop-off times.
- Ms Bills expressed hoped that Council could act on this issue to ensure no major vehicle accidents occur as the school grows.
- 100 students enter and exit the school every day, and many neighbouring roads did not have proper footpaths.
- 400 children catch the school bus every day, which also added to pedestrian congestion and heightened accident risk.
- Concerned about congestion at the school gate and student safety as buses turn around, cars reverse from the school carpark, etc.
- Suggested the road be converted into a one-way street or made into a no U-turn area.
- Could create a drop-off zone for parents and caregivers.
- Also suggested a footpath be installed outside the rugby grounds side of the road crossing and/or installing alternate parking.
- The school is projected to grow, with three new subdivisions under development in the area. Ms Bills asked for the Board's support to elevate her voice to Council and implement solutions.

ACTION: Staff to add the issue of road safety outside Onewhero Area School to the OTCB Actions Register.

The CityCare Branch Manager Parks and Reserves, Kim Wood delivered a presentation, and the following points were raised:

- Request to attend the OTCB meetings on a quarterly basis to provide the Board with regular opportunities to provide feedback and flag issues.
- Particularly interested to receive queries regarding the maintenance of parks and reserves.
- Key focus is to enhance community support and increase local partnerships.
- Mr Reeve suggested CityCare could assist in a Rotary planting day which would be held through a local school.
- Members of the public were still encouraged to lodge a service request with the Waikato District Council regarding issues around parks and recreation.
- The General Manager Customer Support confirmed that Council was undertaking a service request transformation process to ensure seamless connection with City Care, Water Care and the Waikato District Alliance.

Digby Cameron of the Tuakau Combined Sports Society (supported by Jason Marconi, Community-Led Development Advisor) delivered a presentation, and the following points were raised:

- Mr Cameron sought support regarding proposed renovations to the Lightbody Clubrooms on Escotts Road.
- The clubrooms are currently rundown and require renovations to increase their useability.
- The Tuakau Combined Sports Society was set up to manage the Dr John Lightbody Reserve and resources in Tuakau, allocate resources and liaise with Council.
- The Tuakau Combined Sports Society consists of the Tuakau Rugby Club, Tuakau League Club, Tuakau Soccer Club, Tuakau Cricket Club, Tuakau Athletics Club, Tuakau Terrabulls, Tuakau Summer Soccer, Pukekohe Gym Sports and the Tuakau Youth Centre and represents over 1,000 members of the local community.
- Local residents felt the clubrooms did not feel very welcoming and reported issues with the entrance, which was open only to the road, not to the fields.
- 90.1 percent of local community members surveyed said they would use the clubrooms more if they were renovated.

- In consultation with the community, the Tuakau Combined Sports Society had preliminary plans drawn up and quoted collected. From this, they budgeted a renovation value between \$350,000 to \$400,000.
- Once the clubrooms were renovated, they would provide a diverse, useable sporting space and venue.
- There would also be opportunities to hire out the space for as a venue for functions and sporting events (as an indoor sporting venue).
- The Board agreed to write a letter in support of the Tuakau Combined Sports Society's funding applications, outlining the impact this initiative would have on the local community.

ACTION: The Board would write a letter in support of the Tuakau Combined Sports Society's funding applications towards renovation of the Escotts Road clubrooms.

REPORTS

Waka Kotahi Update - SH1 Papakura to Drury Project

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*OTCB2206/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- SH1 Papaukura to Drury project was a \$655 million project being delivered as part of the NZ Upgrade Programme.
- Would support growth in South Auckland with improved highway access, safety, resilience and capacity between Papakura and Drury interchanges. Included an additional lane in each direction; wide shoulders for future bus services; a 4km shared walking and cycling path with connections into local roads; interchange improvements; improved access across SH1; improved safety, environmental and amenity features.
- Stage 1A - Construction Progress consisted of motorway widening and noise walls. Central median permanent concrete barrier installation was continuing and two noise walls on the eastern side of the motorway were nearing completion.
- Southbound Pavement widening was continuing, three retaining walls were under construction on the Northbound side of the motorway and forward works were underway to build a second, southbound on-ramp at Beach Road.
- Park Estate Bridge – traffic switched on to new southern half of bridge on 15 May. Old bridge was demolished overnight on 21 May. Piling on central pillar of the new northern half had commenced and completion of the bridge was expected at the end of 2022.

