

Minutes for a meeting of the Tuakau Community Board held in the Supper Room, Tuakau Memorial Hall, George Street, Tuakau on **TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023** commencing at **6.01pm**.

**Present:**

Mrs G Tema-Liapaneke (Chairperson) *(from 7.49pm)*  
Ms A Frame (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr D Henderson  
Mrs S Henderson  
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu  
Cr V Reeve  
Mr F Semau

**Attending:**

Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager)  
Mrs L Wainwright (Democracy Advisor)

**Guests**

Cr K Ngataki *(from 6.52pm)*  
Ms J Wild (Senior Advisor Communications & Engagement, NZTA)  
2 members of the public

*In the absence of the Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson opened the meeting and assumed the Chair.*

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Mr Semau/Mr Henderson)**

**THAT the apologies from Mrs Tema-Liapaneke and Cr Ngataki for lateness be received.**

**CARRIED**

**TUCB2306/01**

## **CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

**Resolved: (Mrs Henderson/Cr Matatahi-Poutapu)**

**THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 be confirmed:**

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting;**
- b. in accordance with Standing Order 9.4 the order of business be changed with agenda item 6.3 [*Update on Upper Northern Waikato Railway Station Indicative Business Case*] being considered after agenda item 5;**
- c. Cr Ngataki be granted speaking rights for the meeting; and**
- d. all reports be received.**

**CARRIED**

**TUCB2306/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Cr Reeve/Mr Henderson)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting for the Tuakau Community Board held on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record with the following amendment:**

*The wording "Tuakau Park" on page 4 of the minutes be amended to read "Central Park".*

**CARRIED**

**TUCB2306/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Ms Wild (Senior Advisor Communications & Engagement, NZTA) updated the Board on the following matters:

- Waka Kotahi - NZ Transport Agency could now progress with Stage 1B2 of the SH1 Papakura to Drury project as consenting had been approved under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act. This was the final stage of the project to be consented and covered upgrades to the Southern Motorway between the Papakura BP Connect motorway service centre and the Bremmer Road overbridge near Drury.
- Noise walls had been completed on Stage 1.
- Widening of the south bound pavements and the Papakura onramp were progressing.
- Retaining walls and box culverts were close to completion.
- The Park Estate Road bridge approaches would be opened on Friday, 16 June 2023. The road had been under traffic lights and single lane for two (2) years.
- The Papakura south onramp would be closed for two (2) months to enable tightening of the onramp curve. Traffic would be redirected to the Drury interchange to re-enter the motorway.
- Pavement and stormwater works would be carried out on Beach Road, Papakura.
- Interim signalisation of the Bombay interchange. Lights would be erected at the top of the interchange by the end of the 2023 year.
- An open day would be held on Saturday, 17 June 2023 from 10.00am to 1.00pm at the Drury Hall, 10 Tui Street, Drury. All members of the public were welcome to attend. Kiwirail would be in attendance to answer questions on the electrification of the line. <https://www.facebook.com/nztaakl/posts/pfbid02Go7VfVKhxr7ut2ReYpJYqJijgkYSqjZHEjVjzvcTwj2RfsIvfBjiGXdYR9YgVEtil>
- Information on projects could be viewed on the NZTA website. <https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/sh1-papakura-to-bombay/>.

## **REPORTS**

### Update on Upper Northern Waikato Railway Station Indicative Business Case Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*TUCB2306/02 refers*]. The Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships Manager presented a verbal update to the Board on the following matters:

- An investigation had been undertaken on the feasibility of train stations in north Waikato. Three (3) locations were of interest – Te Kauwhata, Pokeno and Tuakau. A medium to long term business case would be developed.
- Te Huia provided four (4) trains per day/per week (excluding Sunday) to Auckland and return. There was a bus service from Pokeno and Tuakau to Pukekohe.
- Waikato District Council owned land in Pokeno. This site was favoured as a stopping point for the train service. It had been noted that as Tuakau was only 15 minutes from the Pukekohe station, it was not favoured as a stop point. Cost was a key consideration with the project.
- Applying for Government funding was being considered as the erection of a station/platform was expensive.
- An online workshop would be held at the end of the June 2023 for board members to attend. Details of the workshop would be sent out.

### Works, Actions & Issues Report Agenda Item 6.1

The report was taken as read. The following points were highlighted:

#### George Street/Buckland Road corner

- No further update.

#### Speed Bend on Jellicoe Avenue, Tuakau – to be installed

- No further update.

#### Tuakau Youth Centre Building Project

- The Youth Centre would be applying to become a Charitable Trust to assist with funding for the project.

#### Upgrade to the Tuakau Domain Toilets

- No further update.

### Emergency Hub

- People/groups would need to be contacted for feedback. Evacuation points would be identified.

