

**MINUTES** for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held in the Supper Room, Bow Street, Raglan **WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2023** commencing at **1.30pm**.

**Present:**

Mr D Amoore (Chairperson)  
Mr S Bains (from 1.31pm)  
Ms K Binnersley (from 1.49pm)  
Mr C Rayner (Deputy Chairperson) Y  
Cr T Turner  
Mr R Wallis

**Attending:**

(7 members of the public)

Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)  
Ms R Chisholm (Democracy Advisor)  
Ms T Lange (Events Officer)  
Ms E Lane (Community Venues Officer)

Mr N Turner (Blue Float Energy)

**APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolved: (Mr C Rayner/Mr R Wallis)**

**THAT the apologies from Mr T Euston and Cr L Thomson for non-attendance be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**RCB2309/01**

**CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Resolved: (Mr D Amoore/Mr C Rayner)**

**THAT the agenda and supplementary agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 be confirmed;**

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

**CARRIED**

**RCB2309/02**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Mr D Amoore and Mr R Wallis declared non-financial interests in being members of the Raglan Surf Lifesaving Club.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Resolved: (Mr C Rayner/Mr R Wallis)**

**THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 14 June 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record with following amendments:**

**CARRIED**

**RCB2309/03**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr D Amoore welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

*Mr Shane Gold – Raglan Sports Fishing Club*

- Mr Gold queried placement of bollards at the airstrip as well as the bark where there has been planting and the issue of potholes. In the following discussion, it was noted that removal of the bollards has been to open the area up for a play area and the bark/planting and potholes can be discussed in an upcoming meeting with Cr Thompson
- The action of removing the bollards was queried and it was confirmed that it is not necessary for consultation on this.
- There was general discussion regarding overflow parking and gates opening times (7pm at the latest) as well as a hose to be replaced.

**ACTION:** Mr Amoore will talk to Cr Thompson next week and raise these issues with her then.

*Aaron Moar*

- The matter of the soccer fields being very wet was raised and in following discussion it was noted that there has been damage to the pump from vandalism so the pump doesn't work which is contributing to the field being so wet.
- It was noted that parking on the soccer fields is making it hard to play as it is causing significant undulation of the ground.

### Bruce Teddy

- It was queried why rates charges are over 7% as it was understood that rates were to be capped at 7%. In response, The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) advised that urban areas rates increased as per increases indicated in the Long Term Plan (LTP) and urban centres and lifestyle blocks are slightly more than rural.
- It was further noted that everyone receives different services across the district which means slight variations in rates. It was noted that rates can be viewed on the Council website. It was further noted property valuations are not undertaken by Council and are based on property sales in the area.
- Due to Raglan being coastal and the increasing value of properties, it was noted that this affects rates. Additionally, there are hardship options and other mechanisms that can be used if contacting Council regarding rates.
- There was discussion on the Rating Act legislation and it was noted that the Office of the Valuer General are struggling to keep on top of the workload post Covid. There will be communications to each individual property owner and the opportunity to dispute that.
- In discussion regarding potential extra revenue from the Rangatahi development, it was noted that only approx. 800k extra income would come from this which is not significant and there are also maintenance costs to consider. Trunk infrastructure will need to be upgraded or replaced as part of growth.
- Clarification was sought as to whether Raglan Community Board acts for Raglan in submissions and Mr Amoore confirmed that Raglan Community Board takes matters to Council, including the LTP and is the contact for the Raglan Community.

## **REPORTS**

### Blue Float Energy – Off -shore Wind Farm

#### Agenda Item 6.1

Mr N Turner was in attendance to present on Blue Float Energy's proposed offshore wind farm projects. Brochures were distributed to the Board and the following points were noted:

- Blue Float energy has their headquarters in Spain and have a working partnership with a Taranaki based company. 2 wind farms are proposed, one in Waikato and one in Taranaki.
- The project is still in very early stages of feasibility studies and Blue Float are looking for feedback at this stage.
- The next phase of the project is expected to start in 2025 and at that time, impact assessments will be done, including, environmental impact assessments. 4-5 years is the time being allowed for this process and investment stage would be potentially at the end of this decade.

- Climate change and global warming are the main reasons for the projects and it was noted that it would also provide contribution to decarbonisation efforts for New Zealand
- The nearest turbine is proposed for 22km away (offshore). Visual simulations have been done and there have been slight concept changes recently for the Waikato project.
- In following discussion, it was noted that there is no regulatory framework for this project at this point in time.
- Blue Float Energy are looking for feedback on how to engage with the Raglan community.
- It was noted that at the distance of 22km out, the depth would be between 50 and 70 metres of water.
- Exclusion zones were queried and Blue Float advised that none been identified in New Zealand yet, however, commonly in construction stage, there would be a 500m safety zone around each turbine.
- It was noted that there are 54 turbines proposed in phase I and in discussion regarding offshore verses onshore turbines it was noted that the biggest onshore turbine is only 4.3 megawatts however an offshore turbine generates 15 megawatts.

#### Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items July 2023

##### Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [RCB2309/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

##### *Civil Defence and Raglan Community Response Plan*

- It was reported that the Emergency Management Advisor has done a review and it is anticipated that within the next couple of months a public meeting will be held to take this forward. It was further noted that representatives from Iwi will be included in the meeting.

