

Minutes for a meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held in the Wairamarama Community Hall, 1410 Wairamarama Onewhero Road, Onewhero on **THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023** commencing at **6.32pm**.

Present:

Mr B Cameron (Chairperson)
Mrs R Costar
Ms L Fry
Cr CA Eyre

Attending:

Mr J Gillespie (Roading Contract Manager, HEB)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Customer Support)
Mrs L Wainwright (Democracy Advisor)
Ms K Walter (The Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated)
Ms K Reese (Wairamarama Community Incorporated)
Mr A Caldwell (Glen Murray Hall Association)
6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mrs Costar/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board:

- a. accepts the apologies from Ms F Coker-Grey and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu for non-attendance.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2310/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mrs Costar/Ms Fry)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 26 October 2023 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED

RPWCB2310/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Mr Cameron advised members of the Board that he would declare a non-financial conflict of interest in part of item 6.2 [*Rural Port Waikato Community Board Discretionary Fund Applications - Glen Murray Hall Association*] as he was a member of the Hall Association.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Ms Fry/Mrs Costar)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Rural Port Waikato Community Board held on Thursday, 14 September 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

RPWCB2310/03

PUBLIC FORUM

The following issues were discussed:

- Mr Gillespie, HEB introduced himself to the Board and advised that he was the Roothing Contract Manager for the North Waikato rooding corridor.
- A member of the HEB team drove the corridor on a regular basis and noted any rooding issues which were fed back to Mr Gillespie and Waikato District Council.
- It was noted that under the COPTTM (Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management), Central Government had tightened up regulatory regimes around rooding earthworks.
- Funding for rooding had been obtained following a tour of the rooding network with a Waka Kotahi representative.
- Communication from Council to the Wairamarama ratepayers was poor. It was felt that Council was losing credibility with the lack of communication being given to some communities.

- Brien and Ponganui Roads had become dangerous due to logging trucks damaging the roads.
- The process for customer requests was that requests were received, the action would be completed and signed off and reported back to the team. Auditing of the request/process would then take place.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report to 16 October 2023

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*RPWCB2310/02 refers*] and no discussion was held.

Rural Port Waikato Community Board Discretionary Fund Applications

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*RPWCB2310/02 refers*] and discussion was held on the following matters:

Port Waikato Residents & Ratepayers Association

Ms Walter outlined the application and answered questions from the Board. It was noted that:

- There were three (3) events to be held over the Christmas and New Year period and the Association was seeking funding for the following:

Christmas Parade - \$500.00 towards a sausage sizzle, prizes for floats entered in the parade and traffic assistance;

The Kids Beach Dig - \$300.00 towards prizes for this event; and

Music in the Gardens - \$1,200.00 towards petrol vouchers for musicians taking part in the event.

- The Port Waikato Fire Service assisted the Association with the Christmas Parade.
- Receipts would be provided to the Board following the events.

Resolved: (Cr Eyre/Mrs Costar)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,000.00 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account:**
- i. to Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers Association Incorporated**
 - ii. to hold a Christmas Parade - 10 December 2023, Kids Beach Dig - January 2024 and Music in the Gardens - Cobourne Reserve - February 2024.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2310/

Wairamarama Community Incorporated

Ms Reese outlined the application and answered questions from the Board. It was noted that:

- Due to the increased frequency of adverse events, the Wairamarama community could be cut off at any time. A group called the Wairamarama Rural Hub had been formed and the aim of the group was to provide community services and education, opportunities to connect and improve wellbeing and to enhance the environment.
- The area relied heavily on the Ponganui and Allen & Eyres Road bridge which could be closed during weather events.
- The Hub was in the process of preparing a Civil Defence Plan.
- Wairamarama Hall is a central point for the community.

Resolved: (Mrs Costar/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board:

- b. approves an allocation of \$ \$2,570.25 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account:**
- iii. to Wairamarama Community Incorporated**
 - iv. for electrical wiring upgrade of the Wairamarama Community Hall to allow a portable generator to be connected directly to the building.**

CARRIED

RPWCB2310/

Glen Murray Hall Association

Mr Cameron vacated the Chair owing to declaring a conflict of interest and did not take part in discussion or voting. Ms Fry assumed the Chair for this item.

Mr Caldwell outlined the application and answered questions from the Board. It was noted that:

- The aim of the Hall Association was to ensure the public buildings on site were maintained to a high standard and were serving the needs of the local Glen Murray community.
- Funds from the annual Mr Motorcycles bike ride meant that the Hall Association, in the past, had not applied for funding from external sources. However, due to COVID, the event had not been held for three (3) year which resulted in the Association having to seek funding from other sources.

