

Minutes for a meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board (OTCB) held via Audio Visual Conference on **TUESDAY, 19 JULY 2022** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Ms C Conroy (Chairperson)
Cr CA Eyre (*arrived at 6.22pm*)
Cr SL Henderson
Ms K Ngataki
Mr VL Reeve
Mrs BI Watson
Mr J Lovatt

Attending:

Guests:

Cr Pamela Storey (Waikato Regional Council)

Staff:

Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)
Ms Yvonne Legarth (Principal Policy Planner)
Ms Kerri Davis-Miller (Resource Management Policy Team Leader)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Ms Ngataki/Ms Conroy)

THAT:

- a. an apology from Mr Jackson be received for non-attendance; and
- b. an apology from Cr Eyre be received for lateness.

CARRIED

OTCB2207/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Ms Ngataki)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for the meeting of the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 19 July 2022 be confirmed, with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

OTCB2207/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Mr Reeve)

THAT the minutes for a meeting for the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 7 June 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject an amendment noting that Cr Eyre had to leave the meeting early.

CARRIED

OTCB2207/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Cr Pamela Storey from the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) delivered a verbal update to the Board and the following discussion was held:

- Waikato Regional Council was accepting submissions on its draft Regional Public Transport Plan. Submissions would close at 5pm on 29 July 2022.
- Those within WRC's constituency were encouraged to visit the WRC website and view its Regional Public Transport Plan. The Plan took a strong stance around climate change – for example, it proposed to ensure its public transport fleet would be carbon negative.
- Cr Storey encouraged those interested to provide their feedback on the Plan and to consider the cost to ratepayers that could be incurred by the carbon negative approach. For example, is it affordable in your community? What are the public's thoughts on the ambition of the plan?
- The Board discussed the pros and cons of the Plan and would seek further clarity regarding its specifics via the WRC website.

REPORTS

Update on Variation 3 to the Proposed Waikato District Plan Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*OTCB2207/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Principal Policy Planner provided an update on the work being undertaken to change the district plan which would allow intensive housing.
- Changes to the RMA meant that Council was required to make changes to the district plan – the proposal was that these changes only apply to residential zones in Huntly, Ngāruawāhia, Pōkeno and Tuakau. Council referred to these changes as ‘Enabling Housing Supply Variation 3.
- Council was still in the process of working on the policy options and approach.
- Variation 3 would be notified to the public by 20 August 2022 and residents were encouraged to have their say. People would have the opportunity to make submissions and additional information regarding submissions and the submissions and hearing process would be available when the public are notified.
- The draft Variation 3 would apply to the residential zones in Huntly, Ngāruawāhia, Pōkeno and Tuakau; and also proposed that the Medium Density Residential Zone be amended to add most of the Government's density standards, without modification.
- It also proposed that some areas currently zoned General Residential Zone were rezoned as Medium Density Residential Zone and that the new controlled activity rules in the RMA be added to the subdivision chapter.
- The Board noted that medium density housing worked best if it was balanced with good public amenities - queried what was the plan for this? Community services and open space needs are front of mind. Slight lag potentially for ensuring those facilities are there. Council was looking at policy options.
- It was noted increased traffic congestion could be a consequence of the change.
- An issue that was important for the Waikato Regional Council to also consider in terms of its public transport network. Parallel processes at play here.
- The Board decided to make a submission and noted the importance of the issue.

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items

Agenda Item 6.3

Lighting at Port Waikato

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

ACTION: Item to remain on schedule awaiting community discussions.

Onewhero Area School Road Safety

- Council staff visited the school and met with Principal. They were working through options to reduce vehicle use and improve safety.

George Street/Buckland Road corner

- There was no update to this item.

Speed Bend on Jellicoe Avenue, Tuakau – to be installed

- Council was awaiting a service request. Mr Reeve had been awaiting further information and would submit the request once in receipt of additional information to inform the service request.

Tuakau Youth Centre Building Project

- Awaiting on a date around when the Open Spaces Team would start engagement with Tuakau for the redevelopment of the courts in front of the Youth Centre as this could have an influence on how to proceed.

Rubbish in the Tuakau CBD

- No further updates until August 2022 – awaiting results of audit which was expected to take place in June 2022.

Port Waikato Blueprint

- Council would now reassess the priorities given to the Local Area Blueprint initiatives, as informed by the communities. Hope to adopt the Local Area. Hoped to adopt the Local Area Blueprint in August.
- Noted it had been nice to see positive response and engagement from the community.

Upgrade to the Tuakau Domain Toilets

- No further updates until September 2022 – awaiting new financial year for consideration.

Liverpool Street Carpark Area

- No further updates to this item.

Review of Pedestrian Crossing in Tuakau Main Street

- Board requested this item remain on the schedule. Mr Reeve had received no further updates from local resident/s. Noted older people are the biggest user of that crossing.

Renovations to Lightbody Clubrooms, Escott Road

- Board would write a letter of support for this initiative.

Tuakau Hall Kitchen

- The fridge door could not be relocated on this particular model. Board requested that the fridge then needed to be relocated somewhere else. Ms Watson noted that no one had contacted her about work on the Hall and would appreciate being contacted (as the Hall representative) when work is done on the hall in the future.

ACTION: Board requested that the Hall fridge be relocated elsewhere in the kitchen to ensure the door opens freely/without obstruction.

