
MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 10 JULY 2023** commencing at **6.06pm**.

Present:

Ms J Morley (Chairperson)
Cr J Gibb (*until 6.35pm*)
Ms D Lovell
Mr H Lovell
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms L Kellaway (Heritage Advisor)

Ms R Chisholm (Democracy Advisor)
Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

Mr D Turner (Taupiri Marae)
Mr T George (Taupiri Marae)

The meeting was opened with a Karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Ms J Morely/Cr Turner)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board accepts the apologies from:

- a. Sharnay Cocup-Hughes for non-attendance; and
- b. Cr J Gibb for early departure.

CARRIED

TCB2307/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Ms J Morely/Mrs D Lovell)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 10 July 2023 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

TCB2307/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Cr Turner/Mr H Lovell)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 15 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TCB2307/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Laura Kellaway – Strategic Advisor – Heritage (Verbal Presentation)

Ms Kellaway addressed the Board and introduced herself in her role as the first Heritage Advisor to be employed at Waikato District Council. She made the following points:

- Ms Kellaway gave a brief overview of her history with Heritage work in NZ, the previous roles she had prior to joining Waikato District Council.
- Additionally, Ms Kellaway outlined what her role with Waikato District Council was going to be and where she fit within the organisation.

Questions/Discussion

- Ms Kellaway responded to queries regarding her level of understanding of Taupiri Heritage information followed by discussion on the history of Maaoridom and sensitivity of how the Heritage information would be managed.
- It was noted that the Board were yet to discuss how to utilise the information and caretaking over that history taonga.

REPORTS

Works and Issues Report
Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*TCB2307/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Community Plan

- No further discussion was held.

Wel Green Boxes/Chorus Building/Mural Painting

- Ms Lovell and Mr T George spoke to the Board about the proposed mural (printed copy provided to the Board).
- The Board would like to acknowledge the work of Mr T Turner and expresses their appreciation for the work he has done on this project.

Chorus Building:

- Pictures of the different murals were presented along with the written history.
- Chorus have advised that they would be happy to pay for the mural to be implemented and completed onto their building.

Wel Box

- A further image was presented to the Board for the Wel Boxes.

Proposal for Walkway and Cycle Track in Taupiri

- A further update will be provided to the Board at the next meeting following the meeting that is to be held next week.

Emergency Procedures

- Due to illness, there have been delays, further discussion with the Marae was required. The Chairperson would provide an update at the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Support

- No further discussion was held.

Picnic Tables

- It was noted that this has taken nine (9) months to date, and this was considered too long as it was supposed to be delivered three (3) months ago. There was still no delivery date proposed.
- As advised at the latest Citycare meeting, there was an ongoing delay in installation from October 2022, then February 2023 and to date.

ACTION: The Strategic Planning Manager, Community Growth to follow up with the Open Spaces Team to get a further confirmed date of delivery/installation and come back to the Board.

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

- There was extensive discussion regarding the Structure Plan and development, including reporting of impacts from the recent development of Button Lane and the potential significant implications of future developments, in particular, around the Bowling Club that had possible cultural implications as a possible Pa site.

- It was noted that the most recent work by Waikato District Council on this has been the cultural assessment that had been done and transport assessment that was currently underway.
- Ms D Tracey, WDC Strategic Planning Manager had been asked to provide an in-person update at the next meeting.
- The Community Board had queries regarding the Development vs the Structure Plan and if any future development was required to adhere to the Structure Plan. How could the community and the Board ensure that these processes were done with the Council? For any development that comes into Council should the community and board not be part of the process and have input into these things?

ACTION: Planning & Policy Manager to come back to the Board with further information re: Taupiri Bowling Club and the potential Development that could be happening behind the club and to confirm whether this is a site of significant.

ACTION: The Board to have an out of cycle workshop in 2 weeks' time (Monday, 24 July) or another alternative date to discuss the Structure Plan further along with marae representatives and Council staff.

Roading signs

- The Board do not want to see this item closed - to stay on the Works & Issues report.
- Do we know when budget might be available? Is it possible to have an update on this on the next works and issues report?

ACTION: Item to stay on the Works & Issues Schedule and indication of budget timeline proposed for this work.

Update to Variation 3 of the Proposed Waikato District Plan

- This item to remain on the schedule.

Gardens at Taupiri Mangawara Bridge

- No further discussion was held.

Lighting at Taupiri Mountain

- No further update from the report as at May 2023 - some lights still not working.

ACTION: Revocation update for Great South Road (WDC vs. Waka Kotahi) and what budget could be affected by this – update at the next Board meeting.