Resolved: (Mrs Costar/Cr Eyre)

THAT the Rural Port Waikato Community Board:

- a. **approves an allocation of \$4,577.00 (plus GST) from their Discretionary Funding account:**
 - i. **to Glen Murray Hall Association,**
 - ii. **for repairs to the Church roof (external and some internal repairs to Church ceiling).**

CARRIED

RPWCB2310/

Ms Fry vacated the Chair following discussion and voting on the above item.

Mr Cameron resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Naike Community Centre

- The Naike Community Centre had withdrawn their funding application.

Works, Actions & Issues Report Status of Items August 2023

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [RPWCB2310/02 refers] and discussion was held on the following items:

Discretionary Fund Guidelines

ACTION: This item to remain on the schedule.

Port Waikato Stormwater Systems

ACTION: This item to remain on the schedule.

Graffitied Road Signs

- Cr Eyre had completed service requests on this matter.

Onewhero Area School Road Safety Improvements

- Communication between Council's roading engineer and the school principal had taken place. Road safety design plans would come back to the principal before implementation was carried out.
- A drop off point for the school children was important as crossing the road was a health and safety risk.

ACTION: This item to remain on the schedule.

Te Kohanga Playground Fully Fenced

- The new playground was located behind the Te Kohanga Community Hall adjacent to the Te Kohanga Rugby Fields.
- The only parking available was on the Tuakau Bridge Port Waikato Road outside the Community Hall with a narrow strip of metal on the road alongside the rugby fields.
- Currently, access was only available via climbing over a locked vehicle gate. The addition of a pedestrian gate at the Eastern end of the Kohanga Road fence line had occurred but there was no parking along Kohanga Road.
- The only other pedestrian access was to the left of the Community Hall where the access was an unmaintained paddock. It was recommended that a pedestrian gate be installed on the Tuakau Bridge Port Waikato Road side to match that on the Eastern end.

- This would enable better access for families to the playground. Ongoing discussions were being held with the Te Kohanga Rugby Club.
- Sunset beach toilets. Landuse and building consents had been lodged.
- Opuatia court renewal works were underway.
- Pukekawa tennis court renewal – work would commence in February 2024.
- Onewhero Domain carpark upgrade – designs had been completed, works had been awarded to a contractor and the project would be completed by April/May 2024.
- Signage would be erected re: freedom camping. On the bylaw map an area, under the trees, was still included as part of freedom camping parking. This was not correct. The only area that should be designated for freedom camping was at the back of the rugby club between the loop and the hedge.

ACTION: Staff to investigate the bylaw maps for freedom camping areas at the Onewhero Domain and report back to the Board’s next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 7 December 2023. Mrs Costar could be contacted for clarification on the freedom camping areas.

Waikato District Council Executive Update Agenda Item 6.4

A verbal report was received on the following matter:

- Council was currently preparing for the Long Term Plan 10 year planning cycle with emphasis on the first three (3) years’ projects and budgets.

Chairperson’s Report Agenda Item 6.5

A verbal report was received on the following matters:

- Time had been spent at Waikato District Council discussing the Long Term Plan. It was noted that inflation costs were high.
- There was recognition that the Waikato roading network was falling behind which required an increase in the budget to mitigate improvements.
- Congratulations to Ms Kate Reese on her Mayoral award.

Councillor's Reports

Agenda Item 6.6

A verbal report was received on the following matters:

- There was uncertainty following the general elections and the business being conducted within the first 100 days.
- Discussions would be held between local and central government on the structure of local government and how they were funded.
- \$11M in resilience funding had been set aside for areas impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. Waikato District Council received \$2.4M from the fund. The Ministry of Social Development had given \$27,000.00 to Port Waikato residents affected by the cyclone. Council was mindful that other rural areas had also been impacted by the cyclone.
- Antenna app. This app could be used to report faults to Council. Photos could be attached to the fault reports and sent via the app.
- Council would be going to market for a new Chief Executive Officer as Mr Gavin Ion would be retiring in 2024.
- Engagement would be undertaken on speed management plans that would look at roads around halls/maraes which would have reduced road speeds. Community Boards/Committees, Hall Committees, Residents & Ratepayers and Reserve User groups would receive notification of this engagement.

Community Board Members' Reports

Agenda Item 6.7

Verbal reports were received on the following matters:

- The Community Response Group had a productive meeting with Te Kotahitanga Marae on the community response plan.
- Drain clearing and roading issues were not being carried out in the Onewhero area. Culverts were blocked and flooding had occurred on properties.
- Water supply bylaw. Concern was raised that the bylaw could affect rural areas when residential development took place along with the proposal for one (1) meter per dwelling not per property. Consultation on the proposed bylaw would be undertaken between Thursday, 5 October 2023 to Sunday, 5 November 2023 and submissions would be heard on Wednesday, 22 November 2023 with Council adopting the bylaw on Monday, 18 December 2023.