### Carvings

- Ongoing maintenance of the carvings would be required.

### Civil Defence

- No further update.

### Safety Issues – Edinburgh and Booth Crescent

- No further update.

**ACTION:** Staff to correct the name of the road in the report. The correct roads names are Edinburgh Street and Booth Crescent.

### Congestion on Elizabeth Street

- The Safety Engineer had inspected this matter and advised that a detailed study would be required.

### Centennial Park and the Lightbody Reserve

- No further update.

### Screen and overhead computer system

- Investigation required on the relocation of the overhead and computer systems from the Tuakau Town Hall Boardroom to the Supper Room.

**ACTION:** Staff requested to carry out an investigation and report back to the Board.

### Intersection at Tuakau and Buckland Roads (New item)

- Concern was raised on the safety at this intersection.

**ACTION:** Staff requested to carry out an investigation and report back to the Board.

### Bus shelters in Tuakau (New item)

- It had been noted that bus users were having to either stand in the rain or shelter under shop canopies while waiting for buses to arrive. Shelters were required at the stops in Tuakau.

### Speed Bumps on Gibson Road, Tuakau (New item)

- Speed had become an issue on Gibson Road, Tuakau and it was suggested that speed bumps be installed to stop this happening.

**ACTION:** Staff requested to carry out an investigation and report back to the Board.

Cr Ngataki entered the meeting at 6.52pm during discussions on the above item.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*TUCB2306/02 refers*] and discussion was held.

**Resolved: (Mrs Henderson/Mr Henderson)**

**THAT the Tuakau Community Board notes the:**

- a. **Discretionary Fund update as at 3 May 2023;**
- b. **return of \$63.23 to the discretionary fund (the balance of commitment B Watson for ANZAC Day catering/food);**
- c. **return of \$665.22 to the discretionary fund (the balance of commitment to Swimming Pool Subsidy for 2021-22 season from Belgravia as per March minutes);**
- d. **GST amount of \$109.72 for the payment to Tuakau Youth Centre; and**
- e. **\$7,600.00 resolution TUCB2302/06 Pool Subsidy for 2022-2023 season Belgravia stays showing as a commitment as the invoice has not yet been paid for 2022-2023 season.**

**CARRIED**

**TUCB2306/04**

**ACTION:** Staff to clarify the 22 November 2021 commitment to the Tuakau Lions Club (OTCB2111/04) for \$1,739.13 as the Club is not GST registered.

**ACTION:** Staff to investigate and report back to the Board on whether the font size of the Discretionary Fund reports could be increased to enable better readability.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.4

No report was received.

## Councillors' Reports

### Agenda Item 6.5

Verbal reports were received on the following matters:

- A Waikato strategy workshop had been held looking at prioritising strategies for community halls, toilets, defining assets, council owned land, council facilities and buildings.
- Discussions had been held at Council on the LTP, rail situation and acquisition of land within the district. There was no further progress on the park next to Tuakau College.
- An existing placemaking project was little libraries in Tuakau. One was located at Harrisville School and one at the community garden. The Harrisville School little library was empty, and refurbishment of the library box was required. Cr Reeve would investigate this.
- A strategy workshop had been held at Pokeno to assess the top five (5) priorities in the north. A suggestion was made that the Tuakau Community Board and the Pokeno Community Committee meet to discuss what is in the best interest of all communities in the north.
- A project management tool would be coming out from Council in July and would list what works were happening in each town. The community could access this tool.
- Tree planting at the Les Batkin Reserve would take place on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 at 10.00am. 1200 trees would be planted with 90 school students in attendance. Board members were encouraged to attend.

Mrs Tema-Liapaneke entered the meeting at 7.49pm during discussions on the above item.

## Community Board Members' Reports

### Agenda Item 6.6

Verbal reports were received on the following matters:

- A near miss incident had occurred at the pedestrian crossing outside the library on George Street, Tuakau where a person had nearly been hit by a car at night. For the safety of the public, lights were required at the crossing. Vehicles were also parking on the yellow lines either side of the crossing resulting in poor driver visibility when people were entering/exiting the crossing.

**ACTION:** Staff to investigate the erection of lights at the pedestrian crossing outside the Tuakau Library for the safety of the public.

- It was suggested that the NZ Police be invited to Board meetings to provide updates and to allow discussions on speed/safety issues and what could be done. Cr Reeve would attend to the invitation.
- Ms Frame had attended various Council workshops and the Chairing Meetings training.
- Board facebook page. Access would be given to members.

Waikato District Council Executive Leadership Update  
Agenda Item 6.7

No report was received.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.14pm

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2023.

G Tema-Liapaneke  
**CHAIRPERSON**