

MINUTES for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held at Waahi Marae, 177C Harris Street, Huntly on **TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2023** commencing at **6.00pm**

Present:

Ms S Matenga (Chairperson)
Mr GB McCutchan
Mr F McInally
Mr J Sandhu
Ms E Wawatai
Cr D Whyte
Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu (from 6:17pm)

Attending:

Mrs V Jenkins (People & Capability Manager)
Ms M Clark (Te Rau Manaaki o Raahui Pookeka Womens Welfare League)
Ms T Matatahi (Na Keiki o Ka Aina)
Mr H Ngapo (Raahui Pookeka Waka Sports)
Ms E Rapana (Waahi Paa Rangatahi)
Ms M Thomson (Taniwharau Netball)

Mr T Maipi (Member of the Public)

Ms E Saunders (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Mr McInally/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board accept the apologies for:

- a. non-attendance from Ms K Bredenbeck.

CARRIED

HCB2306/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Ms Wawatai)

THAT:

- a. the agenda for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 27 June 2023 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting; and
- b. all reports be received.

CARRIED

HC2306/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Ms S Matenga & Cr P Matatahi-Poutapu advised members of the Board that they would declare a financial conflict of interest in item 6.3 [*Discretionary Fund Applications – Te Rau Manaaki o Raahui Pookeka Womens Welfare League Branch*].

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr McNally/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Huntly Community Board held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

HC2306/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at the public forum:

- Mr T Maipi addressed the Board to speak about a current contract he has which would allow him to keep the town safe and promote wellbeing in Huntly. He highlighted the safety of residents in the town and the abuse that some business employees have had to endure
- An outline of the area in which he will cover was given to the Board and he noted that it would be good to have the backing of the Board behind him, particularly when it comes to getting local businesses on board.

- If there was an opportunity to speak to this strategy in a bigger public forum in Huntly that would be a great way to get businesses onboard and get the community behind them.
- The Board were very supportive of this initiative from Mr Maipi and confirmed the different ways in which the Board could be involved.

REPORTS

NZ Police Update

Agenda Item 6.1

There was no further update at this meeting.

Discretionary Fund Report to 7 September 2021

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*HCB2306/02 refers*] and discussion was held.

- Mr McNally expressed concern with the applications that have been lodged to the Community Board. It was Mr McNally's view that the applications did not meet the criteria under the rules for the Discretionary Funding.
- The Discretionary Funding Guidelines were read aloud to the Board from the Council website and it was confirmed that the applications on the agenda did indeed meet the criteria and could be heard at the meeting.
- The Board discussed at length the merits of the Discretionary Fund along with the merits of the different applications that had been received and it was decided to hear each application.

Huntly Community Board Discretionary Fund Applications

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*HCB2306/02 refers*] and further discussion was held.

Taniwharau Netball Club: (Ms M Thomson)

- Taniwharau Netball club are seeking funds to go towards their end of year prizegiving for their junior players.
- Ms Thomson advised the Board that the club have not had a prizegiving in five (5) years due to Covid and low player numbers but since the end of Covid the club has now doubled in size in terms of player numbers.
- The club were looking to take the entire Netball Club to Rainbows End during the month of September when Rainbows End have a club special happening which makes the price of admission cheaper for larger groups.

Resolved: (Cr Matatahi-Poutapu/Ms Wawatai)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$2,105.90 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Taniwharau Netball Club**
 - ii. for the end of season prizegiving.**

CARRIED

HC2306/04

Na Keiki o Ka Aina: (Ms T Matatahi)

- Ms Matatahi gave an overview of the event and organisation to the Board and highlighted the positive impact the event would have on the community.
- A further quote was provided to the Board which had more itemised costings and breakdown of items required.
- It was noted by Ms Matatahi that the priority for the group right now was a guitar, a ukelele and a speaker which totals \$950. The Board were happy to provide funding for that amount.

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Cr Whyte)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$950.00 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Na Keiki O Ka Aina**
 - ii. for the Haka hula fusion event in October 2023.**

CARRIED

HC2306/05

Te Rau Manaaki o Raahui Pookeka Womens Welfare League: (Ms M Clark)

- Ms Clark presented to the Board and gave a brief history of the organisation and the contribution it has made to women in Raahui Pookeka.
- The group currently consists of 60 women and 20 tamariki. The group is going through a rejuvenation after the popularity they had particularly in the 60s and 70s.
- The group really speaks to empowering women and their whaanau and providing the necessary support to be able to do this.
- Ms Clark spoke about the waananga they were wanting to hold and what they were hoping to achieve with this initiative. The waananga aligns with Matariki.

