

MINUTES for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held in Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Council District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024** commencing at **6.00pm**

Present:

Ms K Morgan (Chairperson)
Mr J Ayers
Ms D Firth
Mrs K Hooker
Cr E Patterson
Cr T Turner
Mr G Wiechern

Attending:

Mr K Abbot (Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation)
Ms M Athy (Waikato District Alliance)
Ms E Saunders (Senior Democracy Advisor)
Ms S Ulmer (Te Awa River Ride Charitable Trust)
Mrs A Whetu (Durham Street Precinct)
Ms A Leef (North Waikato Transport Trust)
Ms M Henry (Member of the Public)

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Agenda Item 1

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Mrs Hooker)

THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board accepts the apology from Ms V Rice for non-attendance.

CARRIED

NCB2406/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 2

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Cr Turner)

THAT the agenda for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 be confirmed:

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

CARRIED

NCB2406/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 3

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Agenda Item 4

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Ms Firth)

THAT the minutes for a meeting of the Ngāruawāhia Community Board held on Tuesday, 14 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

NCB2406/03

PUBLIC FORUM

Agenda Item 5

The following items were discussed at public forum:

- Ms M Henry introduced herself to the Community Board and advised that she was interested in discussing the adoption of the Enhanced Annual Plan which is taking place in the Chambers tomorrow.

REPORTS

Discretionary Fund Report – 29 May 2024

Agenda Item 6.1

The report was received [*NCB2406/02 refers*] and no further discussion was held.

Discretionary Fund Applications

Agenda Item 6.2

The report was received [*NCB24054/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

North Waikato Transport Trust:

- Ms A Leef spoke to the application and gave the Board an overview of the work that the North Waikato Transport Trust undertake and the boundaries of the district in which they provide support.
- It was clarified that 1x wheelchair only that can be taken in the vehicle with other seating for family support.
- It was queried what the process is in order for community members to get access to the vehicle? Ms Leef advised that the advertising of their services is very much through word of mouth and social media. She confirmed that her base is the Huntly Community House and contact details are online as well.
- In the last 12 months from July 2023 the service has helped 1,387 patients.
- It was queried whether there was budget for the maintenance of the vehicle? It was confirmed that funding is provided throughout the year for maintenance costs.
- Waikato Regional Council Better mobility funding was discussed as an option and Ms Leef advised it is not available to the organisation.

Resolved: (Mr Wiechern/Ms Firth)

THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board:

- a. approves an allocation of \$4.150.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. North Waikato Transport Trust**
 - ii. for the upgrade of their transport vehicle.**

CARRIED

NCB2406/04

Te Awa River Ride Light Night:

- Ms Ulmer & Mrs Whetu spoke to the application and provided an overview of the event in July as well as a recap of the event that occurred last year
- Cr Turner declared her interest as the Chairperson of the Creative Community Scheme (CCS) Committee and acknowledged the funding the trust received at the last meeting.
- Mrs Whetu gave an outline of the different activities that the trust have lined up for the event taking place and the food stalls available.
- Gave an overview of the activities to come and the works underway to work with the Community in the future to provide artworks along with
- It was confirmed that weather depending the event will take place on the 27th of July otherwise if it is raining on the night then will postpone to 4th August 2024.
- Cr Patterson acknowledged the application and the event for Ngaaruawaahia and noted that it was a really great opportunity for the community to come together and any new members of our community to meet new people.
- Cr Turner acknowledged that it was good to see the application come to fruition from the CCS application received earlier this year and it was further noted that there was a hope to see this event happen annually.

Resolved: (Ms Morgan/Ms Firth)

THAT the Ngāruawāhia Community Board:

- b. approves an allocation of \$4,000.00 (plus GST if any) from their Discretionary Funding account to:**
 - i. Te Awa River Ride Light Night**
 - ii. for the Light Night Ngaaruawaahia event; and**
 - iii. that payment for this funding be transferred from the Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve Commitment (NCB2009/04) made on 13 November 2018.**

CARRIED

NCB2406/05

Ngaaruawaahia Works & Issues Report
Agenda Item 6.3

The report was received [*NCB2406/02 refers*] and the following discussion was held:

Street Naming:

- There was no further discussion.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Point Public Toilet:

- It was confirmed that the toilet will be staying in the existing spot and refurbished from there rather than being moved to a new spot on the reserve.
- Cr Patterson & the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovations will speak to the Project Manager and get a more indepth and detailed update for the Board.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule

Infrastructure Acceleration Fund:

- No further discussion held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Ngaaruawaahia War Memorial Hall:

- No further discussion held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Galbraith Street/Festival Way Development:

- Mr Wiechern had a look at the Galbraith Road/Festival Way development today and advised that there appears to be no reason for Old Taupiri Road not to be open now.
- Mr Wiechern spoke with the Civil Works company on site and gave the Board an overview of what is happening and the works undertaken to date.
- There have been multiple complaints received from members of the public which have been called in to Cr Patterson.
- There appear to be multiple companies working in the project space and the Board need to get an understanding of the works being done and by whom.
- It was confirmed that there is always potential to log a service request to bring safety issues to light and get information on the project as soon as possible.

