
Minutes for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held at the Supper Room, Raglan Town Hall, on **WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2024** commencing at **1.30pm**.

Present:

Mr C Rayner (Chairperson)
Mr R Wallis
Mr A Oosten
Ms K Binnersley
Mr S Bains

Attending:

Ms A Diaz (Chief Financial Officer)
Ms Sally Fraser (Waste Services Manager) *departed at 2.55pm*
Ms N Chapman (Collections Manager, Xtreme Zero Waste) *departed at 2.55pm*
Mr M Walker (General Manager, Xtreme Zero Waste) *departed at 2.55pm*
Ms N Maniopoto (Site Manager, Xtreme Zero Waste) *departed at 2.55pm*
Mrs K Brotherston (Democracy Advisor)

Nine (9) members of the public

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agenda Item 1

Resolved: (Ms Binnersley/Mr Wallis)

THAT the Raglan Community Board accepts apologies from Mr D Amoore and Crs Turner and Thomson for non attendance.

CARRIED

RCB2405/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Mr Wallis/Mr Bains)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Raglan Community Board held on Wednesday, 8 May 2024 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED

RCB2405/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

The report was received [*RCB2405/02 refers*] and no further discussion held.

Resolved: (Mr Wallis/Mr Oosten)

THAT the Raglan Community Board confirms the minutes as a true and correct record for the meeting held on Wednesday, 27 March 2024.

CARRIED

RCB2405/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

There were nine (9) members of the public present for the meeting.

Freedom campers

- A resident from James Street was present at the meeting to discuss Freedom Campers and the bad experience the street had over the summer. It was noted that Freedom Camper numbers had doubled over the summer and that some residents reported campers stealing vegetables from their gardens and water from their outside taps. The residents had also witnessed arguing amongst the campers. The resident noted that they unfortunately missed the consultation period when it was open.
- The resident requested the Raglan Community Board (RCB) take this issue to the Waikato District Council, and advise them that the consultation didn't go well, and suggested that Council look at long term solutions for Freedom Campers like toilets, skipbins and water.
- It was noted that 80% of the campers were not within walking distance of a toilet.
- A query was raised in relation to the James Street residents speaking directly to the campers about the issues. In response, it was noted that no residents had spoken to the campers directly.
- A query was raised in relation to a submission that RCB put forward, it was noted that the board submitted a response to central government via the consultation process with a number of recommendations.
- Discussion ensued and some of the key topics considered including, enforcing and monitoring regulations, engagement with campers, reimplementing a freedom camper ambassador and platforms for sharing freedom camper spots.

- Confirmation was sought and received in relation to bylaw review timeframes and it was noted the Freedom Camper review was due 20 November 2028.

Bus update

- A resident was present at the meeting to request an update on bus services. It was noted that another township (Cambridge) had approximately 20 buses running and inquiries were made as to what the Raglan Community Board could do to get more bus services implemented and rolled out.
- It was noted that an increase in the frequency of service encourages higher patronage which enables a commuter status.
- Confirmation was sought and received on the submission process for the Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) Public Transport Strategy – WRC will take over the services in its entirety.

Swimming pool at Rangitahi

- A resident was present at the meeting to request an update on the Rangitahi Swimming Pool Project. It was noted that the Raglan Community Board had provided a letter of support to the project, with the proviso that in regard to construction and maintenance, there was no cost to the ratepayers.

REPORTS

Xtreme Zero Waste – Te Uku Project

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*R2405/02 refers*] and the Council's Waste Services Manager together with representatives from Xtreme Zero Waste were present at the meeting the following discussion was held:

- Volume of waste: a survey was conducted over eight days, no persons were arriving during the daytime when manned, however, people were turning up and illegally dumping waste over night.
- Additional plastic and cardboard cages along with bottle lid containers had been installed, along with a hoop lid and scrim fence to stop loose litter flying into the stream/school.
- The Collections Manager provided some figures on street bins/bags pre/post covid and tonnage in landfill, it was noted there is a 50% increase over the summer months.
- Discussion ensued with some of the key topics considered including illegal dumping, location of users, type of rubbish being dumped, cost of items being illegally dumped and contracting of street bins.
- The Waste Services Manager tabled a document and provided an overview of the cost of services and a breakdown of the area serviced, contract management and current processes and new initiatives. She noted there were plans to build a resource recovery center, however, planning/budgeting was in the early stages.