- In response to a question raised by the Board Ms Clark outlined what is included in the garden packs that they wish to have for their members. It includes seedlings, biodegradable pots along with lessons on how to grow these from scratch.
- The Board really liked the idea of the planter boxes and garden packs and were happy to provide funding for these items.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$1,500.00 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account upon receipt of receipts to:**
 - i. Te Rau Manaaki o Raahui Pookeka Womens Welfare League**
 - ii. for the Matariki karanga and waiata lessons.**

CARRIED

HCB2306/06

As per the declarations of interest item Ms Matenga and Cr Matatahi-Poutapu did not participate in the conversation nor vote on the above item.

Raahui Pookeka Waka Sports: (Mr H Ngapo)

- Mr Ngapo (Chairperson – Raahui Pookeka Waka Sports) spoke to the application and gave a brief history of the club and it's origins to the Board.
- The club operate on voluntary support and they conduct their training on Lake Puketirini in the winter and on the awa (Waikato River) in the summer.
- The application was a request to have the support of the Board to grow and instill values in the rangatahi of Huntly to become ambassadors and kaitiakitanga for the community.
- The club wishes to have funds to support the purchase of resources like life jackets (large emphasis on health & safety – particularly for the young paddlers) and waka ama paddles. The club would also look at getting gazebos for competition days to keep members warm and dry.
- The club currently have a membership base of 120 members that range in age from 6 to 68 years old.
- The club often punch above their weight in both local and national competitions when you consider they are heavily reliant on volunteers to help get them over the line.
- In response to a question asked from the Board, Mr Ngapo explained the difference between life jackets and buoyancy aids.
- The club were looking to to hold events in the future for regional competitions that could attract up to 2,000 people along with smaller local events.
- The Chairperson advised the Board that in the blueprint documentation for Huntly it was referenced that there would be a relationship with the Waka Ama club so it was good to see an application come to the Board for discussion.

- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu spoke to the costs involved in having a child in Waka Ama. The club have historically shouldered a lot of the costs involved to try and keep it as reasonable as possible to allow as many tamariki as possible to participate.
- Waka Ama is an immense benefit to the community as children really enjoy getting involved and giving it a go. The club has given youth another outlet that they could really be involved in.
- The national competition is held in mid-January every year at Lake Karapiro. Members and their families can source their own equipment but it would be great if the club could provide as much resource as possible.

Resolved: (Cr Whyte/Mr Sandhu)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. **approves allocation of \$3,600 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Raahui Pookeka Waka Sports**
 - ii. **for the waka ama pre-season.**

CARRIED

HCB2306/07

Waahi Paa Rangatahi: (Ms E Rapana)

- Ms E Rapana spoke to the full application which was received in the agenda and it was noted by the Board how full and complete the application was.
- The current numbers of children in the programme is capped at 50 and the figure was reached very quickly. It was noted by Ms Rapana that the programme is not just for children at Waahi Paa but for all children across Huntly.
- It was confirmed by Ms Rapana that the costs for the food is the lunch for the participants over the two week period.
- The majority of the expenses requested comes from the hire of a 12 seater van which will allow tutors to take children on outings to other local and outside areas for day trips.
- Having a community programme like this has proven to be beneficial for children. When children are busy and have something else other than school to be involved in it created a positive outcome for the community.
- Reference was made to the holiday programme in Ngaaruawaahia which has only grown over the years and is extremely popular. The programme is aiming to reach these levels and is hoping that this programme will be the start of something that the community can really be proud of.

ACTION: Waahi Paa Rangatahi to provide the Board with the quote for the 12 seater van so the Board could consider this for the funding.

Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Mr McCutchan)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$3,567.00 (excl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account on receipt of further quote information to:
 - i. Waahi Paa Rangatahi
 - ii. for the Waahi Paa Rangatahi Holiday Programme.

CARRIED

HC2306/08

Huntly Community Board Flag:

- No further discussion was held and funding was approved by the Board.

Resolved: (Ms Wawatai/Cr Whyte)

THAT the Huntly Community Board:

- b. approves an allocation of \$231.15 (incl. GST) from their Discretionary Funding account to: Flag Signs
 - i. for the purchase of a Huntly Community Board Flag.

CARRIED

HC2306/09

Huntly Works & Issues Report: Status of Items June 2023

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*HC2306/02 refers*] and discussion was held:

Hoarding at Garden Place

- Mr McNally raised the issue of the hoarding boards that have been in garden place for over five (5) years now and what an eyesore they are for the community.
- Cr Whyte has had previous conversations with Council staff about this very issue and would follow this up with those staff.

ACTION: Item to be added to the Works and Issues Report with Cr Whyte following it up with Council staff.