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

Community Projects Team – Project Update

Sunset Beach Toilet

- With the recent erosion event, the fence alongside the beach carpark would be moved away from the edge and would result in the loss of the beachside row of carparks. In response, the carpark concept design provided with the toilet options information would be accelerated to provide some replacement parking as quickly as possible, and construction would take place after the installation of the toilets.

Maraetai Bay Playground Update

- The designers continued to develop the carpark concept plan. The consultation with the playground was about to get underway with two options being made available for discussion in late July.
- The options had gone out to the community for feedback on the preferred option.

Tuakau Skatepark

- The geotechnical/structural Engineer had confirmed modifications for the foundation design. Works had continued on site and shaping of skate features had started. The first concrete feature had been completed and the first concrete bowl feature had started.
- Board expressed concern at the issues the contractor had to deal with and the subsequent cost to the community. Would like an explanation from Council around how and why the errors on this project occurred.

ACTION: Board requested an explanation around how and why the errors on this project had occurred (pertaining to the structural engineer/consultant modifications of the project).

Tuakau Aquatic Centre

- CPRW had delivered a first cut preliminary design including 3D perspectives. This design was to be reviewed internally by WDC and Belgravia from an operational perspective to ensure there were no major concerns. Following internal review any changes would be made, cost estimates developed and external consultation undertaken.
- Board had not seen any of the designs and requested to be kept in the loop on these matters.

ACTION: Board requested updates regarding the preliminary design and asked to be included in future updates.

Lightbody Reserve Carpark

- Contract to go to the market for tendering over winter. Some refinements in design to be made to accommodate changes to the pool entrance.

St Stephen's Carpark

- The design was progressing with consultants.

West Street Carpark

- The Design Team would assess and report back on what could be accommodated.

Te Kohanga Carparks (x2)

- The upgrade to the two carparks, one each side of the Te Kohanga Rugby Club rooms, were underway by the Waikato District Alliance. Subsoil drains had been installed and broken concrete removed. Fruit trees had been removed. Northern 400m² driveway and southern 1,400m² driveway had been undercut and formed.

Te Kohanga Playground

- Consultation was underway and two playground design options were provided. Option 2 was selected by the community. The designer was working on the final design. Once complete would go to the contractor for pricing
- Council staff and Cr Eyre had consulted with the community. Ms Ngataki noted that her Marae had not been consulted with.
- Board agreed we need to be careful that we don't neglect the local Māori community and make sure that appropriate voices for the community are consulted with. Expressed hope this could be addressed by staff.

ACTION: Board requested an update around which Marae/ Māori communities were consulted around the Te Kohanga Playground project.

Buckland Rd Development Park

- The project team had engaged a designer to undertake concept designs for four Reserves, Buckland Rd Reserve was included in this. Concept would be provided to the community in November for consideration including the playground. From January a detailed design would be developed for the construction phase. This was expected to take around three months.
- Need to ensure local voices are consulted – all the community, including pre-schools, schools and consulting with children to hear what they would like.

ACTION: Board requested Council ensure all local views are consulted around the project (Buckland Rd Development Park), including pre-schools, schools and school aged children.

Harrisville Bridge Replacement

- There were no updates to this item.

Lightbody Reserve Courts Resurfacing

- There were no updates to this item

Tuakau Memorial Hall Flooring Recoating

- The flooring had been completed.

Discretionary Fund Report Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [OTCB2207/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Chair had held a discussion with Tuakau Lions regarding the Christmas Parade. Would make sure they had a commitment.
- Mr Reeve would provide quotes and further information regarding additional security cameras.

Resolved: (Ms Conroy/Ms Ngataki)

THAT the Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board:

- a. receives the **Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2022**; and
- b. notes the **Waikato District Council** has resolved that the balance of the **Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board discretionary fund** as at **30 June 2022** be split proportionately across the two new **Community Boards** (created during the recent representation review) **Tuakau Community Board** and the **Rural-Port Waikato Community Board** based on rating units; and
- c. notes the **Waikato District Council** has resolved to reapportion the **discretionary fund budgets** for the **2022/23 financial year** based on the new representation arrangements.

CARRIED

OTCB2207/04

Quarterly Service Request Report
Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*OTCB2207/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

Waikato District Council Executive Update
Agenda Item 6.6

No discussion was held as the General Manager Customer Service was unable to attend the meeting.

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 6.7

The Chairperson noted the following matters:

- The Chair had followed up with relevant people/parties regarding the local Christmas paraded.
- Board held a workshop regarding the Community Board charter review and had identified several key points.
- Final meeting would be held on Tuesday, 6 September and would be face-to-face with masks. Each to bring a plate.

Councillors' Reports

Agenda Item 6.8

- There were some policies out for public consultation – e.g., the Cemeteries Bylaw Review.
- Concern was expressed that there could be significant slips in the area as a result of the rainy winter season. Would like to see that the roading network be raised as a red flag in our work plan. Some of our communities cannot remain connected when there are slips, etc., because of poor roading and infrastructure. Would like Council to identify roads in the area where there are slips/risks and receive an update at the next meeting.

ACTION: OTCB roading network to be added to the Works, Issues and Actions Report and the Bord to receive an update regarding slips, risks, flooding, detours, etc., in the area at the next meeting.

Board Members' Reports

Agenda Item 6.9

Verbal reports were received on the following items:

- Ms Watson and Mr Reeve had an upcoming meeting with the local Police.
- Mr Young had an upcoming meeting regarding safety on roads.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.56pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2022.

C Conroy
CHAIRPERSON