

MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 3 APRIL 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**.

Present:

Ms J Morley (Chairperson)
Ms S Cocup-Hughes (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr J Gibb
Mr H Lovell
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Staff

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Mrs G Kanawa (Democracy Manager)
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

Guests

Ms P Giles (Waikato District Alliance)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr Lovell)

THAT the apology from Ms Dorothy Lovell for non-attendance be accepted.

CARRIED

TCB2304/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 3 April 2023 be confirmed, with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

TCB2304/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Lovell/Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 20 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TCB2302/03

REPORTS

Public Forum

Pauline Giles - Waikato District Alliance

- Provided an update on Alliance activities, received questions from the Community Board and provided advice where applicable.
- She noted several items for further investigation including potholes outside the Taupiri Daycare Centre, covering of a stormwater drainage system on Onslow Avenue, safe road crossing areas for children outside Taupiri School, pedestrian crossings in the community, additional speed limit signage in Taupiri Village, signage on Taupiri bridge and traffic blockages on Button Lane.
- Where applicable, these would be actioned as service requests, or further investigation would be undertaken and reported back to the board. If unable to be actioned as a service request, some items could be considered for the Long-Term Plan.

ACTION: Items above to be added to works and issues report for report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Works and Issues Report – March 2023

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*TCB2304/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Community Plan

- The Council website was undergoing a redesign. The Communications Team would advise where the Taupiri Community Charitable Trust booklet information would be best placed. Noted there was an intention to establish town specific pages which could host this kind of information.
- The Board would hold a workshop to discuss what information should be shared with the public (and in what format). Suggested a one-page flier every six (6) months. There would be further discussion in a workshop.

ACTION: Chair to arrange a workshop with Taupiri Community Board members to discuss the Taupiri Community Charitable Trust booklet/flyer.

Wel Green Boxes/Chorus Building/Mural Painting

- Board queried if the ends of the Chorus Building were noticeable enough to justify cost of painting them. Suggested the Board should focus on the Wel boxes instead.
- Noted that there was an outer wall on the Taupiri vet clinic building. Suggested this was a prominent location the Board could take advantage of. Board agreed to approach the clinic owner for further information/permission to paint a mural on this site.

ACTION: Mr Lovell to speak with the Franklin Vet owners in Taupiri regarding the opportunity to place a mural on the outside wall of their clinic.

Proposal for Walkway and Cycle Track in Taupiri

- An ongoing project that was working its way through Council processes.

ACTION: Remove Cr Patterson from the 'Proposal for Walkway and Cycle Track in Taupiri' item on the Works, Actions & Issues report, and replace with Howard Lovell.

Emergency Procedures

- Board discussed the need for a community resilience plan. The Chair and Mr Lovell had recently met with Council's Emergency Management Advisor and the Taupiri School Principal for discussion around the topic.
- Board made plans to hold a community workshop and would identify community groups/leaders for inclusion. Board also sought that plan would encompass surrounding areas/smaller neighbouring towns and aimed to complete its planning by July-August 2023.

ACTION: Chair and Board members to run a Civil Defence workshop with local groups (e.g., school, etc). Board to come up with a plan, invitee list and staff involvement with an aim to hold the workshop prior to August.

Neighbourhood Support

- The Chair and Deputy Chair would be meeting with local Police representatives in April.

Picnic Tables

- There were no additional updates to this item. City Care was yet to notify delivery dates and times.

Ngaruawahia, Hopuhopu & Taupiri Structure Plan/Ngaruawahia Town Centre Plan Update

A community outcomes workshop had been held in March.

Roading signs

- Staff were to investigate adding a pedestrian crossing and signs to Taupiri's main road to ensure safety of children who frequently cross this road. The request had been added to the list of actions required to develop the next Long-Term Plan.

Update to Variation 3 of the Proposed Waikato District Plan

- The Planning and Policy Manager provided a brief update, noting that submissions had been received from both Taupiri and Horotiu.

Gardens at Taupiri Mangawara Bridge

- Weed spraying and pest plant removal had been carried out and a planting plan developed. Awaiting date of planting.

Lighting at Taupiri Mountain

- This is Waka Kotahi's asset. Staff were working with Waka Kotahi to resolve the issue. WEL Networks would investigate the fault at their end and once done, the Waikato District Alliance lighting team will sort out the streetlight to be repaired.

Footpaths/Road Signs/Lighting/Tunnels

- The drainage issue on Onslow Ave had been passed onto the Waikato District Alliance to investigate. The footpath request had been added to the list of actions required to develop the next Long-Term Plan.

Planting of Daffodils

- The Chair would provide an update at the next meeting.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [TCB2304/02 refers] and no discussion was held.

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.4

- The Democracy Manager informed the Board that plans were underway for reporting to be more informative, including detailed information about policies, bylaw reviews and submission processes. Aim was to increase Community Board engagement with Council.
- The Planning and Policy Manager noted Council's focus on the Long-Term Plan and encouraged community board members to read through available material on the topic/become involved where possible.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.5

- Queried if the board should instigate a refresher session on the Code of Conduct for the current triennium.

ACTION: Democracy Team to schedule a workshop of the review of the Code of Conduct, which was anticipated to be finalised by June 2023.

- Noted that new curtains would be installed in the Taupiri Memorial Hall and could be expected prior to the next Taupiri Community Board meeting.

Councillors' Reports

Agenda Item 6.6

Cr Janet Gibb and Cr Tilly Turner provided verbal updates, and the following matters were discussed:

- Councillors outlined the meetings, workshops, and engagements they had attended.
- Noted it was a busy time for Council, with work underway on the Long-Term Plan, bylaw reviews and Annual Plan.

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.7

Community Board members provided a verbal update, and the following matters were discussed:

- Ms Cocup-Hughes noted there was confusion between the Taupiri Community Board and the Taupiri Community Charitable Trust at times. Suggested the Board find ways to create boundaries/differentiation between the two.

PROJECTS

Parks & Reserves

Agenda Item 7.1

- No discussion was held.

Taupiri School Updates

Agenda Item 7.2

- No discussion was held.

Taupiri Mountain (Maunga)

Agenda Item 7.3