Huntly Railway Station – Historic Station Building Relocation:

- An email update was sent to the Board by the Project Manager earlier today and the Board would like this item to stay on the schedule pending further updates.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Fitness Trail in Tumate Mahuta Drive Park

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Street Lights Service Requests

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Inground garden lights, Main Street, Huntly

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Planned Projects (Roading/Projects/Waters Teams)

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

CCTV Cameras

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Project Updates

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Jakeman Place – Huntly Street Name

- It was noted by the Board that a new development was taking place across the river from the Water Treatment Plant off Riverview Road. A workshop for the Board and the Roding Team needs to be had to get more names on the road naming list.

ACTION: Democracy Advisor to follow up with the Roding Team to get a confirmed workshop date for the Board to get new road names on the list.

Community Safety

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Liquor Licence

- Cr Whyte enquired if the relevant staff could attend a Community Board meeting. The Democracy Advisor advised that if required a teams link could be set up for staff to attend online.
- The Board acknowledged that whilst the questions have been answered they would still like clarity around on/off licences and the difference between liquor stores and supermarkets.
- Cr Whyte would follow up with Environmental Health Team Leader to see if a member of the Liquor Licencing Team could attend a meeting in the near future.

ACTION: Democracy Advisor to seek attendance by the relevant staff to the next Huntly Community Board meeting and to set up a Teams Link if required.

Social Procurement

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to stay on Schedule.

Watercare Update – Treatment Plant Visit

- No further discussion.

ACTION: Item to be removed from Schedule.

Rock of Recognition Item

- Completed.

ACTION: Item to be removed from the Schedule.

Maaori Wardens Building

- A quick discussion was had about the building and what is happening with it. Is the Lease expiring or is the building going to be demolished. An update on this building would be appreciated along with adding this item to the works schedule.

ACTION: Item to be added to the Works Schedule.

Huntly West Stormwater Catchpits

- All of the Stormwater Catchpits in Huntly West have been vacuumed out by the Contractor (Civic) however it was noted that during heavy rainfall surface flooding is still happening.
- Mr McCutchan was planning to meet with Council to go through the catchpits one by one to ensure this clearing is being done on a regular basis and that the issue does not keep happening. It was noted that Council advised this was completed at the beginning of the month but Mr McCutchan is going to take photographs to keep Council accountable.

ACTION: Item to be added to the Works Schedule.

Safety Issue on Tane Mahuta Drive (Opposite Countdown Huntly Service Entrance)

- It was raised by Mr McNally that the gully trap in Tane Mahuta Drive continuously floods causing issues for residents and travellers. It is a dangerous hazard that is going to cause serious injury very soon if something was not done to rectify this. The road is starting to dip and drop out and this item needs to be on the Works Register moving forward so the Board can see what is being done.

ACTION: Item to be added to the Works Schedule.

Blueprints Review

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*HCB2306/02 refers*] and discussion was held:

- It was confirmed that the Chairperson would respond to the survey on behalf of the Board.

Resolved: (Mr McCutchan/Cr Whyte)

THAT the Huntly Community Board notes the survey for the Blueprint Review closes on 30 June 2023.

CARRIED

HCB2306/10

Levels of Services Schedule for the Huntly Area

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*HCB2306/02 refers*] and discussion was held:

- A discussion by the Board was had in regards to the levels of service and who is accountable if these targets are not being met. It was noted that Citycare seems to have improved greatly with responding to different service requests that have been logged but improvement is still required.
- It is glaringly obvious that a lot of these Service Levels are not being met and the Board need to know who is responsible when this doesn't happen and who is running the contracts? What do the Board do when it is noticeable that levels aren't being achieved.
- Overall it was noted by the Board that it was good to have this report on the agenda so they could see exactly what needs to be done and when it should be completed.
- Litter Control – what area is Huntly in for Litter Control? It would be good to get some clarification of what the levels mean and what areas these are in?

ACTION: Litter Control item to be added to the Works Schedule with a response from Council to the next Board meeting was requested.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.7

The chairperson gave a verbal report on the following items:

- The Huntly Sports Complex: The lease is held by the Huntly Rugby Old Boys, however it was noted that Taniwharau Rugby League Club have expressed their interest in occupying the lease or even having a conversation about this further so they can access

the grounds to be able to train. It was noted that Huntly Rugby Old Boys are currently without a team so no-one is using the complex at this time. Taniwharau Rugby League have quite a few players in their squads.

- Cr Matatahi-Poutapu advised that she has had a conversation with the Service Delivery General Manager which the Board can have a workshop about at a later date.

Councillors & Community Board Reports

Agenda Item 6.8

The written report from Cr Whyte was received [*HCB2306/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Verbal reports were received on the following items from the Board members:

- Ms Wawatai is going to book time in with each of the Board Members to have interviews with youth.
- A brief discussion was had in relation to hanging flags on the lightpoles down the mainstreet and the need to have a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) in place in order to get this done. The Board would continue to look at different options around getting flags raised onto the lightpoles and have discussions with Council around the requirement for a TMP.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.23pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2023.

S Matenga
CHAIRPERSON