- Stage IBI (NIMT bridges) – the Karaka Reserve work had been established and a crane pad had been built. Flanagan Road common service trench had been completed and road realignment was underway. Piling was scheduled to commence in August on the first of three replacement motorway bridges being built in advance of the Drury interchange works.
- Stage IA – Waka Kotahi was to commence the Papakura Interchange main works, complete central median works including asphaltting in preparation for Phase 2 of traffic switches (southbound vehicles would be switched into two lanes (being built) in late August 2022 (approximately). Regular night works requiring closure of one side of the motorway would continue through to the Phase 2 traffic switch.
- Stage IB2 – was being consented separately to allow time to consider the impact on an identified site of cultural significance (Opaheke) spanning both sides of SH1. Waka Kotahi was working closely with Iwi on environmental planning and design through this sensitive area.
- Stages 2 and 3 (Drury to Bombay) – Waka Kotahi was working through design/land requirements. Updates had been sent to local landowners about a route protection process in March. Waka Kotahi expected to meet with affected landowners in July/August to discuss design and potential property impacts.
- Bombay Interchange – signalisation (traffic lights) at Bombay Interchange were being investigated as an interim measure ahead of longer-term improvements. Modelling undertaken had shown traffic signals would provide safety benefits, but there would still be queues at peak times. Concept design developed with Auckland Transport and BP included signalling ramps and BP exit. A topographical survey; review of existing utilities; and review of

Community Board Charter Review

Agenda Item 6.3

- The purpose of the report was to seek feedback from OTCB members on the Community Board Charter.
- Council sought to receive feedback from the existing Community Boards on what changes they believed should occur to the Charters by 30 August 2022
- The Board would hold a workshop on the Community Board Charter to collate its feedback.

ACTION: Board to hold a workshop to review the Community Board Charter.

Resolved: (Mrs Conroy/Mrs Watson)

THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board provide staff with feedback on the current Community Board Charter for review by the new Council in October 2022.

CARRIED

OTCB2206/03

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*OTCB2206/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Lighting at Port Waikato

- Cr Eyre had been in contact with the Roothing Team Leader. Confirmed the lighting did not meet standards and would need to have a discussion with the community.

George Street/Buckland Road corner

- There were no updates to this item.

Speed Bend on Jellicoe Avenue, Tuakau – to be installed

- No service request has been lodged yet. Mr Reeve was waiting on further information from a nearby residential facility before lodging a service request.

Tuakau Pool Upgrade Project

- There were no updates to this item.

Tuakau Youth Centre Building Project

- The Community-Led Development Advisor had been in contact with the Tuakau Youth Group since the previous OTCB meeting. Mr Reeve had been in contact with the local Police who were also working with the Tuakau Youth Group on this project. There had been no further progress.

Rubbish in the Tuakau CBD

- There would be no further updates until July/August 2022. Council was awaiting the results of a Cushman & Wakefield audit which was expected to take place in June 2022.

St Stephen's Road Carpark

- There were no updates to this item.

West Street Carpark

- The Design Team had discussed relevant issues with Mr Jackson and would look at what could be accommodated. Mr Jackson was awaiting further information.

Port Waikato Blueprint

- WDC followed up the questionnaire with an in-person public workshop that was held on Tuesday 3 May 2022. Following a review and discussion of the responses, knowledge and ideas provided, staff would be returning to the community for a public drop-in session. The drop-in session was scheduled for 21 June 2022.

Upgrade to Tuakau Domain Toilets

- There were no updates to this item. Further updates would become available in September 2022.

Liverpool Street Carpark Area

- There were no updates to this item.

Review of Pedestrian Crossing in Tuakau main street

- Mr Reeve was awaiting a report from a local resident who assists the elderly across that intersection.

Onewhero Village surveillance cameras

- There was no budget allocated to install CCTV cameras at Onewhero. If budget was made available, through community funding, work would not be able to be completed until the current CCTV work is completed. The current work programme of CCTV was expected to take at least two years to complete and then we would be in a position to consider additional sites.

- It was noted there was a further incident prior to the OTCB meeting, involving boy racers who had intentionally destroyed public and private property. The Community Constable had been contacted and would attend a community meeting.
- The Police would discuss a collaborative approach with Waikato District Council and the local community.

Proposed Road Name List (Subdivision 0072/21 Create Developments Ltd, 666 Onewhero-Tuakau Bridge Road)

- The Board agreed this item could be removed from the Works, Actions and Issues report.

Planned Works for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board's area

Community Projects Team – Project Update

Sunset Beach Toilet

- There were no new updates to this item.

Maratai Bay Playground Update

- There were no new updates to this item.

Tuakau Skatepark

- This project was progressing as expected.

Tuakau Aquatic Centre

- Agenda concept plans were being developed and if ready would be for review in June/July 2022.

Lightbody Reserve Carpark

- There were no new updates to this item.

