

MINUTES of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held in the Committee Rooms 1 & 2, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Mr J Whetu (Chair)
Cr E Patterson [until 7.03pm]
Ms W Diamond
Ms K Morgan [from 6.34pm]
Ms J Stevens

Attending:

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr B Stringer (Democracy Manager)
Mrs W Wright (Committee Secretary)

Ms M Daley (General Manager, Graeme Dingle Foundation)
I Member of the public – Jack Ayers

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr Whetu/Ms Stevens)

THAT an apology be received from Cr Gibb and Ms Kirkwood;

AND THAT an apology for early departure be received from Cr Patterson.

CARRIED on the voices

NCBI905/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr Whetu/Cr Patterson)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting;

AND THAT all reports be received;

AND FURTHER THAT speaking rights be given to Mr Jack Ayers for the duration of the meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

NCBI905/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Whetu/Cr Patterson)

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Ngaruawahia Community Board held on Tuesday 12 March 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

NCBI905/03

REPORTS

Public Forum
Agenda Item 5.1

The following items were discussed at the Public Forum:

The public present, and the board wished to acknowledge the efforts of Megan May and her staff during the destruction of the cenotaph on the day before ANZAC Day.

Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2019
Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [NCBI905/02 refers].

Resolved: (Mr Whetu/Cr Patterson)

THAT the Board notes that the Application for Funding – Open Up Ngaruawahia be deferred to 11 June 2019 [NCBI903/07];

AND THAT the \$14,000.00 previously committed (Community Funding) be returned to the pool [NCBI811/04];

AND FURTHER THAT the previous commitment for attendance at the NZ Community Board Conference for Ms Wendy Diamond (Registration and Travel Costs) be removed [NCBI902/04].

CARRIED on the voices

NCBI905/04

Proposed Childcare Allowance for Local Government Elected Members
Agenda Item 5.4

The Democracy Manager provided an overview of the proposed Childcare Allowance.

The following feedback was provided by the Board:

- Evening meetings was part of being a Board member; potential candidates should make arrangements prior to standing.
- The allowance would enable young parents to participate in the Council's decision-making processes.
- The allowance should be mandatory if introduced; not left to the discretion of each council.
- The allowance should be available to members using family members/people they live with to provide childcare; the proposed restriction in the policy failed to reflect the significance of whanau support for Maaori.

Resolved: (Mr Whetu/Cr Patterson)

THAT the Ngaruawahia Community Board provides its feedback on the Remuneration Authority's draft Policy on a childcare allowance for Elected Members.

CARRIED on the voices

NCBI905/05

Application for Funding – Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato
Agenda Item 5.3

Ms Michelle Daley provided an overview of the programmes the Foundation offered. Discussion was held around the youth's career pathways, the cultural aspects and the value that community-led projects had in their lives and futures.

Resolved: (Mr Whetu/Ms Morgan)

THAT an allocation of \$1,885.00 be made to the Graeme Dingle Foundation Waikato towards the cost of the developing a Youth Led Community Project on the proviso that there will be feedback given to the Board once the community-led projects are completed;

AND THAT a relationship be formed with Council's current Youth Strategy and involvement with the Board's own priority projects namely:

- The railway bridge project
- Te Mana o Te Rangi and
- The entrance ways into Ngaruawahia

CARRIED on the voices

NCBI905/06

Ms Morgan entered the meeting at 6.34pm during discussion on the above item and was present during voting.

Ngaruawahia Works and Issues Report
Agenda Item 5.5

The report was received [NCB1905/02 refers].

The Chief Executive provided an update on the following items:

- Centennial Park toilet was unaffordable to install. The Board would like Council staff to present further options.

ACTION: Further information to be collected as to the status of this project.

- Cenotaph vandalism – questions were raised regarding the offer to repair the damage for free. This offer did not align with the Council's Zero Harm policies for volunteers.

Cr Patterson retired from the meeting at 7.03pm during discussion on the above item.

Ngaruawahia Community Board Resolution/Action Register
Agenda Item 5.6

The report was received [NCB1905/02 refers].

Year to Date Service Request Report
Agenda Item 5.7

The report was received [NCB1905/02 refers]. It was noted that Ngaruawahia have a high number of stray dogs.

Chairperson's Report
Agenda Item 5.8

The Chair reported on the following:

- Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve - the Chair was still discussing the beautification process, the sign for the Reserve and timing around opening with Council staff. Encouraging feedback from the Board regarding preferences would be sent through to the Chair.
- Quotes were being obtained for the 'world's largest picnic table' at the Point.
- The Chair was working with other organisations and councils around a safe jumping platform from the bridge.
- The Chair was working with Council's planning team around entrance ways into Ngaruawahia.
- The Chair presented the board's submission to the Hearings Commissions and noted there was media interest.

