

MINUTES for a meeting of the Tuakau Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, George Street, Tuakau on **TUESDAY, 2 MAY 2023** commencing at **6.07pm**.

Present:

Mrs G Tema-Liapaneke (Chairperson)
Ms A Frame (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr D Henderson
Mrs S Henderson
Cr Matatahi-Poutapu – *arrived at 6.08pm*
Mr C Morgan
Mr F Semau – *arrived at 6.14pm*
Cr V Reeve

Attending:

Staff

Ms E Edgar (Executive Manager – Communications & Engagement)
Ms G Shaw (Democracy Advisor)

Guests

Cr K Ngataki
Six (6) members of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Reeve/Mr Morgan)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for the meeting of the Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 be confirmed, with all items therein being considered in open meeting;
- b. all reports be received; and
- c. Cr Ngataki be accorded speaking rights for the meeting.

CARRIED

TUCB2305/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Morgan/Cr Reeve)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TUCB2305/02

PUBLIC FORUM

- A member of the public requested updates on the Tuakau Civil Defence Plan. She was directed to information included in the agenda (contained in the Works, Issues and Actions report), and received verbal updates from Cr Ngataki and Cr Reeve.
- The community sought details of a 'go-to' civil defence contact at Council and requested regular communication regarding local civil defence plans and developments.

ACTION: Staff to advise primary civil defence contact for the Tuakau community.

- Further civil defence discussion ensued, with members noting opportunities to apply to the Mayoral Fund for civil defence projects.

ACTION: Staff advise method and frequency of communicating civil defence updates and developments to the Tuakau community,

- Noted the Tuakau Memorial Hall's stove (in the Supper Room) was broken/not working.

ACTION: Facilities staff to be advised of the issue regarding the broken stove in the Tuakau Memorial Hall (in the Supper Room).

REPORTS

Works, Actions & Issues Report Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*TUCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

George St/Buckland Road corner

- This is a Long-Term Plan project. The Projects Team (EPMO) were working on a concept design for the intersection improvement.
- It was noted that a recent accident had occurred at this site and frustration was expressed at extensive delays in addressing the safety issue, which had a significant social impact on the community each time this occurred.
- The board emphasised a strong desire to see it addressed as soon as possible, noting this project had been in the previous Long-Term Plan yet there was still no progress. The community would prefer not to have a repeat of the lengthy timeline for the Tuakau Skatepark project.
- Cr Reeve noted that recent accidents at the corner were being monitored by Council and he would continue to work with Council's road safety engineers on the matter.

ACTION: Staff to note the serious safety concerns raised and strong desire to see the George St/Buckland Road corner site addressed as quickly as possible.

- Board members noted a safety issue on Edinburgh and Booth Streets, a site close to Tuakau Primary School which is frequented by children before and after school. Members requested that 'Watch for Children' signage be placed on Edinburgh and Booth Streets.
- Board members also requested that an item relating to congestion on Elizabeth Street (due to new nearby developments) be added back on to the Works, Actions & Issues report for investigation.

ACTION: Add above items to Works, Actions & Issues report for investigation.

Speed Bend on Jellicoe Avenue, Tuakau, to be installed

- The Safety Engineer had reviewed the site and issues, a report with recommendations will be available at the June meeting.
- Board members noted that this item had been on the Tuakau Works, Issues and Actions Report for four (4) years, with very limited progress from Council to date.

Tuakau Youth Centre Building

- The Community-Led Development Advisor and Funding Advisor were to meet with the Tuakau Youth Trust in early May to start governance/funding training.
- Cr Reeve had also met with a potential external funder whose recommendation was that the Tuakau Youth Centre building was not fit for purpose, so instead had proposed a new project. This demonstrated the potential for Council and private enterprise to work together.

Upgrade to the Tuakau Domain Toilets

- Staff advised that the toilets could be reinstated, but to get them up to standard they would need a complete fit out. The Facilities Team had been working with the maintenance contractor and have had site visits to discuss the best way forward to reinstate the toilets so they could be used by the public.
- Part of the process would be to ensure the bird excrement issue was eliminated.

Carvings

- The Board discussed options to reinstate the carvings in Central Park. The carvings were removed from the park in 2021, as elected members had noted they were looking worn and required repair work.
- It had been agreed that the Board at the time would source funding to repair the carvings and restore their prestige and mana. Mana Whenua had been involved when the carvings were taken down in March 2021.
- The carvings were moved to the original carver's property where they remain. The cost of restoration was quoted at \$16,410 and the cost of a brand-new carving was estimated at \$30,000.
- The Board held a discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of a restored versus a brand-new carving. It was noted that a brand-new carving may be better value for money as it may last longer than the restored carving, however, members also noted that the original carving had significant historical and cultural value.
- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu noted that the carvings are precious and tell the story of Tuakau and its historic value. They were not only important to Maaori, but the identity of Tuakau itself.
- Members also raised points regarding the maintenance of the carvings and suggested that the Parks and Reserves Team might be able to provide some kind of upkeep to these structures. Staff were to investigate this matter.

ACTION: Staff to investigate ongoing maintenance options for the carvings once they are reinstated.

Resolved: (Cr Reeve/Mr Morgan)

THAT the Tuakau Community Board:

- a. approves payment of \$16,410 (plus GST) from its Discretionary Fund to the Ngati Tamaoho Trust;
- b. towards the repair and reinstatement of the carvings in Central Park.

CARRIED

TUCB2305/03

Mr David Henderson voted against the above resolution as it was his preference not to commit to funding this initiative prior to confirmation around who would be responsible for maintenance of the carvings.