##### *Fluoridation in Water*

- Taken as read.

##### *Freedom Camping and Connectivity Strategy Bylaws.*

- Ms K Binnersley's work on coordinating the Freedom Camping submission was acknowledged.

##### *Sound Splash Update.*

- Ms S Lane introduced herself to the Board as a new Team Leader on the Sound Splash event team and handed over to Ms T Lange, who has worked on Sound Splash for the last 2 years, to give an update on management plans.

Dates for the event are confirmed as:

Wainui

Set Up: 8 January 2024

Event: 19 January – 21 January 2024

Pack down until 29 January 2024

Airfield

15 January – 24 January 2024

- It was noted that current management plans are in draft form and need to be more detailed. Working plans will be with Council for review in September.
- With regards to the Airfield Management Plan it was noted that there have been changes in the provision of shelter/water/toilets for those waiting for buses and how to get people on and off the buses.
- Due to additional infrastructure required, the set up required will be longer. Dates are extended from initially being 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January to now being 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> January.
- Updates on the Transport Management Plan were noted and include:
  - Return bus tickets have been sold for Auckland and Hamilton, with over 1,000 tickets sold to date.
  - 25 coaches have been booked which is more than double that of 2023.
  - Buses will run directly from Trust bank Arena in Auckland and The Base in Hamilton to the event and vice versa. Fulfilment will be in Auckland and Hamilton with transport directly to Wainui Reserve. This minimises Airfield traffic.
  - Staggered arrival for drop offs are planned. If attendees arrive early for their allocated shuttle bus time, they will be asked by staff to leave and come back at their scheduled time.
- Concerns regarding Sunday traffic access to the reserve were noted again the Traffic management Plan and Sound Splash to discuss as part of the Traffic Management Plan with Kevin Briggs (Alliance).
- Ticket sales opened in July and have been limited to 8,000, to date 7,400 sold.
- Council has encouraged and supports the decision to cap numbers at 8,000 for this year and to re-evaluate after the 2024 event.
- In following discussion it was noted that risks are being managed though reduced numbers and increased monitoring. Steps are being taken to streamline the process.
- Contingency plans were queried and it was advised that there is a wellbeing management plan included this year, as well as better monitoring.
- It was noted that the wellness plan covers the issue of intoxicated people and it was confirmed that security need to reinforce the plans.
- In relation to resource consent and landowner consents, it was noted that a decision on dates for these is yet to be made. It was advised that the Raglan Community Board will be advised and updated in the November meeting of outcomes regarding consents.

- It was confirmed that that management plans closure dates will be upheld and approval will not be given if not in on time. It was noted that expectations have been set.
- The next update on Sound Splash will be in November at the November Community Board meeting.

#### *Internal Bus transport*

- It was noted that this is still in the procurement stage and there are no updates. A follow up meeting time is to be confirmed.

**ACTION :** The CFO to organise a Zoom meeting with the Consultant from Waikato Regional Council.

#### *CCTV*

- It was noted that that this is not progressing quickly and a meeting with Hamilton City Council is yet to happen.

#### Capital Projects Update

##### *Wharf project*

- There were no updates.

##### *Wi Neera Walkway*

- It was noted that we are still awaiting a report on construction options.

##### *Greenslade Road Reserve Playground*

- An ecological assessment has been undertaken and the playground location confirmed.
- A Project Manager has been appointed.
- There are no specific dates to community at this stage.

##### *Manu Bay Breakwater*

- Still waiting on Tonkin Taylor.

##### *Raglan Rugby Club pavilion*

- No updates

*Raglan Holiday Park –*

- Ongoing erosion in the area was noted.
- It was noted that there is a Papahua Camp board meeting next week.

**ACTION:** Next report back to Raglan Community Board in November 2023.

Discretionary Fund Report to 30 June 2023

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [RCB2309/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

- Mr Wallis noted that he has followed up with the Raglan Museum and this still in commitments.

**ACTION:** The Chief Financial Officer to follow up the invoice from Raglan Museum.

- Lions Club – no invoice has come through yet. Mr Wallis has followed up. CFO to follow up further.

**ACTION:** The Chief Financial Officer to follow up the invoice from the Lions Club.

- The Raglan Surf Life Saving Club are applying for \$2000 for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on labour weekend and have an open day. Half funding from the government the rest is on the club. Book is what they are looking for the funding for. This is for an event and celebration.

**Resolved: (Mr C Rayer/Mr S Bains)**

**THAT the Raglan Community Board:**

- a. **approves/partially approves/declines an allocation of \$2,000.00 (excl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
  - i. **Raglan Surf Live Saving Club.**
  - ii. **for publication of 50 years of surf lifesaving in Raglan books.**

**CARRIED**

**RCB2309/07**

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [RCB2309/02 refers], and the following discussion was held:

- Taken as read.

Councillors' Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [RCB2309/02 refers], and no further discussion was held.

There was no Councillor's report for August.

Board Member Reports

Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [RCB2309/02 refers], and no further discussion was held.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.43pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this                      day of                      2023.

D Amore  
**CHAIRPERSON**