- Discussion ensued with some of the key topics considered including central government's container return scheme, emphasis on business owners to install bins outside premises, Te Uku processing versus Te Mata processing, and potential new concepts such as leasing land from farmers.
- The Chairperson thanked the representatives from Xtreme Zero Waste for taking the time to present at the meeting.

ACTION: Waste Services Manager together with Zero Xtreme Waste to create a graph of the location of users by day and provide to the board.

Discretionary Fund Report

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*RCB2405/02 refers*] and it was noted the board's preference was to defer the resolution until the next meeting and attempt to contact Raglan Lions Club one more time to ascertain if the invoice still required payment or obtain written confirmation they no longer required funds. If no confirmation was received, the board would resolve to put the money back into the discretionary fund.

Discretionary Fund Applications

Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*RCB 2405/02 refers*] the following discussion was held:

Ruapuke Beach Care Group – pest control/native plants

- A representative from the group noted that the pest control measures together with the native plants would help ensure native birds and other wildlife such as lizards would thrive in the area, and that cameras would help with tracking the wildlife.
- A query was sought in relation to other funding sources, it was noted the group had not applied to other funding sources yet. It was noted that the group could fundraise from other areas eg Regional Council and Meridian.
- A brief overview of the purpose and use of the cameras, data collection and trap placement was provided.
- Discussion ensued with some of the key topics considered including erosion planting, previous funding, direction of applicants (part of the funding solution) and what equipment was a necessity.

Resolved: (Mr Bains /Mr Wallis)

THAT the Raglan Community Board:

- a. **partially fund an allocation of \$1,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. **Ruapuke Beach Care group,**
 - ii. **Pest control materials and native plant.**

CARRIED

RCB2405/04

Works, Actions & Issues Report: Status of Items

Agenda Item 6.4

The report was received [*RCB2405/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- **Civil Defence and Raglan Community Response Plan:** no further update was given Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Sound Splash Update:** The Chief Financial Officer noted a team meeting had taken place to discuss ticketing options, next step would be a workshop with the Raglan Community Board. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

ACTION: The Chief Financial Officer to circulate possible dates with board members 10-14 June 2024.

- **CCTV Better off Funding:** no further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Greenslade Road Reserve Playground:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Raglan Community Board plans:** A meeting was booked for 16 May 2024. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Implementation of Funding Round:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Stormwater Management Committee:** Consent for stormwater states there must be a Stormwater Management Committee, however, due to lapse in time/staff changes more information was required. Item to be added to the Works, Actions & Issues report.

Capital Projects Update:

- **Wharf Structural Repairs, Pontoons, and Walkways:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Wi Neera Walkway:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Manu Bay Breakwater:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Holiday Park - Main Kitchen and Laundry Refurbishment:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Holiday Park - Stormwater, Water, and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrade:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Harbour Beacon Replacement:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Art Centre Carpark:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Wainui Beach Car Park:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.
- **Papahua Recreation Reserve Car Park:** No further update was provided. Item to stay on the Works, Actions & Issues report.

Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.5

The report was received [*RSB2405/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

- The Chief Financial Officer provided a brief recap on district valuations and new dates. She noted that submissions had closed and the Council had received over 300.
- Hearings were scheduled for 14 & 15 May 2024, and deliberations were scheduled for the beginning of June.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.6

The report was received [*RCB2405/02refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Councillors Report

Agenda Item 6.7

The report was received [*RCB2405/02refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Board Members Report

Agenda Item 6.8

No further updates were provided.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.52pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this 19th day of June 2024.

Mr C. Rayner
CHAIRPERSON