St Stephen's Carpark

- This item had been discussed earlier in the agenda.

West Street Carpark

- There were no new updates to this item.

Buckland Rd Development Park

- The Project Team was engaging a designer to undertake concept designs for four reserves, Buckland Road Reserve was included in this. The aim was to have concept designs started in September, ready for Community engagement in November, and to have engagement completed by the end of January. The engagement would also include the playground. After the engagement has finished a detailed design would be developed for the construction phase. This was expected to take around three months.

ACTION: Design concepts to be provided to Board members prior to completion. The Board would also like to be included in the draft discussions.

Harrisville Bridge Replacement

- This item was still in the planning and investigation phase, therefore, there were no further updates.

Lightbody Reserve Courts Resurfacing

- This item was still in its planning phase.

Tuakau Memorial Hall Flooring Recoating

- There were several works in the pipeline for the Tuakau hall including work on the roof, floors, and some seismic improvements over the three-year LTP. The flooring work scheduled for the current year had been deferred and the other works incorporated into the project for next financial year. Other works were being brought forward to accommodate this. This approach would ensure the order of works avoids any rework.
- The Board suggested that the kitchen requires an upgrade – e.g., the cupboards and benches needed a refresh. They also noted that the fridge door needed to be altered as it currently opens the wrong way.

ACTION: Staff to investigate upgrading the Tuakau Hall kitchen.

ACTION: Staff to investigate fixing the fridge door in the Tuakau Hall kitchen (it currently opens the wrong way out).

It was noted that the Te Kohanga Carpark and significant playground update was left off the Works, Actions and Issues report. The Board requested this be added to the Actions Register.

ACTION: Te Kohanga Carpark and significant playground update to be added to the Actions Register.

Discretionary Fund Report to 1 March 2022

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*OTCB2206/02 refers*] and discussion was held on the following matters:

- The layout of the Discretionary Fund report will be updated for the next Board meeting to identify which side of the river applicants have come from (as the Community Board will be split pending the election).
- There was no absolute agreement on the funding model for Boards going forward/post-election.
- Noted there would be funding/financial commitments in place during the transition of the next triennium. Therefore, the Board should be cautious that its spending is just business as usual.
- Enquired if the Board's funding split would be based on rated properties versus population. Staff would provide figures on this.

ACTION: Staff to provide the Board with information regarding the Board's split and the effect this would have on its funding allocation. E.g., would it be the new funding be based on rated properties or population figures?

- Mr Reeve had been working with Council, the Police and Cornerstone Security as the Board was investigating new/adjusted security cameras due to increased numbers of ram raids and crime. Mr Reeve would provide budgets for this work at the next OTCB meeting.
- It was agreed the 6 March 2020 Belgravia item would be removed from the Discretionary Funding report (due to lack of response from Belgravia since 2020).

ACTION: 6 March 2020 Belgravia item to be removed from the Discretionary Fund report.

- The Board considered an application from the Port Waikato Resident and Ratepayers Association for NZD \$950 to upgrade their library. Cr Eyre spoke in support of the application. Little Library had been well utilised over the years, added value to the community and investing in this initiative would continue to benefit residents.

Resolved: (Mr Jackson/Ms Ngataki)

THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board approves a commitment from their Discretionary Fund to the Port Waikato Resident and Ratepayers Association for the amount of \$950.00 (excluding GST), towards the cost of building an addition to its 'Little Library' at Cobourne Reserve.

CARRIED

OTCB2206/04

Waikato District Council Executive Update
Agenda Item 6.6

The General Manager Customer Support noted the following matters:

- Council had recently held a 'Reconnection Week' with all Council staff (approximately 400 staff). This included a reinduction to refresh staff on Council's projects, values, legislation reform and general operations. Many staff had joined in the previous six months, so had limited opportunity to connect with Council on-site and meet other staff during this period (due to COVID), therefore the reconnection days were a good opportunity to connect into Council.
- Significant work was underway on the smaller capital projects around the district. Many projects were starting to come together.
- Legislative reform was continuing at pace and would take significant time and resource over the following year.
- Local Government as a whole had submitted a request to central Government to try and slow the pace of reform. Councils were struggling with the pace and recruitment restrictions (until the international market opens again) was adding to the impact.
- Planning and Building areas continued to work under pressure, particularly in the area of resource consents.
- New dog registration process and customer portal had been launched online. Within 15 minutes there were 45 completed applications, and by the end of day around 300 were completed. This feature would make a significant difference to customers and to staff.

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 6.7

The Chairperson noted the following matters:

- There had been significant liaison with the General Manager Customer support regarding funding and Discretionary Fund applications.