Footpaths/Road Signs/Lighting/Tunnels

- The Planning & Policy Manager provided a further update to the Board from the update on the Works & Issues report and a further update from the Roothing Team which he shared with the Board.

ACTION: Great South Road Lighting – an update on this to be provided to the next Board meeting as no update for quite some time on progress.

Franklin Vets – Potential Mural Opportunity

- No further discussion.

Civil Defence Workshop

- No further discussion.

Walkway/s at the Pa Site

- There was a brief discussion on this Pa site which is still under NZTA at this stage. It was noted there is no representative at this stage as there has been no discussion with Council yet. The item to is to stay on the schedule.

Discretionary Fund Report

- An update was provided by the General Manager, Community Growth on the report.
- Additionally, remuneration updates have been sent to the Board members and the Chairperson has requested further understanding on the amounts to be provided, particularly in consideration of the decreased in numbers on the Board.

ACTION: Further information re: remuneration and the whether the decrease in members equates to additional discretionary funding to be provided to the Board.

Waikato DC Senior Leadership Update:

- It was noted that there is a Policy & Regulatory Committee meeting tomorrow to adopt both the Freedom Camping Bylaw and Trade Waste.

Taupiri Netball Courts

- It was noted that the Chairperson was looking at this further and was still having those discussions with Parks and Facilities about the tennis nets.
- The Chairperson reported receiving an email from East Waikato Netball Centre that supports the cross utilisation of the courts at the Netball Centre
- Could the Board look at putting this on the Blueprints? The Eastern Waikato Netball had been there a long time and it would be good to include this on the plans.
- Need to workshop this idea further and look at doing this on the 24 July as per the previous workshop item or organise to have a further workshop on this topic only.
- There was also discussion on the Rugby Club and an information sheet (plans for the Taupiri Rugby Club Changing Sheds) was handed out by the Chairperson. It was agreed to workshop this together with the Recreation Centre/Netball Courts.

ACTION: Further workshop to be scheduled by the Board to discuss these issues.

Resolved: (Mrs D Lovell/Cr Gibb)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board approves the mural designs as presented for both the Chorus Building and Wel Green Boxes, to be funded by Chorus and proceed with the works.

CARRIED

TCB2307/04

Discretionary Fund Report
Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [TCB2307/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- No applications were received for this meeting.
- It was noted that the new funds from 1 July 2023 would show on the next report.

Blueprints Update Report
Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [TCB2307/02 refers] and the following discussion was held:

- The Planning & Policy Manager provided a summary of the Blueprint as per his email sent in May 2023.
- It was noted that the timeframe for the survey had been extended to 14 July 2023 which has now been reflected in the resolution.
- There was discussion on what was in the current Taupiri Blueprint and what could be added to it. The Planning & Policy Manager noted that the Blueprint was not for Waikato District Council business as usual and recommends that the Board saves the Blueprint for requests outside of usual Council business.
- It was noted that the marae had not been approached directly regarding the Blueprint. Where did the marae fit in in terms of being able to provide their feedback? Could they provide feedback on the survey as well or do they feed their information through the Board? The Chairperson would provide further information to the Board this week and also liaise with the marae to gain further feedback for the Blueprint.

ACTION: Chairperson to complete the survey and would contact each Board member, as well as the marae representatives for feedback on the Taupiri Blueprint.

Resolved: (Ms Lovell/Cr Turner)

THAT the Taupiri Community Board:

- a. notes the survey for the Blueprint Review closes on 14 July 2023.**

CARRIED

TCB2307/04

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.5

- Received an email from the Mayor re: Mayoral Awards which would be on the next agenda.
- Mr Turner noted that Mr T George would be a great name to put forward for this award.
- The Economic Development Manager contacted The Chairperson regarding who would be the representative from the Board on the district wide working group, and the Chairperson advised that this would be herself.

Councillors' Reports

Agenda Item 6.6

- Both written reports were received.
- Cr Turner noted that having such a large ward means it is hard to get around sometimes but was hoping to have the mana whenua forums completed by next year.

Community Board Members' Report

Agenda Item 6.7

- Daffodil bulbs have been dispersed to Murphy Lane, Great South Road, Taupiri Educare, Cnr Onslow Avenue, Taupiri marae and other places.
- 5,500 daffodil bulbs provided to plant – Board needed to organise a planting day and sought feedback from the members on the best day to carry this out.
- Ms D Lovell noted that the Daffodil bulbs would be advertised on the Community Board and Marae Facebook pages to gauge community interest.

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.8

- Start of financial year on 1 July – good time to talk about projects/budget.

PROJECTS

Community Planting and Maintenance

Agenda Item 7.1

- No further discussion was held.

Taupiri Structure Plan

Agenda Item 7.2

- No further discussion was held.

