
MINUTES for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held in the Memorial Hall, Greenlane Road, Taupiri on **MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2024** commencing at **6.02pm.**

Present:

Ms J Morley (Chairperson)
Ms S Cocup-Hughes (Deputy Chairperson)
Cr J Gibb
Mrs D Lovell
Mr H Lovell
Cr T Turner

Attending:

Mr J Ebenhoh (Planning & Policy Manager)
Ms K Brotherston (Democracy Advisor)

The meeting opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCES

No apologies were received; all members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Gibb / Ms Cocup-Hughes)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 26 February 2024 be confirmed:

- a. with all items therein being considered in open meeting; and**
- b. all reports be received except item number 6.2 Discretionary Report.**

CARRIED

TCB2402/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mr Lovell / Cr Turner)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Taupiri Community Board held on Monday, 4 December 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

TCB2402/02

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Taupiri Works and Issues Report

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*TCB2309/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Community plan booklet

- Cr Gibb advised that she had been updating the booklet to include historical information previously captured in the community plans.
- It was noted that the purpose of including a snapshot of the history would aid in future tracking and referencing.

ACTION Cr Gibb to tidy up the booklet and send it to the Planning & Policy Manager.

Proposal for walkway and cycle track

- It was noted that the discussion regarding the expressway revocation had progressed, and the item would stay on the register.

Emergency Procedure

- No further updates were provided.

Structure Plan

- It was noted that the Urban design plan had been shared with the Community Board.
- The main structure plan draft was scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2024, with consultation and adoption hopefully taking place by the end of June.
- Zoning discussions re: the village retail / commercial area had taken place with relevant landowners; however, no decision had been made by landowner or Council.

Roading traffic signs

- Enquiries were made regarding the speed limit review and feedback required.
- It was noted that traffic measuring took place over the summer, however, feedback had not been received to date.
- It was noted the Taupiri Trust was also looking into the issue due to the walkway/road.
- A request for temporary speed reduction on Gordonton Road had been made to Waka Kotahi / New Zealand Transport Authority and to date, no feedback had been received.

Footpaths/road signs/lighting/tunnels

- No further updates were provided.

Discretionary Fund Report – Action arising from the October meeting

- It was noted there would be no large-scale ANZAC celebrations taking place this year.
- Crosses would still be erected – and a working party was being created to re-paint the crosses. A brief discussion ensued regarding paint prices, how many people were required and possible dates. Cr Gibb volunteered her painting services.
- Cr Gibb advised that Council had arranged a wreath to be laid at Ngaaruawaahia Cenotaph on behalf of the Taupiri Community Board, before asking if there was a member of the board who would be in attendance to place the wreath.

ACTION Ms Morley to obtain paint from Dulux, Mrs Lovell to circulate a selection of painting dates.

Taupiri Netball Courts

- No further updates were provided.

Taupiri Rugby club

- The Chairperson advised that she had met with the new Rugby Club Chairperson. No further updates were provided.

Memorial seat

- It was noted, the spelling within the register was incorrect. The name should read - Bob Byrne.
- Clarity was sought and received on the Lions payment, it was noted that if any cost was outstanding this may need to come back to the community board.

ACTION Cr Gibb to follow up with Parks Team to see if a formal service request had been lodged.

Waters

- No further updates were provided.

Discretionary Fund Report to 31 January 2024

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was not received [*TCB2402/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- It was noted that the report contained several inconsistencies, potentially there was some sort of error with pulling data through from the system.
- The Net funding remaining line stated the fund had \$4,978.89,
- There is one commitment listed of \$50, however, the total commitments line stated there was \$5,297.11 committed leaving a negative balance of -318.22.
- Cr Gibb advised that she had not received the reimbursement, however, it might have been paid but she hadn't seen the payment line.

ACTION Democracy Advisor to discuss inconsistencies with the accountant and circulate the corrected report, and follow up on Cr Gibb's reimbursement.

Taupiri Community Board Plans

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*TCB2402/01 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Chairperson provided an overview of the plan, noting there was a focus on building relationships within the community and strengthening communication channels with Council.
- She advised a meeting had taken place with the Community-Led Development Advisor, before outlining the next steps.
- After a brief discussion, the board agreed to meet with the Community-Led Development Advisor on Thursday, 29 February 5pm and provisionally booked a meeting with Councillors on Thursday, 7 March 5.30pm.

2024-2034 Long-Term Plan (LTP) Update

Agenda Item 6.4

- It was noted that an email had been circulated earlier in the day by Waikato District Council's Chief Operating Officer. The content of the email notified of a proposal to pause the LTP 2024/2034 and opt for an enhanced Annual Plan 2024/25
- The Planning & Policy Manager provided a brief overview of the email, noting the Central Government repeal of Water Reform as well as unconfirmed funding from Waka Kotahi / New Zealand Transport Authority were the driving factors.

- He explained the option was to postpone the LTP for one-year (subject to council meeting); there will be an 'enhanced plan' released, with the LTP being released the following year (for nine (9) years instead of 10).
- Questions around rates prices at new subdivisions such as Zillwood Lane were raised; it was noted that some houses were reported to be paying half the rates compared with other residents. In response, it was noted that this could potentially be due to section value and timeframes within the evaluation period.

ACTION Planning & Policy Manager to look into when full rates were due to commence for recently developed properties.

Waikato District Council Senior Leadership Update

Agenda Item 6.5

- The Planning & Policy Manager provided a brief update noting there was a degree of uncertainty within the Government funding space and regulatory framework (e.g. resource management reform and spatial planning,).
- He advised that Central Government was going to make optional the medium density housing requirements, noting that Waikato District Council would wait for the hearing panel's report before making decisions.
- He advised that Council had endorsed the Housing Strategy – pending a review of wording within the strategy. It was noted that Council's role within the strategy was as an enabler, encouraging housing diversity and closer relationships between staff and those who build for better outcomes.
- An update was requested on the closure of railway crossing and roundabout installation. In response, it was noted that it was not Council who were instigating the closures, rather they were coming directly from KiwiRail and that the plans had not been made available to the Structure Plan Committee to view. However, there was an understanding that balance between safety and connectivity was a priority.

Chairperson's Report

Agenda Item 6.6

- No further updates were provided as it was the first meeting of the year.

Community Board Members Report

Agenda Item 6.7

- It was noted that the school numbers were increasing and that all schools were facing uncertainty whilst they await the completion of the Ministry of Education review.
- Gala was a huge success with many people commenting on the wonderful vibe and connection-building opportunity. Schools are in limbo due to Ministry of Education review.

Councillors' Reports

Agenda Item 6.5

- No further updates were provided.

The meeting was closed with a Karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.05pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this 8th day of April 2024.

Ms J Morley
CHAIRPERSON