Discretionary Fund Report
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*TUCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- Mrs Henderson attended a Council Discretionary Funding training session in April.
- It was confirmed that Mrs Watson's reimbursement had been paid by Council and there was a small portion that would need to be resolved to return to the Discretionary Fund pool.

Resolved: (Mr Semau/Ms Frame)

THAT the Tuakau Community Board agrees to return the balance of Mrs Bronwyn Watson's ANZAC Day reimbursement payment back to the discretionary fund pool.

CARRIED

TUCB2305/04

Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chairperson
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*TUCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Democracy Advisor outlined the voting process noting that a voting system would have to be put first then nominations called for each position and voted on accordingly.

Resolved: (Cr Reeve/Mrs Tema-Liapanek)

THAT the Tuakau Community Board resolves to use System B for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson as detailed in clause 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act.

A division was called for, voting of which was as follows:

For the motion: Cr Reeve, Cr Matatahi-Poutapu, Ms Frame, Mr Morgan, Mr Semau and Mrs Tema-Liapaneke.

Against the motion: Mrs Henderson and Mr Henderson.

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by six (6) votes to two (2). **TUCB2305/05**

- Mr Semau nominated Mrs Tema-Liapaneke as Chairperson. Cr Matatahi-Poutapu seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations for the role of Chairperson and the following motion was put:

Resolved: (Mr Semau/Cr Matatahi-Poutapu)

THAT Mrs Tema-Liapaneke be appointed as Chairperson of the Tuakau Community Board for the 2022-2025 triennium.

CARRIED **TUCB2305/06**

- Cr Reeve formally stepped down as Deputy Chairperson and nominated Mrs Henderson as Deputy Chairperson. Mrs Henderson declined the nomination.
- Mrs Tema-Liapaneke nominated Ms Frame as Deputy Chairperson. Mr Semau seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations for the role of Deputy Chairperson and the following motion was put:

Resolved: (Mr Semau/Cr Matatahi-Poutapu)

THAT Ms Frame be appointed as Deputy Chairperson of the Tuakau Community Board for the 2022-2025 triennium.

CARRIED **TUCB2305/07**

Vision for Tuakau Report
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*TUCB2305/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Community Board split into sub-groups to brainstorm and generate conversation/ideas around how they would like Tuakau to look in 30-50 years' time and steps that could be initiated to reach their goals.
- Cr Reeve and Cr Ngataki would write a 'report back' on the ideas discussed to present back to Council.

- Discussion included the following suggestions:
 - Flashing amber lights at pedestrian crossings and safer roads in general.
 - Xmas in the Park – would love to have it at local marae or at the Lightbody Reserve. Felt it would engage the entire Tuakau community.
 - A train system, increased cycleways and walkways to link the town together and create safe active transport.
 - Additional facilities at the river for families.
 - Sports Hub.
 - Youth centre.
 - Covered swimming pool.
 - Well maintained green spaces, dog park spaces.
 - Better rubbish bins.
 - Cultural pride and pride in our town.
 - User friendly parks.
 - Increased security cameras across the entire town.
 - Planted boxes of flowers in front of shops.
 - Community noticeboards for those who do not have the internet.
 - Wall of remembrance.
 - A Sir Edmund Hillary diorama.
 - Rotunda in centennial park.
 - Truck bypass going right to St Stephen's.
 - More green spaces.
 - Multicultural centre.
 - Transport hub.

Early Engagement Feedback for the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [TUCB2305/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- Community Board to help shape the formal consultation material that will open to the public for submission in the coming months.
- Councillors noted that feedback from community boards was valuable in these processes.
- Board noted that homeless people live in Tuakau Park,
- Board agreed that Mr Morgan would lead the Tuakau Community Board's submission on the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023.

Resolved: (Mr Henderson/Mrs Henderson)

THAT the Tuakau Community Board notes the early engagement feedback for the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023 is due on Friday, 19 May 2023.

CARRIED

TUCB2305/08

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The Chairperson provided a verbal update, and the following items were discussed:

- Noted a successful Tuakau ANZAC Day event and planned to grow the event over the following years. Received extensive positive feedback, noting the audience was engaged throughout the entire ceremony.
- Would look into initiating a working group to clean out the upstairs rooms in the Tuakau Memorial Hall.
- Thanked the Board members and staff for their ongoing support and confidence in her role as Chairperson. Particularly thanked Cr Reeve, who had served as Deputy Chairperson up until this meeting. Noted she is still learning in the role and appreciated the support, guidance and expertise of more experienced Councillors and Board members, particularly around historical Board/Council knowledge.

Councillors' Report

Agenda Item 6.7

Councillors provided a verbal update, and the following items were discussed:

- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu noted that she had been working on establishing an improved Mana Whenua engagement strategy (alongside Cr Turner). The aim of this piece of work was to build and strengthen valuable Mana Whenua relationships.
- Cr Ngataki raised discussion regarding multiple bylaw hearings that had been held by Council in recent weeks, including the Cemeteries Bylaw Hearing.
- Cr Reeve noted that he had already provided his updates earlier in the meeting.

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.8

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

- Ms Frame suggested that the board needed to hold a workshop around bylaw submissions, to ensure they are representative of the Board's views. Noted that it was important for the public to understand how to make submissions and suggested work may need to be undertaken in this space.
- Ms Frame also raised the issue of extensive rubbish, and rubbish dumping, at the Centennial Park and the Lightbody Reserve.

ACTION: Staff to investigate reported rubbish/litter issues at Centennial Park, Tuakau and the Lightbody Reserve.