- Issues over the detour on Kelm Rd and what is going to happen once Koroneihana begins in August was discussed at length.

ACTION: The following questions to be answered by the Project Manager and circulated out of cycle if required for the Board:
 #Who are the contractors working on-site in this project area?
 #What is the responsibility of each contractor working on the site?
 #What works are being undertaken to ensure the road is being made safe and the quality won't be compromised?
 #A confirmed timeline of the works is to be provided along with a completion date.

Ngaaruawaahia Aquatic Centre:

- What was the final cost of the ramp and where did the costs come from?
- The gate at the end of the ramp that enters into the complex was discussed and how the lifeguards are going to be able to man customers coming in and ensure payment is being received? It was noted that the Belgravia contract is coming up for renewal and Council looking at options however customers paying for entry shouldn't be an issue.

ACTION: Final costings for the ramp to be provided to the Board and who was responsible for the costs.

Structure Plan Update:

- An update was provided by the Executive Manager, Projects & Innovation as per the report.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule

Kelm Road Works – Great South Road Detour:

- Discussion was held as per the Festival Way update.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Footpath – Great South Road (North End)

- No further discussion was held.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Paterson Park Playground/Changing Rooms:

- It was noted that Copper was stolen from the changing rooms effecting the hot water cylinders and showers and an acknowledgement to Council for the quick turnaround in getting the changing rooms sorted was given by the Board.

ACTION:

Market Street Footpath

- Property looking much better and has been tidied up which is good to see.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule.

Clark Road – Mirror:

- Concealed exit sign will be installed by Alliance.

ACTION: Item to remain on the schedule until such time as the project is completed by Alliance.

2024 Enhanced Annual Plan Update

Agenda Item 6.4

A verbal update was provided to the Board by the Executive Manager, Project & Innovations and the following discussion was held.

- The adoption of the Enhanced Annual Plan Council meeting is taking place tomorrow in the Chambers and is being live-streamed on the Council website.
- Final % for the rates increase is 11.9% – down from 13.75%.

Chairpersons Report

Agenda Item 6.5

The Chairperson provided a verbal report on the following items:

- The Chairperson met with the Waste Management Team at Council to discuss waste and recycling opportunities moving forward for the Ngaaruawaahia Community. It was noted that the Board could look at this for a project which is long term.
- It was noted that the Hazardous waste forum was a great initiative and the next one coming up is tyres in Te Kowhai.

- It was noted that the new Waste Manager has some great ideas and will look to roll these out or discuss these further in the next 12 months particularly around education on recycling.
- The Board are now ready to do their civil defence plan out of cycle with the Council Resilience team and will work out a date for the next workshop.
- Taupiri marae discussion taking place at the Taupiri Community Board meeting on Monday to discuss Road Naming.

Councillors Reports

Agenda Item 6.6

The Councillors provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- The Councillors recapped for the Board the Enhanced Annual Plan Deliberations in the last month in the Chambers with the formal adoption taking place tomorrow.
- Cr Patterson met with the Waste Manager and the Solid Waste steering group and noted the site visit to Huntly waste centre which was great to be a part of and noted that Board might like to do a site visit themselves in the future.
- The Stormwater working group met out at Te Kowhai to discuss issues with surface flooding and a way forward.
- Cr Turner gave an update on the mana whenua space and the recruitment that has occurred in the Maaori Relationships team. It was further noted that the mana whenua forums will be kicked off in September and the team will be speaking with marae and Iwi authorities.
- Cr Turner advised that the submission on Maaori wards referendums had to be submitted within 4 days and it was noted that over 10,000 submissions had been received.
- The Councillors had a Raglan Wastewater Treatment Plant visit and it was noted that the we are still short on Wastewater Treatment Plants in the district. It was confirmed to the Board that the Te Kauwhata Wastewater Treatment Plant has the most advanced technology in the southern hemisphere.

Community Board Members Reports

Agenda Item 6.7

The Board Members provided verbal reports on the following issues:

- It was noted by Mr Ayers that the level of rates increases shows up in things like the toilets and other projects so whilst the community might win on one side of the coin it will face losses on the other side.

- Ms Firth acknowledged all the work undertaken by Cr Turner in the Maaori ward space.

The meeting ended with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.39pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2024.

Ms K Morgan
CHAIRPERSON